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Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Celebration



stand at An Affair To Remember/A Party Store in the old railroad station building in Woodsville. The parade then proceeds to Wells River where it will double back on Main Street just before the fire station, and disband just south of the Route 5 & 302 intersection. There is no entry fee for parade participants so everyone is encouraged to join the fun.

The fun will continue with plenty of activity at the Woodsville Community Field located just south of Central Street on South Court Street. Along with a nice variety of food vendors, there will be flea marketers, live music and



Stars, Stripes and Home Town Vibes is the theme for this year's Gigantic parade as well as for the window displays along the streets of Woodsville and Wells River. Judging for the window displays is being done by the Woodsville Beautification Committee and the winners will get prize money and a huge thank you from the committee as well as the community.

But the big event is the parade itself. As always it will step off at 11:00 am. The lead group this year will be Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion from Woodsville as they hit Central Street from Montebello Street just west of Woodsville Elementary School. Other military units will follow before the rest of the parade participants fall in behind. Judging of the entries will be done before they leave on the route as well as at the reviewing

a DJ. The Bingo tent will offer prizes and some gift certificates to winners. There will be a coloring tent where kids can finish their work and then get a prize. Plus there is free face painting. And a Touch-a-Truck event is planned with a variety of vehicles.

available at \$10.00 each with a grand prize of \$1,000.00. Plus there will be a special 50/50 raffle for those coming to watch the Immense Fireworks Display at 1000 pm. You can bring your own chair or blanket and watch a full half hour of lights and color.

The Community Field is also the place to hear the announcement of all the winners from the parade as well as the cash raffle. Those tickets are still

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Homemade Roll
Flag cake**

**July 8th: Buffet Includes
Mac and Cheese,
Sweet and Sour Meatballs.
Rolls, Chicken and Biscuits
Black Forest Cake**

**July 15th: Bake Potato Bar
Brian Blood P Laying
Caesar Salad
Copper Pennies
Apple Crisp**

**July 22: Hot Dog
Bake Beans
Coleslaw
Watermelon**

**July 29th: Ham Loaf
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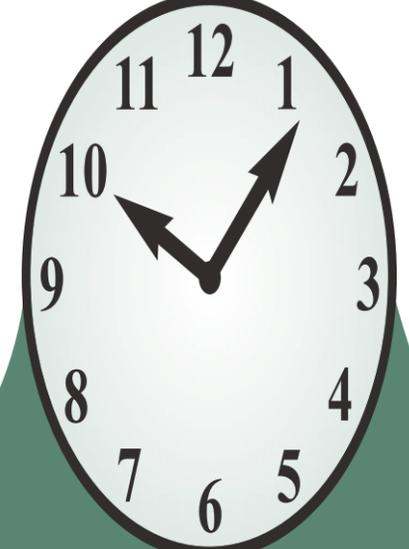
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OBITUARY: Ray and Sheila Fortin

On Wednesday, July 2, 2025, we mourn the loss and celebrate the lives of Ray and Sheila Fortin.

Raymond Fortin, 87, passed away on November 21, 2024. Born on May 21, 1937, in Salem, Massachusetts, Raymond was the son of Adrien Fortin and Lena Marquis. Sheila Fortin, 87, passed away on June 23, 2025. She was born on October 15, 1937, in Lawrence, Massachusetts; Sheila was the daughter of Harvey Marcoux and Helen Fagan.

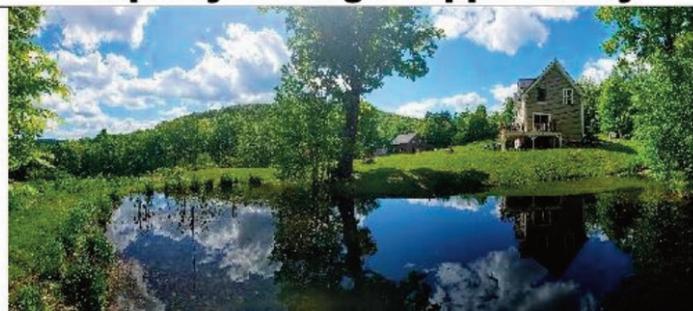
They are survived by their 5 daughters: Cheryl (Ron) Saunders, Linda (Steven) Saunders, Barbara (Fred) Stoddard, Anne (Will) Ingalls, and Janice (John) Beckett; their son: Raymond (Lisa) Fortin; 12 grandchildren: Jessica, Steve, Jacob, Bob, Brianna, Brenna, Danielle, Melissa, Michael, Derek, Corin, Angelina and 14 great grandchildren.

Ray and Sheila touched many lives with their love and kindness. They were faithful Catholics who volunteered often for the church. Both had many accomplishments over the years, but one thing that remained true for 67 years of marriage was their devotion to each other.

They will be laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Monroe Road, Bath, NH, on July 2, at 11 AM.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY FUNDRAISER FOR PARADE.

Preparations began this past March for the 2025 Littleton Christmas Parade which will be held on Friday, November 28th (the day after Thanksgiving). "Months of planning are required to make the event a success", stated Parade Executive Director Dennis Hartwell this week. "The first several months are devoted to fund raising, which is the hardest part of my job", said Hartwell.

The annual budget is approximately \$16000, which covers paid parade participants (bands, Miss NH, etc.), advertising, fireworks, and fund raising expenses which continue all summer long. Hartwell admits he has only a handful of volunteers who assist him. He operates under his 501c6 non profit organization known as the Littleton Civic Booster Club.

As part of our fund raising efforts this year, we are holding a "Christmas in July Trim-A-Tree Contest and Silent Auction" in the hall just outside Alburrito's Restaurant on Saturday, July 12th from 10am until 5pm. Over \$1200 worth of items have been donated to the auction by businesses and private citizens, and 10-11 trees have already been sponsored for the contest. The contest works as follows. The public comes in and buys tickets to vote on their favorite tree. They drop their tickets in the ballot box next to the tree they want to win. At the end, the top 3 trees with the most votes win a prize. Then a name is drawn from each ballot box and that person wins the tree.

Auction items so far include three (3) Boston Red Sox Patio Umbrellas valued at \$150 each donated by Amoskeag Beverages, a Date Night Package by Alburrito's including a restaurant gift card and 2 Jax Jr. Movie Passes valued at \$72, a Coleman swimming pool valued at \$198 donated by Walmart, a Kobalt Wrench Set valued at \$65 donated by Lowes, an Oil Change by Nelson's Auto up to a value of \$65, and Country Lane Realty is donating a prize valued at \$50. There are MANY private citizens donating hand crafted items as well. The public is invited to come down and join us for this fundraiser. "Bring your wallet and help us raise lots of money", said Hartwell.

This year's parade theme is "All I want for Christmas is . . ." and our 2025 Grand Marshal is Glenn and Diane Stewart, loyal volunteers to the parade for many years.

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The importance of setting strong financial goals.

There's a quote about the importance of setting goals that says, "If you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there." You probably have dreams about retirement, vacations, hobbies and more. But if you don't have a strategy with financial goals in place, you may not make the choices that can best set you on the path to achieve those dreams.

Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial "must-haves" and "wish-list" targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child's choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign esti-

mated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas. As you achieve certain milestones,

celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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 Note that we are having our annual meeting for the church which is open to everyone who is interested in the church on Sunday August 3rd at 2 PM.

Our church was built in 1832 and was never modernized and is on the Register for Historical Places. It is located at 4308 Goshen Road, Bradford, Vermont.

We are just opened during the summer and Fall for special events as weddings, memorial services, baptisms and a few summer services.

Bethany Church honoring "God & Country" with a Holiday Song Celebration!

On Sunday, July 6th, Bethany Church in Pike, NH will be honoring "God and Country" with a Holiday Song Celebration. Special Guest Musicians will include local guitarist & song writer, Scott Sulham, cantor Benjamin Jaworski, and vocalists Grace Grover, Doreen Moody, and Gina Belyea.

Also on this special holiday gathering, tribute and recognition will be given to our veterans, the American flag will be saluted, and some of America's favorite patriotic songs will be sung.

May we stand united together as we proudly yet humbly give thanks to God for the life & liberty we have through His Son, for the freedoms we have in our land, and for the sacrificial service of our past and present veterans.

All are welcome to this celebration which begins at 9:00 a.m.. For more information, please contact Jo Anne at 603-787-6658.

OBITUARY: George Kerry Marshall,

George Kerry Marshall, known to all as Kerry, passed away on December 28, 2024.

He was born on November 1, 1944, to George H. and Ruth Lovelace Marshall. Kerry was known by his middle name to distinguish him from his father and grandfather, both named George. Kerry's life was marked by diverse experiences and a warm spirit. He served in the US Army, with a tour in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Following his brother Dennis's death, he was transferred to the DC area and worked as a vet tech at the Walter Reed Medical Research Center. Kerry held various jobs, including working at a truck stop on I-89 where he fondly recalled meeting Seiji Ozawa. He also worked at his father's pharmacy, Family Drug Store, in Lisbon, New Hampshire. Kerry spent many years in the hotel industry, some being at Peckett's on Sugar Hill, the Red Jacket Hotel in Conway, and the Mt. Washington Hotel. He particularly cherished his time at the Arizona Inn in Tucson.

Kerry was also involved in the local theater troupe in Lisbon and took pride in his stage roles, especially his appearance

as the Lithuanian Bishop in "Auntie Mame". He attended Franconia College. Later in life, Kerry spent two years in the Philippines working with malnourished children in a mission feeding program, an experience he spoke of often and treasured.

In his personal life, Kerry was married twice, and the second time married Steve in 2011. Kerry and Steve met online and built a life together in Boston. They enjoyed traveling, including trips to New Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Greece. Kerry and Steve were active in the Lifelong Learning program (OLLI) at UMass. Kerry had a passion for jigsaw puzzles. Kerry is survived by his husband, Steve, and lots of loving family and friends. He will be remembered for his stories, his warmth, and his engagement with the world around him.

There will be a graveside service at the Grove Hill Cemetery on July 16th at 10 AM with Reverend Lynn Winter.

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November 2

December 7

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THURSDAY, JULY 31st -FAIRYTALE THEATER

ALUMNI HALL, HAVERHILL 10am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th -FAIRYTALE THEATER

ALUMNI HALL, HAVERHILL 10am

Bethany Church of Pike, NH

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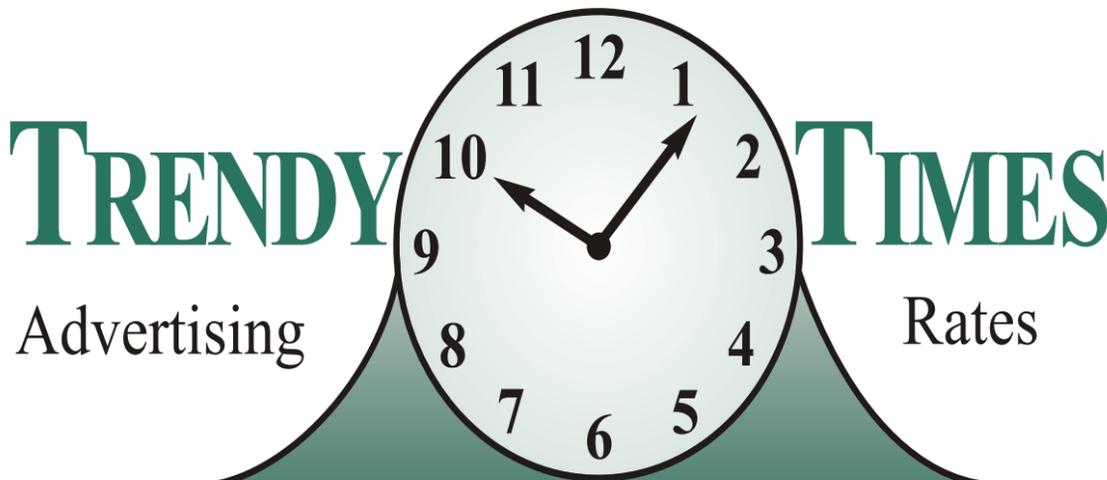
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Early Postcards of Ryegate, and How They Came To Be

The Ryegate Historical Society will host a talk by Kevin Johnson on Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 pm at Whitelaw Hall in East Ryegate village. Kevin is the photo-archivist at the Penebscot Marine Museum in Searsport, Maine, and curates a collection of glass negatives that came from the Eastern Illustrating and Publishing Company. Many early postcards of North-eastern states were derived from those glass plates. The illustrated talk is on the history of postcards of Ryegate and surrounding towns from the early 20th century, and will describe how the Eastern Publishing Company came to be and how they collected so many interesting images.

This lecture coincides with an exhibit by the Historical Society of early postcards of Ryegate. The cards show many old buildings from the Ryegate villages. In addition to the postcard exhibit, there will be some enlargements made directly from the glass negatives in the Penebscot museum collection, which show much more detail. Kevin is very interested in learning from the audience more about the images on postcards. For further information call 802 584 3280.

The Ryegate Historical Society will open Whitelaw Hall, with this postcard exhibit on display, on July 19th, August 9th, September 20th and October 18th from 10-12:00.

American Legion Updates! By; Joy

In the last twelve months the American Legion Family at Ross-Wood Post #20 in Woodsville, NH has donated well over \$30,000 to our local community through fundraising events and raffles. Not only have we given monetary donations but we have also donated our time and services.

Our annual Thanksgiving senior meal fed 83 people at the post and 250 meals were packaged and delivered to our local seniors. Last summer we partnered with VFW Post 5245 of North Haverhill, NH to provide an end of summer cook out for Woodsville Elementary School which fed 300 kids and family members. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 20 recently grilled up burgers and hot dogs and fed 150 people for Woodsville High School baseball and softball teams and their families at the community field for senior night. The Auxiliary and Sons cook for our annual BBQs for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day feeding 60-100 community members at each event. Our single largest donation this year was the \$10,000 scoreboard that went up at the community field.

Our legion family stays busy with funeral details, marching in parades, fundraising for needs in our community, helping veterans and members that have fallen on hard times, donating food and money to the local food bank, collecting school supplies for local schools, raising money for scholarships, the list goes on!

The Legion family is not composed of only veterans. It also consists of members belonging to the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. We are always happy to welcome new members to our post! If you are a veteran with a DD-214 and honorable discharge or if you are a spouse or a direct descendant of a veteran and you can provide a DD-214 from that veteran you may be eligible. If you visit the legion website or come to the legion we are more than happy to answer any questions about membership and provide you with an application.

It is evident that the Legion family has had an eventful year and we are hoping to continue on this path! It is important for our community to know that we are so much more than a canteen. Last May our event hall was updated with new paint, new tables and chairs and since the upgrade we have had events booked every month! There have been dances, birthdays, baby showers, karaoke nights, the annual Thanksgiving senior meal, class reunions, wedding receptions, holiday parties, and even an adult prom! The capacity for the hall is 150 people. You can rent it with or without the bar. There is a kitchen for food prep available as well as the cooler for storage. The prices to rent are reasonable and discounted if you are a member! Contact us or come in to pick up a hall rental agreement and get on our calendar!

Without the dedicated leaders and members in the Legion family it would not be possible to give to our community as we have this last year. We hope you can become a member or join us for one of our fundraising events! Come see us at 4 Ammonoosuc St Woodsville, NH and follow us on Facebook American Legion Post 20-Woodsville NH for more information on upcoming events.



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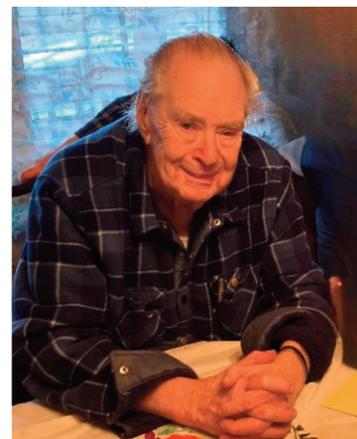
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OBITUARY Bob Dezic,



Bob Dezic died June 20, 2025 at home, as he wished, at the ripe age of 94. The youngest son of Andrew Dezic and Marguerite (McVilia) Dezic, he was born March 17, 1931 in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1974, he bought his first home in the New Jersey suburb of Montville. But he always loved the North Country and for years looked for his next home. In 1996, he found it in Monroe, New Hampshire. He bought the land and proceeded to build his dream log home—he never wanted to paint again. He moved north in 1999.

He enjoyed being a member of St. Joseph’s parish in Woodsville, New Hampshire.

He is survived by his niece, Deb Landau, who was with him at his passing. His sister, Margaret (Dezic) Landau, and brother, Andrew Dezic, predeceased him.

Bob was a proud Teamster truck driver for Safeway Stores and then Finast—a “city driver” — for more than 25 years, until his employer relocated. He then worked in the Pfizer warehouse in Parsippany, New Jersey, doing a little bit of everything, until he retired in 1998.

Bob could repair anything, though automobiles were his bread and butter, at least until computer chips took over. He could identify any vehicle in any movie

made before 1970. He enjoyed his garden as long as he was able. Friends knew not to call between 7 and 8 each night, because he was watching Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune. Til the end, he did the Jumble and Cryptoquote in the newspaper every day.

He was a force of nature, and did things his own way, always. He was blessed with good neighbors and always happy to have company. Bob wanted to leave the house every day, to see what was happening in the world. He transitioned to being the passenger, until it became too difficult. Going to dinner with family and friends at Tim Bir Alley was his biggest treat for years; it was hard to tell him when the restaurant closed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine St., Woodsville, New Hampshire, followed by interment at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

To order floral tributes, please go to www.bradford-flowershop.com. To offer memories and condolences, please go to www.rickerfh.com. Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting with arrangements.

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Shirley Ann Nelson (Pease), 85, passed peacefully to be with the Lord on June 23, 2025.

Shirley was born on August 18, 1939 in Arlington, VT to Bessie L. (Jones) and Hershey G. Pease. She was raised on her family's small village farm in East Arlington, VT along with her three older sisters; Elizabeth, Maxine and Emily. It was this upbringing that planted the seeds of a strong work ethic, love of farming, animals, gardening, country music and an unwavering love of family.

Shirley attended primary school in Sunderland, VT in a one room school house that was heated in the winter by a potbellied stove and the boys used to bring water in by the bucket. She then attended Arlington Memorial High School in Arlington, VT where she was affectionately known as "Toddy Anna" due to her quiet, soft nature and small stature. She was active in school activities such as the school newspaper and the yearbook. She achieved the Pro Merito and the American Agriculturist Foundation awards and graduated with the class of 1958.

After graduation, she attended schooling from WBZ-Boston to be a radio announcer. When that

OBITUARY: Shirley Ann Nelson (Pease),,

schooling was completed, she found it difficult to obtain a position so, undaunted, she changed direction and went to Kansas City, MO with her sister, Emily, to attend school to be a flight attendant. Shirley's love of country music was no secret among those who knew her and so when she and her sister left Kansas City, they drove to Nashville to go to the Grand Ole Opry to see country music greats such as Buck Owens and Chet Atkins as well as to also go to the Ernest Tubb's Record shop. She often mentioned, with a large smile and gleam in her eye, what great fun she had there. Once back at home, Shirley worked at Mack Molding in Arlington, VT. There were also a couple of years that she and Emily lived in California where they both had many wonderful adventures. Ever true Vermont girls, they decided to come home to Vermont where Shirley worked for Tansitor Electronics in Bennington, VT.

Shirley and her three sisters always shared a very close bond and in 1965 they, all together, bought their own little farmhouse in East Arlington, VT where they supported and loved each other while tending to their animals and farm.

In April of 1969 Shirley met the love of her life and soulmate, Melvin G. Nelson in Concord, NH while attending a church service at the Worldwide Church of God and were married on

June 21, 1970 in Ryegate, Vt. Together they lovingly worked side by side on their farm where they created a warm home full of laughter, joy and love. As they traversed life's ups and downs, their love never dimmed or wavered, only strengthened and after 55 years, their faces still beamed with joy, pride and happiness when they saw one another.

During all her life changes and adventures, one thing that never changed was her strong faith and devotion to the Lord. She often attended church conferences before marriage and continued after marriage. She and her husband, Melvin, traveled all over the United States attending conferences and holidays with the Worldwide Church of God. Their shared faith and devotion to God is not only what brought them together but was the glue that held them during the hard times and the grace that brought them joy for 55 wonderful years. She is survived by her husband, Melvin G. Nelson and numerous nieces, nephews and friends whom she loved deeply. She was predeceased by her parents, Bessie and Hershey Pease, her sisters Elizabeth M. Pease, Maxine L. Olin (Pease) and Emily M. Pease.

She was lovingly laid to rest where she was happiest - her home. A Celebration of life is still to be determined.

81st Annual North Haverhill Fair by Gary Scruton

One of the biggest events in the Cohase Region each year is the North Haverhill Fair. The 81st annual event runs from Wednesday, July 23 thru Sunday, July 27. Each day offers something different as well as some great standards.

Every day of the fair will include multiple shows from the Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs. Plus the return of Cirque Cyber with acrobatics and motorcycles. Along with those shows you can enjoy the Arts and Crafts building along with all the 4-H exhibits from food to animals. Or stop in the commercial building to see some local and not so local businesses with a wide variety of goods You can also step back in time when you visit the maple museum or the farm museum. All five days also offer a \$45 ride all day Fanelli ride special. Or buy a \$35 wrist band for ride specials Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Opening day also offers up Ox pulling, a classic car show, a demolition derby and the Little Miss North Haverhill Fair Queen talent show. Thursday events include even more ox pulling classes, a brand new ATV obstacle course, 4-H dog, sheep and oxen shows, live music and a hand mowing contest.

The action picks up more on Friday with the tractors leading the pulling events along with 3 classes of pony pulling and a distance horse pulling event. Pulling concludes on Friday with the 4x4 truck pull. You can also test your hand and eye coordination at the stick in the mini-excavator rodeo. If you like music, grab your seat to "The

Beautiful Losers" a tribute band to Bob Segar and the Silver Bullet Band.

Saturday at this year's fair continues with plenty of horse power. four classes of horse pulling take place under the covered Bishop Arena. For more horse power the tractors will be pulling a transfer sled down the 300' clay track. But don't forget about the oxen. Three days of ox shows will conclude on Saturday in the Dellinger Ring. Saturday is also a great day for kids as they enjoy the kiddie parade with a prize for everyone, and the kiddie pedal power tractor pull. The adults have their fun with the frying pan toss for women and the kettle bell toss for men. Saturday night's night cap is the music of songwriter/entertainer John King including his hit "Try Saying Goodbye".

The 81st North Haverhill Fair wraps up on Sunday with the help of those attending. All are invited to vote for your favorite in the Show & Shine Sunday morning. Following that event is the log loader contest, and action wraps up in that area with the Big Rig Truck Pull. Elsewhere on the grounds is a draft horse show, or watch three more classes of horse pulling. You can also throw shoes (horse-shoe tournament) or bags (Corn Hole Tournament) on Sunday. Music for the day is provided by Waking Finegan a Celtic Rock Band.

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LETTERS

(and even some real words)

From The Editor

Correction and Clarification Are in Order

To the Editor,

First, my apologies to Greg Koubar (Trendy Times, June 03, 2025), when in my second reference to him, I incorrectly addressed him as Mr. Lindenwold. Lindenwold, NJ is his town of residence.

Secondly, I would like to clarify the figures that I used for cable news ratings (Trendy Times, June 17, 2025.) As of Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (USTVDB.com, Nielson Daily) Fox News topped 120 ranked networks with an average daily viewing of 3,476,000. NBC had an audience of 2,357,000, CBS at 1,936,000, ABC at 1,748,000, MSNBC at 1,261,000, and CNN at 771,000. BeIN Sports Español brought up the bottom at 2,000. It is clear from these figures that

Robert,

I don't like to repeat myself, so I won't. (See response to your letter in Trendy Times, June 17, 2025) I can only say good for Fox News Channel.

In regards to Mr. Roderick, you may not agree with his opinions, but you certainly should agree with his right to have them, as well as your right to disagree with them. In these responses I continue to do my best to stay in the middle of the road, planning to look at both sides as well as at the others here with me. There is much ground to be covered, but there is bound to be some ground where both sides can agree. I hope we find that ground more often.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Fox News had more daily viewers than any of the other ranked networks, exceeding: NBC by 32%, CBS by 44%, ABC by 50%, MSNBC by 64%, and CNN by 778%. Granted, Fox News did not have the majority of the viewers across the 120 ranked networks, but it certainly had the plurality by a wide margin.

I will leave responses to the Trump Derangement letter to the editor (Trendy Times, June 17, 2025) written by Mr. Roderick to other readers of this publication. It would take many pages to refute his misleading and factually incorrect accusations, many of which the Supreme Court has already ruled in favor of President Trump.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

To the Editor,

It was good to see Mr. Briggaman writing again. Re: His June 17th Trendy Times LTE. Unfortunately, it was another letter full of MAGA tropes and misinformation. Mr. Briggaman confuses vindictiveness and hate for opinions and facts he disagrees. He didn't disagree with what I wrote but instead went on a rant about former President Biden. I am not sure what his and the mainstream media fascination is with the former president. The key word is former. He has nothing to do with what the wanna be dictator is doing today.

According to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, in conjunction with the House Committee on Homeland Security, 8 million migrant encounters nationwide, 6.7 million of which have been at the Southwest border occurred under Biden's watch, not 11-20 million as Mr. Briggaman stated in his unsourced number. Of course, I am concerned and appalled at all rapes and human trafficking, not just those committed by undocumented migrants. He also reports that illegal drugs and fentanyl are

brought into the US by migrants, but radio KPBS states "data from US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and other federal agencies show the vast majority of fentanyl comes through legal ports of entry. And the people bringing it into the country are native born Americans". In fact, the Brennan Center states "the research does not support the view that immigrants commit crime or are incarcerated at higher rates than native-born Americans".

While the inflation rate was 1.4% when Biden took office the stage was set at the end of Trump's first term. "There's a long list of reasons for the high inflation. At the top of the list is the pandemic and the Russian war," Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, told ABC News. Some of the inflation owes to the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan signed by Biden in 2021, Zandi said. But, he added, "It's at the bottom of the list."

I am more concerned about what Trump's mental health is today, not what Biden's was 2 years ago. Trump continues to be played by Russia's

Puntin and Isreal's Benjamin Netanyahu.

One thing I do agree with Mr. Briggaman is, woman's sports should be played by biological women.

Trump's first 6 months in office has been chaotic at best and criminal at worst. According to the Institute for Policy Integrity, Trump's administration has failed nearly 93% of the time when its agency actions have been challenged in court — typically for violations of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

Trump did not receive a mandate when he won the 2024 election. He won about 49.8% of the popular vote, not even a majority and definitely not a mandate. The nationwide and well attended "Democracy now, No Kings" rallies and the not so well attended Trump's narcissistic wasteful birthday parade prove there is no mandate. Now is the time to continue to stand up and continue to take action against the Trump Regime. Our democracy depends on it.

Richard M Roderick
Wells River, Vt

Richard,

It is so great that this country offers every one of us the right to have an opinion. We are not mandated to think a certain way, or act in a particular manner. We can express ourselves in many forms, provided we do not take away someone else's rights or freedoms. There are, of course, lines that should not be passed, and sometimes those lines get a bit blurry. There are also times when those lines get argued over and pushed or pulled in a multitude of directions. But in the end we all want a great country that we can be proud of. I humbly believe we have that today, for the history of our country, and I truly hope, for the future as well.

Gary Scruton, Editor



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Thank you, Carrie

To the Editor,

On Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending North Country Pride's first Parade and Festival in Littleton, New Hampshire! It was well attended, and a joy to be at!

I want to thank Carrie Gendreau. Your vitriol over the past several years has brought this community together, not only the LGBTQ+ community, but fair minded and good people from across the north country who believe everyone does belong in our community. We couldn't have done it without you, Carrie.

Ronnie Sandler
Easton, NH

Ronnie,

Isn't this a great country? People of the same mindset can gather and enjoy a festival and parade. There should be no fear in doing so, especially when all the proper permitting has been done and there is no risk of damage to anyone's property or well being. It is very easy for those who do not like such an event to simply not attend. Not every event is for every person. That is life.

Gary Scruton, Editor

The Future of Business Needs More Than Robots

By **Sonny D. Millharbour,**
Newbury, Vermont

I love grabbing a coffee at Dunkin' Donuts in Woodsville—not just for the caffeine, but for the voices behind the counter. The quiet chatter about a cousin's new baby, a bad date, or someone's second job at the grocery store. These snippets of life are more than just background noise. They're reminders that business is, at its core, a human thing.

But what happens when those voices disappear?

Every week, a new tech headline promises faster, cheaper, smarter automation. We're told robots will make our coffee, pack our groceries, check us in, and serve us lunch. And yes—machines are efficient. They don't take sick days or make small talk. But here's the question business leaders should be asking: who's left to buy what you're selling when the people have no jobs?

The future of business

cannot just be about margins and automation. It must also be about imagination and responsibility. If we replace every service worker with a touchscreen or AI-driven kiosk, we don't just "streamline operations"—we strip away a vital part of the economic engine: consumers with paychecks, communities with dignity, and companies with souls.

The business world must reimagine itself not just as a profit machine, but as a shared platform for human purpose. We can integrate new technologies without erasing people. We can build models that pay fairly, that reward care and creativity, and that treat work as more than a cost to be eliminated.

Because someday soon, you'll step into a coffee shop where a robot makes your drink in ten seconds flat. But there will be no laughter behind the counter. No stories. No one to ask how your day is going.

And I promise—it won't taste the same.

The White Mountain Garden Club.

The White Mountain Garden Club invites all gardeners, designers, and nature lovers to an exciting film event at the Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, New Hampshire. On Wednesday, July 16, Five Seasons: The Gardeners of Piet Oudolf, directed by the award-winning filmmaker Thomas Piper, will be shown at 7:00 pm.

Revolutionary landscape designer Piet Oudolf is known for designing public works, like New York City's High Line and the Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park. This gorgeous, meditative documentary immerses viewers in his work, taking us inside Oudolf's creative process. From his aesthetic theories to the ecological implications of his ideas, the film poetically reveals how Oudolf upends conventional notions of nature, public space, and beauty itself.

Tickets are \$10.00 and include one raffle ticket. Ticket sales will be held on weekends at farmers' markets throughout the area and at the Littleton Co-op. On July 16, the box office opens at 5:30 pm. At 5:45, refreshments will be available on the Colonial Theatre patio, followed by the film and raffle drawing at 7:00. You must be present to win! After the film, there will be a discussion with local garden and plant specialists.

The White Mountain Garden Club is a non-profit with 501(c)(3) status. It brings this event to the community as part of its ongoing effort to build interest in broad aspects of our environment. Meeting each summer season, the group has been beautifying public spaces in the North Country for over 100 years.



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Adam W. Smith

The Orford Historical Society coming up on Saturday, July 12, 10am - 1pm.

This event will feature John Brock, a 1966 grad of Orford High School, who recently wrote a book "How Do I Find My Way Home: Lived, Recalled, and Relived" by Rev. John Brock. It's an interesting story. He is going to do a book signing for the Historical Society.

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The North Country Chamber Players Unveil Their 2025 Summer Season

The North Country Chamber Players are thrilled to announce an exciting and enriching lineup of summer programming for 2025! With months of thoughtful planning behind them, the Players are ready to bring music to life through four unique tiers of community engagement: Summer Festival Concerts, Community Performances, Open Rehearsals, and Summer Instrument Lessons.

Summer Festival Concerts: Most weekends in July and August, audiences can enjoy world-class chamber music on Saturdays and Sundays at

4 PM, held at a variety of venues throughout the North Country. Featuring curated programs and guest artists from around the country, each concert is a unique musical experience. The Players continue their commitment to accessibility with Pay-What-You-Wish ticket pricing. Advance online reservations are recommended, as seating is limited.

Community Performance Series: These free, 45-minute interactive concerts bring two to five musicians into welcoming, family-friendly settings across northern New Hampshire. Perfect for children, families, and

the simply curious, these relaxed performances invite movement, questions, and close-up connections with the musicians.

Open Rehearsals: Get a behind-the-scenes look at how a concert comes together! Join the Chamber Players at All Saints Church (35 School Street, Littleton) on:

- Friday, July 18 at 2 PM
- Friday, August 8 at 2 PM

These free, open rehearsals offer a rare peek into the creative process — complete

with stops, starts, collaboration, and even occasional audience participation.

Summer Instrument Lessons: The Chamber Players continue their popular program of free summer music lessons for students of all ages. Whether you're a budding young musician or a dedicated adult amateur, you can apply for lessons if you've stud-

ied a chamber instrument for two years or more. Some former students have gone on to become professionals; others simply continue to enjoy the joy of playing music.

For full program details and to reserve your seat or sign up for lessons, visit: northcountrychamberplayers.org



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CRAFTS AND COLLECTIONS: Items must be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday July 20 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm ONLY
Jane Oakes: 603-272-4928.

SCARECROW ART: Can be placed beginning Sunday, July 20 Must be in place by Wednesday, July 23 Call 603-443-2856

LEGO CREATIONS: Entries must be delivered to the fairgrounds between 1:00 and 3:00 pm Sunday, July 20

Or Participate the day of your favorite event

KING ARTHUR BAKING CONTEST: Drop Off Wednesday, July 23 8:00-10:00 am or 3:00-6:00 pm Junior & Adult Classes

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MINI-EXCAVATOR RODEO: Friday, July 25 @ 6:00 pm
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KIDDIE PARADE: Saturday, July 26 @ 11:00 AM
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BE PART OF THE FUN Join One of These GREAT Competitions Wednesday - Sunday July 23 - 27, 2025

For full rules, regulations and schedule please check our website at:
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KIDDIE PEDAL TRACTOR PULL: Saturday, July 26 @ 3 pm
Prizes for all Participants Debbie Bigelow: 603-787-6524

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WOMEN'S SKILLET TOSS: Saturday, July 26.

Registration 3:30 - 4:30 pm. The competition begins at 5:00 pm sharp in the Dellinger Ring. 5 Classes by age. Must be 18 or older.

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GENTLEMEN'S KETTLE BELL TOSS: Saturday, July 26
Immediately following the Women's Skillet Toss.

Registration begins at 4:30 pm and ends at 5:30 pm.

5 Classes by age. Must be 18 or older.

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SHOW & SHINE Sunday, July 27, 9-11:30 am 3 Classes

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HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT: Sunday, July 27 @ 9:30 AM

Doubles (draw for partners) followed by Singles

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LOG LOADER COMPETITION: Sunday, July 27, 12:00 Noon
\$1,000.00 to Win

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SCAVENGER HUNT: Sunday, July 27 1:00 pm @ Thayer Stage

Cash prizes for top 3 teams

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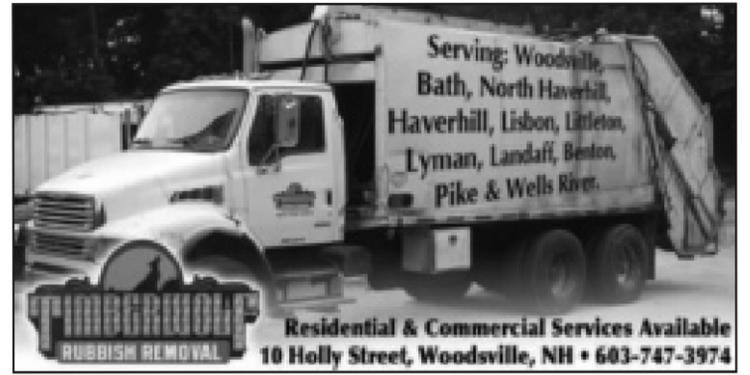
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12:00 PM Field Activities Open:

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1:00-3:00 DJ Mike

1:00-7:00 Children's Coloring for Prizes

1:00-10:00 Touch A Truck

2:00-6:00 Free Face Painting

2:00-9:00 BINGO Under the Tent

4:30-6:30 Donna Thunder

7:30 PM Parade & Window Display Winners Announced

8:00-10:00 The Sled Wrenches

9:00 PM Money Raffle Winners Announced

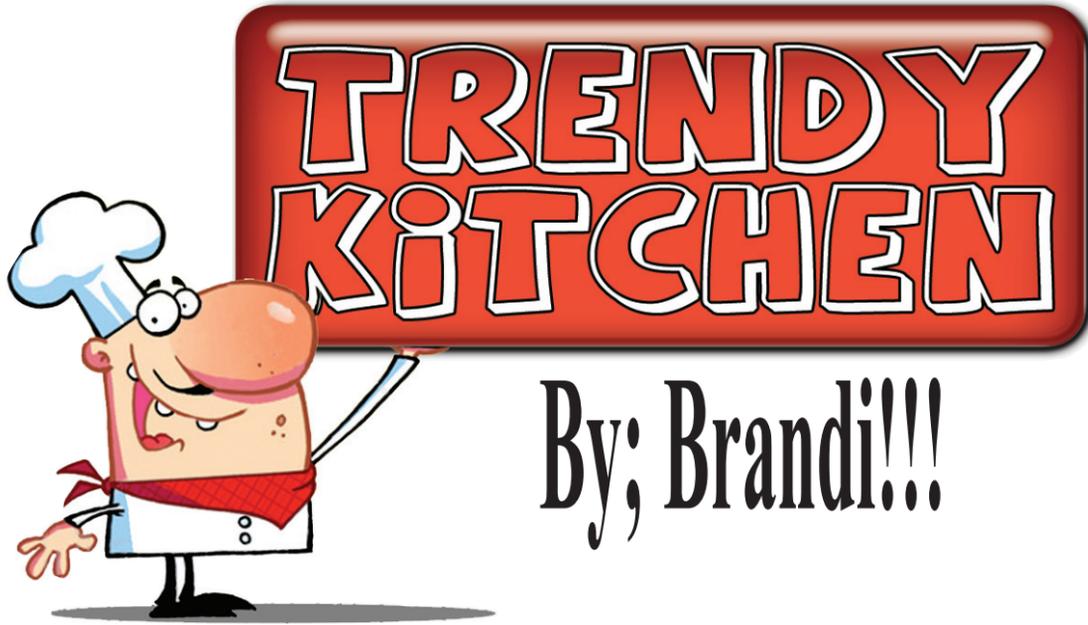
9:00-10:00 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sold - Drawing during fireworks



10:00 PM Immense Fireworks Display

Fired from the south end of Wells River Village, Best watched from the Woodsville Community Field

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By; Brandi!!!

Jambalaya.



Hi, my name is Brandi, and I am a foodie by design and a cook by trade, and I'm excited to be here and letting you know what is going on with all the summer grilling, and if you're anything like me, you grill in the winter as well, and everything in between.

I'm not a baker. Let me make that clear, but I will share some of my grandmother's tricks and hacks for perfect pies and custards.

In November 2023, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and since then I have poured my life into creating new things.

So as an introductory post, just a little about me, I've been friends with April since we were wee ones. I am a Mom of three adult boys and Grammy and Nonnie to three amazing grandchildren. Some of our favorite things are camping, fishing, cooking, and spending time with each other.

One of my biggest pet peeves is leftovers and waste. At the time of this article, it's raining and dreary and I have all the makings for Jambalaya! Leftover chicken and hot Italian sausage (but you can use what you want). I added some shrimp hanging out in the freezer too.

I won't give you portions, but a starting point!

Because I feel you measure your taste by your heart. I'm one for believing that if it has one clove of garlic, it means three.

So let's get started on this jambalaya recipe....

So I said I had leftover hot Italian sausage which we had subs two days ago, then last night we had chicken on the grill, and like I said there was some shrimp in the freezer.

So everything is chopped and ready. I added peppers and onions, and definitely lots of garlic. I am a hot sauce fanatic so tonight we actually added Sriracha to the jambalaya.

The fun thing about jambalaya is that you can add anything that you would like to for your taste. The funny thing is that if you Google jambalaya it's basically a mishmash of anything you want.

I'm really looking forward to all of these articles and what is happening in life as far as food is concerned and please let me know what kinds of things you would like to see!

2 tablespoons peanut oil, divided

1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning

10 ounces andouille sausage, sliced into rounds

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 inch pieces

1 onion, diced

1 small green bell pepper, diced

2 ribs celery, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 (16 ounce) can crushed Italian tomatoes

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon file powder

1 ¼ cups uncooked white rice

2 ½ cups chicken broth

Base recipe from All-recipes.com.

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