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81st Annual North Haverhill Fair

As we pass the middle of July one of the biggest events of the summer is about to take place. Beginning Wednesday, July 23 the 81st annual North Haverhill Fair will open with five days of entertainment for the entire family.

Kick off day includes two great car shows. One is for nicely polished classic cars, and one is for a bang 'em up Demolition Derby. There is also youth oxen pulling and live music by the classic rock band "Better Days" on the Thayer Stage. It will also be the first of five days of Wee, Wee, Wee Racing Pigs and the Cirque Cyber Show. Plus Fanelli Amusements has the first of four days of ride specials, or buy a \$45.00 day long pass on any day.

Oxen are a big part of

the Thursday schedule as there are five classes of pulling events, plus the first of three days of ox shows. The hand mowing contest will start the day. And the day ends with the brand new ATV obstacle course and more live music as Sonya Marie takes to the microphone on the Thayer Stage.

Friday will feature another great tribute band as The Beautiful Losers do their tribute to Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band. That concert starts at 8:30 and is free with your paid gate admission, just like all the other shows. Other Friday shows will include the Antique Tractor Stone Boat Pull, three classes of pony pulling and a distance class for horses. If you want more horse power there is also the 4x4 pull starting at 6:00

pm. Also starting at 6:00 will be the mini excavator rodeo which always creates some fun and competition.

Saturday's competition includes all the children. There is a Kiddie Parade at 11:00 with every participant getting a prize. Then at 3:00 the kids take a seat on the pedal tractor to pedal for prizes. Meanwhile there are four more classes of horse pulling; A transfer sled tractor pull; A tractor parade with music; A frying pan toss; A kettle bell toss. And all of this and more are topped off with the music of John King, songwriter and country music performer on Thayer Stage at 8:00 PM.

The action does not stop on Sunday as the Big Rigs take command. A Show and Shine for big rigs, dump trucks and 6-wheel utility trucks runs from 9:00 to 11:30 with the public choosing the winners. Then the \$1,000 to win log loader competition takes to the center of the track. It will be followed by the big rigs showing their power in front of the transfer sled. Meanwhile three more classes of horse pulling will take place in the covered Bishop Areen. Or you can watch a draft horse show in the Dellingier Ring right next door. If you want to get to the bottom of horse pulling, there is a horseshow tournament Sunday morning, or a corn hole tournament in the afternoon. Sunday is not without music as Waking

Finnegan, a Celtic rock band will grace the stage.

All of these shows plus a full commercial building, plenty of outside vendors with some new food choices, all of the 4-H animals, the arts & crafts building stocked up with a wide variety of hand made wares, and just an all around good time, are all part of your paid general admission of \$15.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5-12. Children under 5 as well as the parking is free. The fairgrounds are located at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10) in North Haverhill, NH 03774. We look forward to you attending and enjoying "Blue Jeans & Country Dreams", our theme for 2025.

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The North Country Chamber Players Present "Baroque Brass"

The North Country Chamber Players Present "Baroque Brass" – A Celebration of Baroque Mastery and Musical Power

Saturday, July 19 – Sunday, July 20

Join the North Country Chamber Players for "Baroque Brass", a vibrant and majestic weekend concert program featuring the dazzling music of the Baroque era, performed July 19 and 20 at 4:00 PM at the scenic Dow Pavilion in Franconia. Featured pieces will include Virtuoso Concertos by Antonio VIVALDI, Georg Friedrich HANDEL, Georg Philipp TELEMANN and others.

Brass instruments played distinct and important roles in both life and music during the 17th and 18 centuries. Trumpets and horns were originally used for signaling in hunting, military, and ceremonial contexts, symbolizing power and high social status. Techni-

cal innovations and the genius of masters like Vivaldi, Handel and Telemann, all featured on this program, elevated them from outdoor clarions to virtuosic and expressive musical powerhouses in all settings.

The North Country Chamber Players performing will include Susan Nidel-flute, Kemp Jernigan-oboe, Bernhard Scully-horn, Ronnie Bauch-violin and Chris Finckel-violoncello. Guest musicians Louis Hanzlik-trumpet, Reiko Uchida-harpsichord, Liesl Schoenberger Doty-violin, Noriko Futagami-violin, and Karl Doty-double bass will join the Players.

The North Country Chamber Players have adopted a "Pay-What-You-Wish" ticket pricing for concerts. Seating is limited, so attendees are asked to make free online reservations. The recommended ticket price is \$25, payable at the door, but there is no minimum ticket price re-

quired for entry. In addition to their formal concerts, the Players will offer free 45-minute performances all week, featuring 2-5 musicians in a relaxed, engaging format perfect for families, students, and music lovers of all ages.

Join the Players at: Copper Cannon Camp, July 16, 11am -- Lisbon Library, July 16, 11am -- Colebrook Tillitson Center, July 16, 11am -- Franconia Library, July 17, 11am -- Littleton Senior Center, July 18, 11am. They will also open a rehearsal, so join the Players "behind the scenes", July 18, 2pm at All Saints Church, Littleton, NH

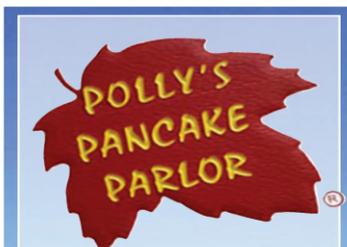
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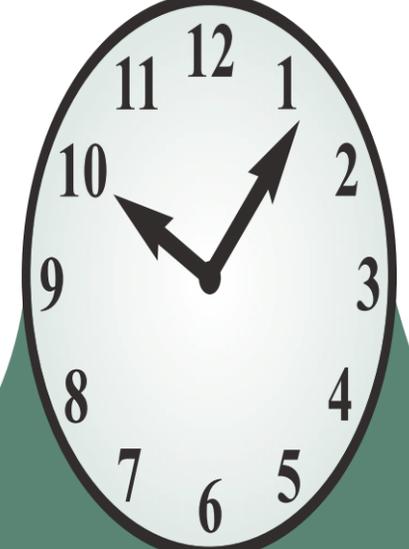
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OBITUARY:
**Geraldean
Brock
Sulham,**

Geraldean Brock Sulham, a beloved mother and grandmother, was born on February 25, 1936, in Woodsville, NH. She passed away on July 9, 2025, at Central Vermont Hospital after a brief illness at the age of 89. Geraldean was the daughter of Dean Brock and Gladys (Devenger) Brock. She graduated from Wells River High School and worked for many years as a waitress at the Rexall and P&H Truckstop in Wells River, VT, where she was known as "Gram". Gerry had the ability to make everyone feel welcome, leaving a lasting impression.

On November 15, 1958, Gerry married Russell E. Sulham, with whom she shared many happy years until his passing. Together, they built a life filled with love and laughter, nurturing their family with the same warmth that Gerry radiated.

Geraldean is survived by her two devoted sons, Michael Sulham and his wife Tina of Littleton, NH, and David Sulham and his wife Heather of Bath, NH. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Brittany Sulham of Florida, Joshua Sulham and his fiancée Cora and great-granddaughter Kinsley Rae Chase of Sheffield, VT, as well as Morgan Sulham with her partner Troy Culverwell of Lancaster, NH, and Emma Sulham of Bath, NH.

Gerry was a passionate genealogist, dedicating countless hours to researching family history. She hand-typed her findings into a well-organized history that she proudly shared with her loved ones. Her commitment to preserving her family's legacy was a testament to her love for them and her desire to keep their stories alive. Gerry enjoyed knitting and working on puzzles, but her greatest joy came from listening to "The Boys" play their music. Music was a vital part of life in the family, often serving as a backdrop to family gatherings.

Geraldean's funeral will take place on July 19, 2025, at 1:00 PM, with a graveside service at the Wells River Cemetery. The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Bryan, nurses Ashley and Danny, and all the support staff at the Central Vermont Hospital for their exceptional care of Gerry. Their kindness and compassion during this difficult time will never be forgotten.

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



Attend the July 23, 2025 program Unearthing History Through Metal Detecting at the LAHS Museum in Lisbon, presented by detectorist Ben Hoyt Jr., to learn more about the fascinating hobby and the interesting items Hoyt has found including this steel tag used by Blodgett, Moffett & Co., Lisbon, NH. Courtesy photo

Lisbon Area Historical Society to host Unearthing History Through Metal Detecting by Ben Hoyt Jr.

Lisbon, NH – Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) will be hosting a free public program on July 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the LAHS Museum in The Historic Lisbon Congregational Church Parish House, 9 Depot Street, Lisbon. Seasoned detectorist Ben Hoyt Jr. will be the guest speaker and will delve into the world of metal detecting and artifact interpretation, as well as displaying a collection of artifacts uncovered through metal detecting.

Hoyt will share stories of the exciting moments and the historical significance of his discoveries. Attendees will learn about detection techniques, research methods, and the importance of preserving local heritage. "This presentation is more than just showing artifacts; it's about uncovering the narratives behind them," Hoyt explains. "Each piece tells a story of the people who came before us, and I'm excited to share that journey."

"We hope the public will attend this special program, as it is an opportunity to learn yet another avenue of exploring

and learning more about history. All are welcome, and we hope after seeing our beautiful new museum that some will be inspired to learn more about our local history and join us in our work as we continue our mission to preserve and promote the rich history of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff," says Dorothy Wiggins, LAHS President. For more information about the program or LAHS call 603-838-2003 or go to www.lisbonareahistory.org.

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In the age of social media, it's easy to find advice on just about anything — including how to manage your money. Content creators known as "finfluencers" — short for financial influencers — use platforms like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram to share their takes on investing, budgeting and building wealth. Many of them are charismatic and relatable, and they often speak from personal experience. But while their content may be engaging, taking financial advice from a finfluencer without digging deeper can come with significant risks.

While some finfluencers may have formal training or credentials, many do not. Instead, their influence stems from their popularity rather than professional experience. But popular advice may not necessarily be good advice. A 2025 study by the Swiss Finance Institute even found that unskilled finfluencers typically have larger followings than skilled ones.

Why be cautious?

For young or new investors, social media can make finance feel accessible. In fact, a 2022 FINRA study says that more than 60% of Americans younger than 35 get investing information from these platforms. But social media isn't regulated the same way traditional financial advising is, so anyone, qualified or not, can offer financial tips.

Unlike traditional financial advisors, finfluencers don't know your unique goals, financial situation or

risk tolerance. And likely, they're not licensed (you can check here: Check Out Your Investment Professional | Investor.gov). Even well-meaning guidance might lead you down a risky path if it's not tailored to your needs. And unfortunately, some finfluencers have exploited the trust they build with followers to promote questionable investments or outright frauds.

Warning signs to watch for

Here are a few signs that a finfluencer's advice may be worth avoiding:

Unrealistic "get-rich" promises: Claims like, "Turn \$500 into \$50,000 in a year," are highly improbable and may indicate a scam.

Hurry, hurry: Be wary of advice that pressures you to act fast or plays on fear of missing out. Important financial decisions shouldn't come with a countdown clock.

Flashy displays of wealth: Images of luxury cars, watches or cash can be more about generating views than offering sound advice. If a finfluencer is trying that hard to convince you to take an action, it often means they will profit — perhaps they'll get paid to promote a product or service, or earn a fee for referring you, or are trying to boost clicks and followers to earn more.

What you can do

Do your own homework. Don't take finfluencers' advice at face value. Cross-check it with reliable sources. The finfluencer may

even be under investigation by a federal or state securities regulator. Talking to a licensed financial advisor you trust can help you discern good advice from the bad.

Recognize conflicts of interest. If a finfluencer promotes a product or service, find out if they're being paid to do so. And remember, online personalities make money by generating high viewership, not because their advice has a track record of success.

Use common sense. When something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. And of course, never disclose your bank or brokerage account numbers to a finfluencer, and never send money.

Finfluencers can make financial topics more engaging and accessible. But when it comes to your money, a social media video from someone who doesn't know you is no substitute for informed, personalized guidance. Take the time to verify, research and, when in doubt, seek advice from a professional.

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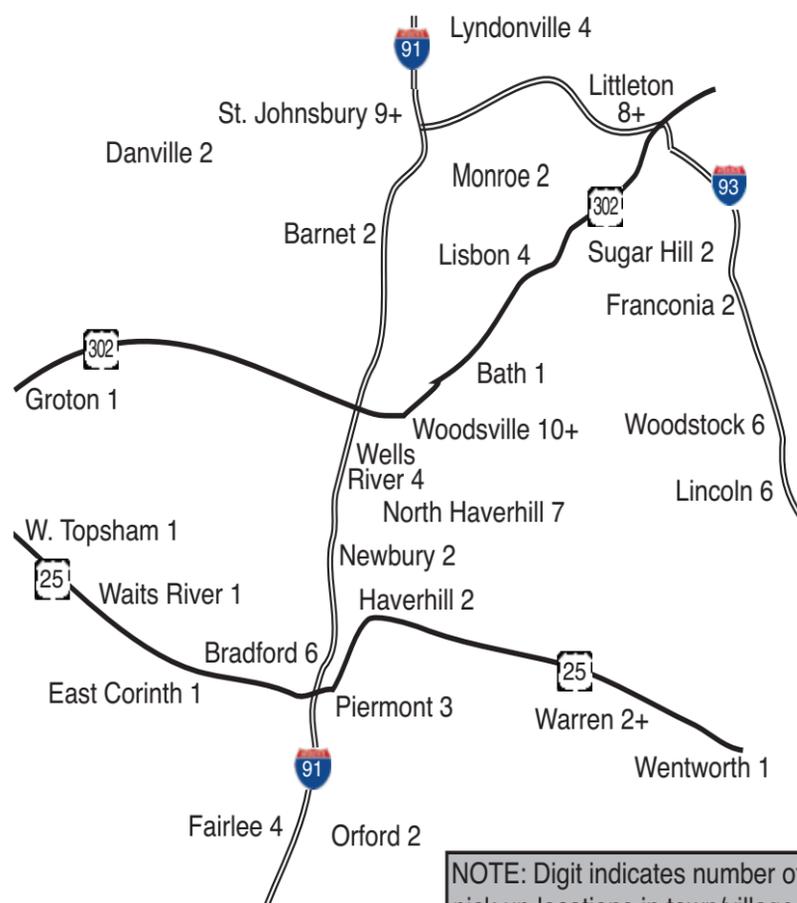
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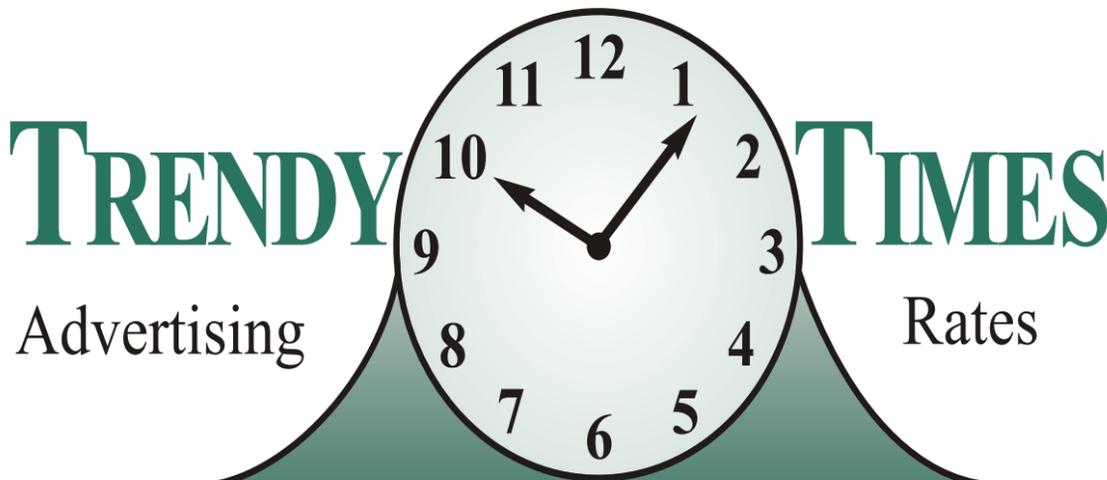
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Scott Brunt with his deep bass voice will once again perform and serve as emcee for the festival. Also a regular is local favorite Lee Baker as a solo performer.

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OBITUARY Julie Marie Ware

Julie Marie Ware passed away suddenly, the morning of June 27, 2025, in her home in North Thetford, VT. She was born in Hanover, NH on November 13, 1947, to Leet Ware and Virginia Thurber Ware. Julie is survived by Bruce Avery, her partner of more than thirty years, her brother Leet T. Ware, his daughters Kelly Curtis and Ashley Livingstone, her son Dusty Harris, her son Shane Harris, his wife Shelby, her step grandchildren Lauren Partington Harlow and Brendan Partington and her grandchildren Olivia and Logan Harris.

Julie attended high school at South Lancaster Academy (a Seventh day Adventist school in Massachusetts) while staying with her Grandmother Thurber, and after graduation, traveled to Southern Missionary College in Collegedale TN where she received a 3-year Nursing certificate. She finished her fourth year at UVM, graduating with a BS degree in Nursing.

Julie married James Harris in March of 1972, and they moved to Athens, GA where Julie worked as an RN at Athens General Hospital. After James graduated from UGA they moved to Houghton Hill Road in Thetford, VT where she worked at the Dartmouth School of Nursing as a

Medical Surgery Instructor. In July of 1973 the couple welcomed Shane into the world and then welcomed Dusty in July of 1976.

Julie later moved next to her parents' home in Thetford after the she and James divorced, remarrying Arthur Peale (later divorced) first working for the USPS and then as a school nurse at Thetford Academy and then Oxbow high school.

As her sons grew into high school, she became the Health Occupations Vocational Instructor at HACTC, combining her love of nursing with the joys of teaching young people, a profession that suited her very well. During this time, she earned her master's in education, the Vermont Vocational Teacher of the year award, and accumulated a wonderful box of "Thank you" notes from many of her cherished students. Julie retired not long after the birth of her grandchildren, wishing to "spend her time with them, while they were young."

Julie grew up in a wonderful loving household, developing a love for music and a special love for animals. Some time in her forties she obtained a "Vermont Wildlife Rehabilitation License" allowing her to care for hurt or abandoned baby animals. These included deer, squirrels, mink, rac-



coons and a woodchuck named "Cuddles." Cuddles made her home nearby, and much to the delight of Julie's grandchildren, would come onto the porch and into the house to receive vegetables and cookies. For 13 years Cuddles visited almost daily, bringing a new litter of pups each year to share in the handouts.

Julie had strong faith, choosing to spend her life caring for others. She was gracious, loving and kind and had a very clear perspective of what was important in life. She cherished her family, patients, students, and animal friends, making a point of telling her sons at the end of every visit how happy she was living in her home on the hill with her cherished "Little dogs." She will be deeply missed.

There will be a public graveside service at the North Thetford "Pleasant Ridge" Cemetery, on Saturday, August 2nd at 11:00 AM.

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OBITUARY: Richard A. Wescott Sr.,

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Born in Burlington, Vermont, Richard was the son of Richard A. Metivier Sr. and Linda L. Wescott. He spent his formative years in the Wells River and Woodsville areas, attending Oxbow High School.

Richard dedicated many years to local construction, a trade he mastered with skill and dedication. More recently, he ventured to Oregon, where he embraced the challenging life of a commercial fisherman.

He is survived by his loving mother, Linda Perkins, and her husband, Mike, of Wells River, Ver-

mont; five sons, Harley Wescott of Wells River, Ricky Vinnacomb of North Haverhill, New Hampshire, and Braxton and Gunner Wescott, both of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He also leaves behind a sister, Lisa Santiago and her husband Javier of Wells River, Vermont; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Richard was predeceased by his father, Richard A. Metivier Sr.; a son, Hunter Wescott; and a sister, Judith LaFramboise.

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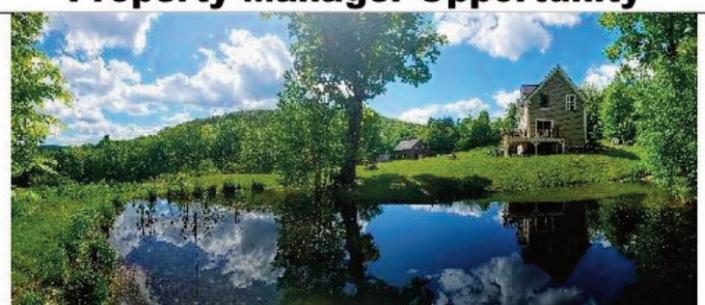
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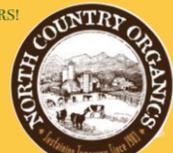
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From The Editor

The registry of deeds and estate planning

To the Editor,

Recently SB42 became law. This bill is a terrific solution to an issue that was created last year with the adoption of TOD or Transfer upon death deed. Transfer upon death is a new instrument that an individual can now use for estate planning purposes. The Grafton County Registry of Deeds records a great many documents pertaining to estate planning.

We had to scramble last year at this time when TOD became law, it downshifted a lot of responsibility to the local municipalities to manage the knowledge of who is responsible for the tax bill upon the filing of this document. The Registers agreed to create a new code for this document as a stand-alone instrument as it does not indicate a transfer of rights, it speaks of a pending transfer, one which will be valid upon the recording of a death certificate.

The municipalities have a program called Monarch provided by the registry which allows them to see all transfers in real time.

This streamline and convenient system which is included in our annual contract provided by our software partner Fidar Technologies.

Another variable other than the inevitable revocation back and forth, was the need for the town to be aware when no one was going to claim responsibility for the taxes of a property.

Our Legislative Chair testified for a right to refuse responsibility which is a great addition to the original bill language and does offer direction to the towns.

S.B. 42 now requires the beneficiary of the TOD to file an affidavit within 60 days of the property owner's death. This puts the public and the municipality on notice that a new party has accepted the responsibility of this property. A win for all. We may not

like a lot that happens in government, but when something intelligent happens we should take notice. Well done.

In service to the people of Grafton County
Kelley J. Monahan
Grafton County Register of Deeds

Kelley,

Thank you for your service and for bringing to our attention this updated law. I will agree with you that sometimes there is a lack of gratitude for the good works of our elected officials.

Please continue to keep the voters informed.
Gary Scruton, Editor

To the Editor,

MAGA - Making Americans Grovel Again – that is what the “Big tax giveaway to billionaires bill” just signed by self-proclaimed king and dictator Trump did. We were once the United States of America, a country where resources of the 50 states were combined and used to benefit the whole of America. Dictator Trump and his minions are rapidly dismantling the USA and making it FSSA, (Fifty Separate States of America). Unilaterally without congressional action, Dictator Trump has not released money already appropriated by Congress whether it is education, Medicaid or FEMA funds to name three.

The people of Texas paid the price with lost lives when the flash flood warnings were not released in the timely manner due to cuts in

staffing either by DOGE or executive action without congressional approval. Millions of Americans are predicted to lose their health insurance, and many rural hospitals will close due to lack of reimbursement of insurance and Medicaid funds. These cuts have been reported by a wide variety of print and online news sources like Fox News, CBS, NBC, ABC, MSNBC, Washington Post, and the NY Times plus many other conservative and liberal news sources.

In response to Mr. Briggerman's letter in the July 1, issue of Trendy Times, he of all people (and a fellow letter writer) should know a lot can happen between the TT Thursday deadline for letters and the publication of the letter 5 days later. The Supreme Court had not ruled on a number of issues when I

wrote my letter.

As usual Mr. Briggerman made statements that my letter was not factual but offers no counter statements. Some might say it is time for Mr. Briggerman “to put up or shut up” but I would never say that to a fellow editorialist. I take his inaction to mean he doesn't have any facts to refute what I wrote, and my statements are indeed correct and factual.

Discourse is wonderful and vital to America especially as oligarchy and dictatorship takes more and more control of Government. It is time for the republicans to start acting for Americans and not for the dictator.

People should not count on the 2026 elections to correct things because I am not sure there will be elections in 2026.
Richard M Roderick
Wells River, Vt.

Richard,

I am still not ready (or maybe able) to go down that road of not having elections next year. I still firmly believe that the American spirit is alive and well. That plenty of elections will take place. And that the results of those elections will be honest and true, no matter what the outcome. I realize my world experience is limited, but I certainly trust the people that handle my vote. I hope, and trust, that is true for everyone else.

In regards to differing opinions on whatever subject you may choose ... I'm all for discussion and an intelligent and informed conversation. When that is done I will make my own decision and end up with my own opinion, not one that is fed to me. by either side of the argument.
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Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Celebration

To the Editor,

It is always great to hear from so many people how much they enjoyed the Woodsville Wells River 4th of July celebration. From the parade (that many said saw the biggest crowd ever) all the way to the fireworks (a full 25 minute show), it was a very successful day. The field activities even saw some brand new activities (Touch-A-Truck that showed off some great vehicles) to the coloring for kids (about 75 different creations were turned in for prizes). We were also lucky enough to have four face painters on duty this year and they stayed busy for all of their appointed time. There was also food, flea marketers, crafters and music. The BINGO tent was also busy with prizes for winners including some gift cards to local eateries. The field did lack any "rides" this year due to economic circumstances. But overall it was a great celebration of our nation's birthday.

So let's look ahead to next year, the big 250 for the United States. Getting ready for that event this committee will have a new president as I will not be continuing in that position. This does not mean I am cutting all ties, but rather I feel it is time for me to be more of an advisor rather than the top dog. So your

Gary (Yes, I know I'm ansering myself, but don't we al talk to ourselves at times?)

Being a volunteer is, in my opinion, one of the most rewarding tasks a person can do. Not only for the community, bu also for yourself. The reward can be as simple as the smiles on the faces of the people enjoying what you have accomplished or created. There is also the reward of working with others toward a common goal. Or with this project maybe it is simply working to continue a tradition that started in 1981.

I will use the rest of this space to echo the need for others to step up to keep this tradition alive. It is not a task to take on alone. But it takes one person at a time to step up to get it accomplished. Please be one of those people.

Gary Scruton, Editor

help is needed. Without a solid group of volunteers and board members this event will not exist, so please step up and do your part.

The committee will meet on Tuesday, July 22 and again on Tuesday, August 28 (fourth Tuesday) before the annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday, September 23. All meetings will be held at the Woodsville Emergency Services building (the fire station) beginning at 7:00 pm. At that time officers and directors are elected and the plans get started for one of the biggest celebrations ever.

The only requirement to be eligible to vote at the election, or to hold an office, is that you are a member of the organization. Annual dues are only \$1.00 and should be paid before the annual meeting occurs. Along with the Board of Directors many other spots need to be filled. Some are very simple volunteer slots to coordinate or create a project. Others are bigger and more time sensitive. Plus there is a need simply for bodies to perform some simple tasks. But please step up and help insure the continuation of this forty plus year tradition.

Gary Scruton, President
Woodsville Wells River 4th
of July Committee
Woodsville, NH

RATS IN THE BASKET

By Maggie Anderson

About 25 years ago - a blizzard raging outside - I was furiously working on an order of teddy bears for a shop in Japan. My delivery deadline was whipping 'round the bend and I was trying to beat the clock.

I was huddled at my work table, fire blazing in the old Round Oak wood stove, our cat, Mocha, perched close enough to test the theory of spontaneous combustion. The aroma of my freshly brewed coffee wafted through the room and danced in the updrafts of wind that found their way through the cracks in the siding of our ancient farmhouse.

The house was built so long ago that, though New Hampshire winters are some of the most brutal in the world, the concept of insulation had not yet been discovered, or at least not applied to our house as it was being built. I had a blanket tossed over my legs in a feeble effort to keep frost bite at bay. I sat with my back to the wood stove so I could feel some warmth, somewhere.

My work on the bears was going well, and I thought to myself I might actually finish them in time to meet the post the next morning.

I hadn't counted on a rat.

Sometimes schedules get twisted, interrupted, or cancelled completely by some unexpected intrusions or, as in this case, an unexpected intruder. If she hadn't unfurled her tail I might not have noticed her at all, but the moment she struggled to find a more comfortable position in my yarn basket she was impossible to miss. She must have come in through the cat door off the kitchen and settled in the most warm and comfortable spot she could find. Our cats, of course, had no inclination to do their jobs and finish her off, they were too busy trying to absorb all the heat emanating from the wood stove.

I yelled for Hank to come and help me, but he didn't hear a thing. I always said it was a good thing the house wasn't on fire.

I was afraid the rat was injured because it didn't jump out of the basket and scurry away at the frantic tone of my voice.

When I ramped up the decibels and yelled for Hank again the rat raised its head, slinked down and landed with a plop that at once exposed her sex and the reason for her lethargy. She was the most pregnant animal I had ever seen, I'm surprised the drop from the basket hadn't caused her to burst open and spill 6 or 8 wriggling rat babies onto the floor.

I grabbed a sheet of poster board, and a flattened shipping box, and tried to encourage her to the doorway. When I finally got her in a position she could not get out of, except to actually get out, she turned to me with the saddest, most accusing look I'd ever been given, as if to say "How could you?" then she turned and waddled out into the storm.

That look still keeps me up nights, but I had to draw the line somewhere.



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Larry Golden Art Opening And Live Music at The Dock



What: Larry Golden Art Opening And Live Music at The Dock

When: Saturday, July 19, 2025, 6pm

Where: The Loading Dock, 35 Mill Street, Suite D, Littleton NH 03561

Cost: Art opening is free and open to the public. \$10 online at Eventbrite, \$15 at the door. \$5 for students and seniors. 20% off for members of the Colonial Theatre and Cata-mount Arts. Nobody is turned away for lack of funds.

Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 6pm: Larry Golden Art Opening. 8pm: Ricky Golden, Glorious Leader, Trevor Robinson, Johnny Gifford. Folk music, anti-folk, alternative, singers of songs, solo musicians plus art show opening for Larry Golden at the PolyArt Gallery.

Larry Golden paints big and he paints small. "I'm a very understandable artist," he said. "If you see my work, you can understand it." He paints on canvas, mostly landscapes of his adopted Northeast Kingdom and the North Country. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Proceeds go towards the closure and recovery of his gallery during the flooding in St. Johnsbury in 2024.

Ricky Golden — Solo democratic socialist lower-middle-class worker and singer-songwriter hailing from northern Vermont. Brought up by Paul Cezanne, Basquiat, Kurt Vonnegut jr. Kurt Cobain, Bob Marley, George Orwell,

Bowie, Sam Cooke and John Lennon and his band the Beatles. Currently writing and playing the many stories and colours and missed opportunities in the future as-well as all those past responsibilities that I was never part of. My music is for the huddled masses of humanity & hopefully for all to enjoy or perhaps just launch it out into the mystical ether.

Glorious Leader is the solo act of Vermont musician and multi-instrumentalist Kyle Woolard. His live performances, which immerse the stage in an interactive light show, are at once visually dazzling and emotionally rich. This dynamic show will feature a full performance of his acclaimed 2024 album, How I Made My First Million, recorded between his Vermont home studio and Reykjavik, Iceland.

Trevor Robinson - Folk Music. Folk Not Music. Ancient Sanskrit Instruction Manuals Translated in Sign Language. Transcriptions of Songs of Trees. Radio Static. Wool Sock Static. Matter. Anti-Matter. Does it Matter? The Matting Calls of Extinct Insect Species. Whispered Recitations of Unrecorded Holland-Dozier-Holland Compositions. The Last Will And Testament Of The Last Android Pressed to Acetate Played Backwards.

Johnny Gifford - home-grown sounds a bit rough around the edges, but with a heart of gold. The Brattleboro, VT based musi-

cian plays in a number of southern Vermont bands but takes occasional solace in his solo project. JG solo sets range from reverent songs about life to sad songs about tragedy to instrumental songs rooted in Appalachian tradition, all accompanied with lush soundscapes, improvised interludes, blistering feedback and melancholy notes.

The Loading Dock is a non-profit creative space dedicated to presenting original art. The venue is located on Mill Street in Littleton, the entrance is next to a loading dock directly behind Topic of the Town and just up the street from Bad Art. The best parking is on Main Street or in the free parking lots on Pleasant Street behind the movie theater and also behind the laundromat.

COHASE CHAMBER GARDEN TOUR RETURNS

The 13th annual Cohase Chamber of Commerce Garden Tour will feature six diverse and interesting gardens on Sunday, July 20, with gardens open from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Fairlee, Bradford and Newbury. Come and enjoy the day as you delight your senses, immersing yourself in the sweet scents of colorful flowers in these unique gardens. Brimming with flowers and veggies, shrubs and trees, even an artist's studio- each gardener has created a very personal space that reflects their personalities, and enhances their surroundings. Find inspiration for your own garden as you explore, and perhaps discover something new that you can grow yourself! These northeast summer gardens are perfect spots for taking photos or sketching, and hosts are happy to talk about their experiences as they navigate the particular challenges of their own properties.

Tickets are still only \$20 per person (kids 12 and under free) and may be purchased the day of the event or online at www.cohase.org. Guides (maps & directions) will be available on the lawn at the Wells River Savings Bank, 9 N. Main St., Bradford from 10:45 to 1. Tours are self-guided but hosts are generally available for questions and the event will take place 'rain or shine.'

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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

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KIDDIE PARADE: Saturday, July 26 @ 11:00 AM
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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.
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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
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SCAVENGER HUNT: Sunday, July 27 1:00 pm @ Thayer Stage
Cash prizes for top 3 teams

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT: Sunday, July 27 @ 1:00 PM

BIG RIG TRUCK PULL: Sunday, July 27 @ 3:00
Sponsored by Sabil & Sons & Thomson Tree Service

North Country Gospel Music Festival Concert

WHITEFIELD - The Community Baptist Church in Whitefield will hold the North Country Gospel Music Festival Concert on Saturday, July 19, - this year beginning at 2pm. People have asked for this time of relaxation and fun for families and friends to meet and hear Christian musicians perform to be held in the afternoon this year. There is no admission fee; a free-will offering will be taken.

Scott Brunt with his deep bass voice will once again perform and serve as emcee for the festival. Also a regular is local favorite Lee Baker as a solo performer. Coming from Maine for the 2nd year is the group "Echoes of Faith".

Coming from Tennessee this year is music evangelist Brad White, who has performed in all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces, and over 100 countries. The church is located at 27 Jefferson Road (Rt. 116), across from the Whitefield Post Office, and has a handicapped access lift. Further information may be obtained by visiting www.cbc1816.church or by calling 603-837-2469.

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Happy Trendy Times Day!

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We survived our 4th of July bashes, and believe it or not... fair season is creeping in fast!

As a kid, I lived for fair season—the funnel cakes, the lights, the rides—and never quite understood why our parents grumbled, “That just means summer’s almost over.” Now, as an adult? Oh, I get it. 😊

As a cook at a private school, I’m already diving into planning fall menus (yep, it’s that time again), but let’s not forget—we’re still riding the summer wave. And when it comes to food, fair-style eats are always a hit with the kids!

But I digress... It’s still very much the season for grillin’ and chillin’. And if you’re anything like me, the grill stays hot all year long!

I was recently gifted a Blackstone flat top, and let me tell you—I’m OBSESSED. So now I’ve gotta ask:

➡ Are you Team Propane, Team Charcoal, or Team Flat Top when it comes to your grilling game? Head over to Trendy

Times on Facebook and let us know—we want to hear from you!

🔥 My Favorite Grilling Marinades (aka the “measure with your heart” recipes)

Let’s start with the good ol’ standby: Chicken.

I love split chicken breasts, but this works on any cut!

- Italian dressing
- Garlic powder (I grow & mill my own—more on dehydrating later!)
- Teriyaki sauce (Kikkoman’s is king!)
- Seasoned salt

🍖 Steak Marinade Magic

I don’t play favorites when it comes to cuts—if it’s grilled right, it’s good.

Here’s my go-to:

- Beer (yes, seriously—it’s a natural tenderizer!)
- Salt
- A few shots of Worcestershire sauce
- Garlic powder
- Top it all off with grilled banana peppers for a pop of heat 🔥

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🍔 The Ultimate Backyard Burger

- This is a house favorite—simple, juicy, epic.
- Ground beef
 - Minced garlic
 - Salt & pepper
 - Diced onion

Smash it all together, grill it hot, and get ready for applause.

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🍅 Recipe of the Week: Marinated Red Onions

These go with everything. Burgers, steak, grilled chicken... heck, even sandwiches and salads.

Grab a mason jar and toss in:

- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup distilled white vinegar (apple cider vinegar works too!)
- 1½ tsp sea salt
- A squirt of mustard
- A few peppercorns—or just a couple shakes of ground pepper

Shake it up and let it sit at least 30 minutes. It’ll keep in the fridge all week—if it

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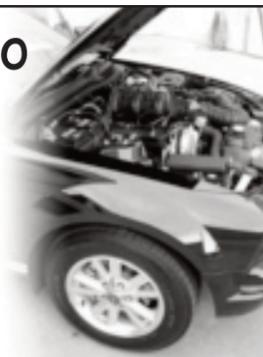
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lasts that long!

That’s it for now, friends! Remember: cooking for two is hard—so measure with your heart, and leftovers are your best friend. 😊

Now go fire up those grills, try something new, and don’t forget to drop a comment over on Trendy Times on Facebook. Let’s talk food, swap secrets, and keep summer alive—one bite at a time.

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