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So Long Summer Hello Fall Festival – August 30, 9AM – 2PM



The 2025 So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival will held rain or shine on August 30th, from 9am - 2pm along Main and Railroad Streets in downtown Wells River. So Long Summer Hello Fall goes live this year with WYKR broadcasting live in front of LC Design Concepts The popular classic tractor show sponsored by Wells River Chevrolet returns. The tractors will leave P&H and drive down to Wells River Chevrolet passing through downtown Wells River at about 11am and will remain there until 1pm. The Town Farm Orchestra in the Gazebo playing music from the 1920s to the 2020s.in the gazebo beginning at 9am.

Hungry? There will be plenty of food; Big Cones

and Hatchbox will have festival specials. Tuttle's, Hatchbox and, Sarky Smokehouse, will be open and serving food. Spice of Life, the School House Bakery, Alice Bliven, Katelyn Kran, Kinne's Family Sweets will all have food for sale plus the WRAP Baked sale will be at the Welcome Center.

Looking for something else? Many different items will be available from books at the Baldwin Memorial Library to the Zucchini contest. In between other items including jewelry, wreaths, quilts, artworks. note cards, afghans, maple syrup, wood crafts-bowls and cutting boards, flower arrangements, fall center pieces, vintage goodies, costumes, shop aprons, yard

sale items, puzzles, knitted items, fleece blankets soaps and lotions, personal care products, t-shirts and plants from other vendors.

Looking for community information? Cohase Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Tucker Mountain, Newbury Conservation Commission, Newbury Historical Society, 302 Cares, Third Act and window dressers will be there dispensing information about services being offered locally, volunteer opportunities, and nearby year round outdoor recreation. Cottage Hospital and Little Rivers Health Care will be providing health information, provider and patient information.

Feeling Lucky? - Enter one of the many free draw-

ings.

It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping.

Public restrooms are available at the Welcome Center and the Baldwin Memorial Library and several sets of chairs with masks and hand sanitizers are placed strategically for patrons to "have a seat and rest their feet.

There will be plenty of free parking available in the Jock Oil parking lot, the two lots behind the Wells River Savings Bank and at the Little Rivers Health Care clinic located at 61-65 Main St. Handicapped parking will be on Main St. in as allowed by law and with vehicles displaying the proper placard or plate.

The Giant Zucchini Contest judging will be at

high noon at the WRAP Information Booth. Be sure to pick up your copy of the list of vendors and map of the festival at the WRAP Information/registration booth.

For more information about the Festival contact Richard M. Roderick at wrapwr@gmail.com or call 802 757 2708 or Lauren Nelson Lauren@LCDesignConcepts.com call or text 802-477-2428. For more information about the Tractor Show contact Grace at Wells River Chevy on Facebook or call 802 757 2311

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Landaff – Meredith J. Copithorne, Honors.

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Woodsville High School is excited to announce the appointment of Mr. Matt Kelly as Interim Assistant Principal for the 2025–2026 school year.

Mr. Kelly grew up in Conway, New Hampshire, and is a graduate of Kennett High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in German from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he also received a Fulbright Scholarship to continue learning in Germany. He later completed his master's degree in Germanic Studies and is cur-

rently a doctoral candidate in Education with a focus on Instructional Leadership.

For the past six years, Mr. Kelly has taught German in Wilton, Connecticut. During the 2024–2025 school year, he also served as Interim Assistant Principal and Assistant Athletic Director. In addition to his academic work, he has been active in athletics as the Boys Varsity Hockey Assistant Coach and the Girls Varsity Golf Assistant Coach.

Returning to his home state, Mr. Kelly

expressed his enthusiasm for joining the WHS community:

"I'm looking forward to working with the students, faculty, and families here at Woodsville High School. It's great to be back in New Hampshire."

When he's not at school, Mr. Kelly enjoys spending time outdoors and is an avid golfer. His office is located on the third floor across from the Music Room, and students, staff, and families are encouraged to stop by to say hello.

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Let a financial advisor help plan for life's curveballs

No matter what stage of your life you're in — caring for children, working toward retirement or planning your legacy — unforeseen events like a job loss, a major illness or even a stock market drop could derail what you're working so hard to achieve financially.

With your future at stake, you may want to get guidance from a financial professional who can develop a personalized financial strategy to help you navigate life's curveballs.

Here are specific ways a financial advisor can help.

Create a customized long-term strategy. This is the first step to weather unforeseen events. You may have several long-term investing goals — your retirement, your child's education or perhaps a dream vacation. A financial advisor can help you build a strategy specific to your goals and risk tolerance. This will include prioritizing those goals, building a path toward each and pivoting your strategy as markets shift and needs change.

Set realistic expectations. Successful investing requires discipline and patience — most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Start by setting realistic timelines to reach each of your goals. And don't be surprised if you need to make trade-offs, like working an extra year to help fund your retirement dream home. It's realistic to expect you'll hit some bumps in the road. Perhaps the markets will drop and the value of your portfolio may follow. (It's also realistic to expect they will rebound, as they have histori-

cally. Of course, past performance of the markets is no guarantee of what will happen in the future.) A financial advisor can help you keep your emotions in check no matter what comes your way and stay focused on the long term, knowing you have a customized strategy in place.

Diversify your investments. The foundation for your portfolio is your asset allocation, or how you divide your assets among stocks, bonds, cash and other investments. Different investments behave differently in various market conditions, so maintaining a good mix can help better weather market fluctuations than putting "all your eggs in one basket." Finding the right diversification mix, and keeping it balanced despite what the market does, can get complicated, but it's almost second nature for a good financial advisor. All investments do carry risk, and asset allocation doesn't ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

Keep a long-term outlook. It's easy to become distracted by the latest headline, expert prediction or market swing. However, if these events don't change your long-term outlook, there probably isn't a reason to make changes to your

strategy. In fact, these declines often present good opportunities if you're a long-term investor, so use them to your advantage — your financial advisor can show you how.

Keep your emergency savings well-funded. This is your "rainy day" fund, and an unexpected event may constitute a rainy day. For most people, maintaining three to six months of total expenses in emergency savings is appropriate. The specific amount depends on factors like your risk of unexpected expenses or temporary loss of income, and how much you value being confident that you can weather financial emergencies. A financial advisor can help you determine what your emergency savings should look like.

Unexpected events are part of life. You can't predict them, but you can prepare for them. No matter what is going on around you, having a professional by your side can help set you up to navigate them confidently.

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

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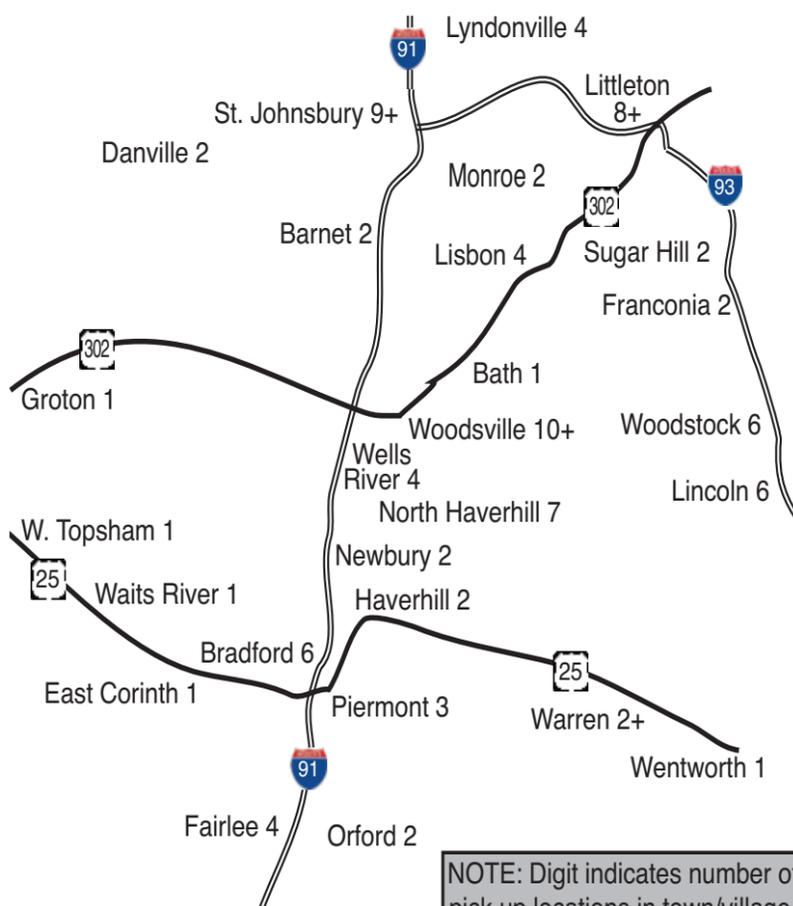
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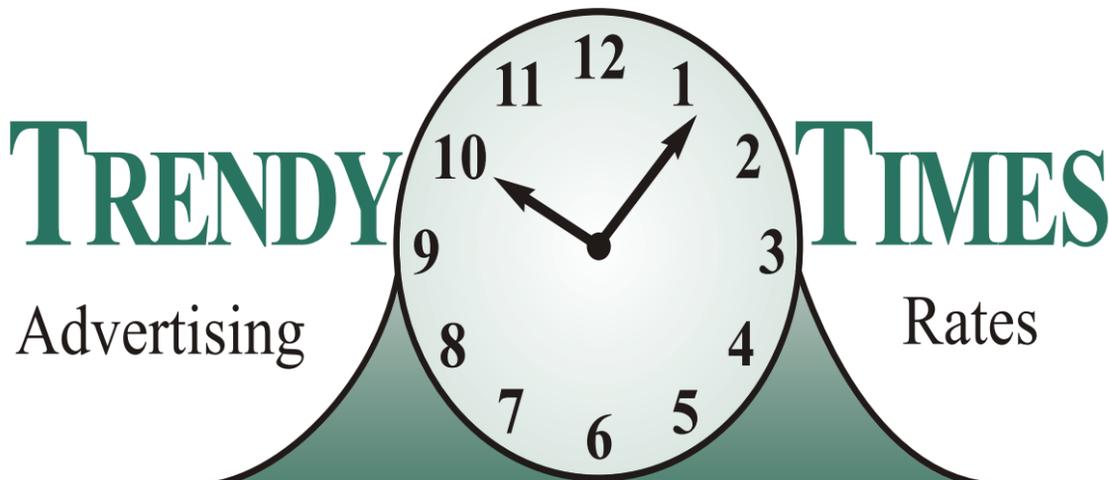
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and Jason Luck (scenic charge).

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WHITEFIELD, NH - August 18, 2025—New Hampshire's award-winning Weatherwane Theatre is pleased to present the country music revue Honky Tonk Angels. This down-home musical joyride plays in alternating repertory from August 22 to October 3, 2025.

When three gutsy gals from different backgrounds take charge of their lives, they decide to follow their honky tonk dreams all the way to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes (including "Stand By Your Man," "9 to 5," "Harper Valley PTA," and more!) Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time from the creator of Always...Patsy Cline.

Weatherwane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini directs and choreographs the production. He previously directed and choreographed Honky Tonk Laundry and Always, Patsy Cline.

"We had such a blast producing shows like Always, Patsy Cline and Honky Tonk Laundry in recent seasons. That joy has only been matched by the enthusiastic response from audiences," said Paulini. "What better way to celebrate Season 60 at the Weatherwane than with a high-octane ride through country's greatest hits featuring an incredible trio of women."

The trio of women Paulini refers to is

Becca Ayers, Marisa Kirby, and Ria Yamdagni. Ayers, whose credits include the Broadway companies of 1776, South Pacific, My Fair Lady, Addams Family, Avenue Q, and Les Misérables, returns to the Weatherwane for their second season. Kirby, a two-time New Hampshire Theatre Alliance award winner, may be best known to local audiences for her comedic turns in Who's Holiday, Always Patsy Cline, and her award-winning performance as Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls. Yamdagni, a Weatherwane newcomer, was most recently seen as Sandy in Weatherwane's record-breaking production of Grease.

In addition to Paulini's direction and choreography, Honky Tonk Angels features musical direction by Andrew Morrissey, who oversees a four-piece band—Rick Erwin (drums), Andrew Morrissey (keys), Ben Natti (guitar), and Shannon Oliver (bass).

Honky Tonk Angels features design by Jeremy Baldauf (lighting design), Cass Burgess (properties design), Jason Luck (set design), Rien Schlecht (costume design), and Connor von Rentzell (sound design). Additional creative team: Sam Powers (production stage manager), TessaMarie Beard, Reed Davis, Egypt Dixon, and Rien Schlecht (assistant stage management), Vero Villalobos (technical director),

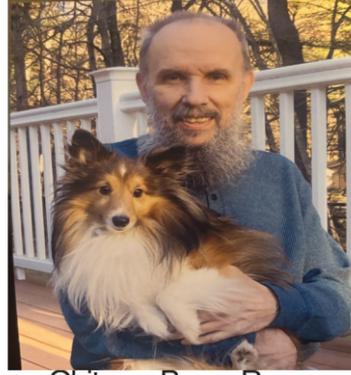
events for Honky Tonk Angels include an opening night champagne reception on August 22nd.

Single tickets for Honky Tonk Angels are available for purchase at weatherwanenh.org or by calling 603-837-9322. Group rates are available for parties of 15 or more. Contact info@weatherwanenh.org for more information. Honky Tonk Angels is sponsored by New England Wire Technologies.

ABOUT THE WEATHERVANE

The Weatherwane Theatre was founded in 1965 by Gibbs Murray and the late Tom Haas and is under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini. It has presented high-quality professional productions of plays and musicals for over half a century. One of the few remaining alternating rep companies in the United States, the Weatherwane is recognized as a historical institution nationwide, boasting among its alums 2020 Tony nominee Elizabeth Stanley, Tally Sessions, four-time Tony nominee Judy Kuhn, and recent Tony Award Winners Ari'el Stachel and Sam Pinkleton.

Find Weatherwane on Facebook at /weathervanetheatre and all other social media platforms @weatherwanenh.



OBITUARY: Bruce Raymond Usher,

Obituary Bruce Raymond Usher, Bruce Usher age 71 passed away suddenly at his home in Wells River Village on July 8.

Bruce has a child lived in Montclair, New Jersey and later in Chatham Massachusetts. He graduated from the university of Vermont class of 76 and was a respected teacher and track coach for many years in Raymond, New Hampshire. He was married and divorced twice, but had no children. He leaves behind his sister Katherine Usher Booth and niece Lisa Richards both from Chatham on Cape Cod. Bruce was a big fan of the Red Sox, the Patriots and the Boston Bruins he was very much into rock music with a vast collection of vinyl albums, and CDs. He was a huge fan of the Allman Brothers and R.E.M. Fantasy and Science Fiction stories where his favorites Bruce loved his quirky house built in 1839 and everyone in the village he saw daily. He was a regular at dog mountain concerts. A good natured fellow Bruce led a quiet life with his beloved dog Merlin. Who unfortunately passed away a few days after his demise. Bruce and Merlin's ashes will be interred side-by-side at South Chatham cemetery in Massachusetts

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WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE

By Maggie Anderson

Okay, let's give simple common sense a moment of consideration.

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If you steal a car and make a clean getaway, do you still have to go to jail when they find the stolen vehicle in your garage?

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And how many of us do you think could hang onto our jobs if we got ticked over something and simply walked out, and stayed out? Do you think for a nanosecond your boss would welcome you back to your old position in the firm?

Does the phrase "Fat Chance" mean anything?



Susan "Sue" Jane Williams, 75, passed away on July 30, 2025, at the Grafton County Nursing Home, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born on June 27, 1950, at Woodsville Cottage Hospital to Robert L. and Virginia (Hunt) Williams. Susan attended a four-room schoolhouse at South Ryegate Elementary School and graduated from Woodsville High School Class of 1969. She went on to attend the Thompson School for Practical Nurses, where she received her LPN in 1971.

Susan began her nursing career at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, VT. In 1972, she and her best friend, Darlene, moved to Phoenix, AZ, where she worked at Phoenix General Hospital. She later returned home and completed her career at Cottage Hospital as an ER nurse. She retired in 2006 after 30 years at Cottage Hospital, a place she considered her second family. Susan cherished her coworkers and formed many lifelong friend-

OBITUARY

Susan

"Sue"

Jane Williams,

ships during her time there.

As Alzheimer's progressed, Susan moved into the Grafton County Nursing Home, first in the Meadow Ward and eventually in the Profile Ward.

She was known for her deep care for family and friends, often bringing fresh-baked cookies and cakes when visiting. She enjoyed canoeing, backroad adventures, and singing or whistling along to oldies. A passionate animal lover, she filled her Hooper Hill Road homestead in Groton with horses, dogs, and cats.

Susan was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Mary Barr (1971) and Claude Barr (1973); maternal grandparents, Ray Hunt (1956) and Ethel Hunt (1968); her parents, Robert Williams (1972) and Virginia Williams (2010); and her nephew, Mike R. Williams (2006).

She is survived by her sister, Joyce White, and husband Stuart; her twin brother, Bob Williams, and wife Darlene; nieces and nephews, Tim, Ben, Josh, Joe, and Dana; several great-nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

Memorial contributions in Susan's name may be made to the Mikey Williams Alumni Soccer Memorial Fund, c/o David Robinson, 95 Stonecrest Drive, Haverhill, NH. 03765

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Pinehurst Cemetery in South Ryegate. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, refreshments will be served at the South Ryegate United Presbyterian Church, where friends and family are invited to share memories and celebrate Susan's life.

Our family gives our thanks to Grafton County Nursing Home for their years of loving care, Ricker Funeral Home, Melisa Gould, and South Ryegate & Ryegate Corner United Presbyterian Church Ladies for giving their time and providing refreshments after Susan's memorial.

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Run Away! Run Away! Monty Python and The Holy Grail



Bethlehem, NH — August 19, 2025 – The Colonial Theatre invites audiences to relive the absurd comedy brilliance of Monty Python and the Holy Grail with a special 50th Anniversary screening on Thursday, August 28 at 7:30PM.

This 1975 cult classic follows King Arthur and his band of eccentric knights as they embark on the world's most ridiculous quest for the Holy Grail. From the killer rabbit to the Knights Who Say "Ni," the film's iconic sketches and quotable lines have cemented it as one of the funniest films ever made.

The screening is part of the Colonial's Anniversary Classics series, celebrating milestone films that continue to entertain audiences across generations. The 2025 Anniversary Classics series is co-sponsored by The North Country Chamber Players and Les Apple &

Debra Saunders. Tickets to the film are \$10 for Colonial members and \$13 for non-members.

About The Colonial Theatre

The mission of the Friends of the Colonial is to inspire and invite participation in the cultural conversation by preserving and improving its historic landmark theater, providing high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offering a vision of small-town revitalization based on the arts.

To learn more about The Colonial, or to become a member or volunteer, please visit BethlehemColonial.org. While you are there, sign up for email updates and follow The Colonial on Instagram (@bethlehemcolonial) and Facebook ([Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial](https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemColonial)).



The Holy Grail

Jay Craven's Film, "Lost Nation" to Play Bethlehem Colonial – August 29th. Revolutionary War Action-Drama Features Ethan Allen and Lucy Terry Prince

Jay Craven's newest film, "Lost Nation," will screen at 7PM, Friday, August 29th at the historic Colonial Theater in Bethlehem, NH. Craven will appear at the screening to introduce the film and for a post-screening Q & A.

"Lost Nation" is a Revolutionary War-era action drama set in the early upstart Republic of Vermont. The picture stars Irish actor Kevin Ryan ("Copper," Harry Wild") as Vermont founding father and rebel schemer, Ethan Allen, who leads resistance to New Yorker land claims, launches an ill-fated attack on British forces in Montreal, and leads invasions by his Green Mountain Boys into Yorker strongholds of Guilford and Brattleboro.

It is worth noting, for New Hampshire folks, that the film is based on a central part of colonial era New Hampshire history, when New Hampshire governor, Benning Wentworth, challenged New York's claims to the territory now known as Vermont. Indeed, Wentworth sold inexpensive titles to the New York-claimed land to aspiring homesteaders from southern New England, many of them veterans of the French and Indian wars. In all, Wentworth established 131 towns as "New Hampshire Grants" and he kept 500 acres of the best land in each town, for himself – for later sale. This practice, combined with the fees he collected for each grant, contributed significantly to his personal wealth.

"Lost Nation's" parallel and intersecting story features Kenyan actress Eva Ndachi ("Beautifully Broken") as pioneering poet, Lucy Terry Prince, who was enslaved at the age of 3 in western Massachusetts – and settled a Guilford, Vermont homestead with her family during this same time. Like Ethan Allen, the Princes found themselves caught up in turbulent times that threatened their prospects for the land and freedom they sought. Like Allen, Lucy Prince upset the status quo in her assertive use of early Vermont's legal and political systems to defend her family from encroachment, harassment, and intimidation.

Prince family antagonist, aspiring Guilford politician John Noyes, is played by Rob Campbell ("The Crucible," "The Unforgiven"). British intelligence chief and former Green Mountain Boy co-founder Justus Sherwood is played by Barry Del Sherman ("There Will Be Blood," "American Beauty") and Lucy Prince's daughter Drucilla is played by young actress and Spelman College student, Karma Bridges, daughter of popular rapper and film star, Ludacris. Vermont actors Rusty DeWees and Ariel Zevon plays Yorker Asa Locke and Mary Allen, respectively.

Lost Nation was shot on 52 Vermont and Massachusetts locations and includes 43 speaking characters, including Vermonters Ira Allen, Seth Warner, Gideon Brownson and Thomas Chittenden and founding fathers Alexander Hamilton and George Washington.

Acclaimed singer, composer,

and Julliard-trained violinist, Mazz Swift, composed and conducted the "Lost Nation" film score. Swift plays lead violin in Yo Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble and has performed at Royal Albert Hall, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Swift has composed and/or played with Vernon Reid, James "Blood" Ulmer, Whitney Houston, DJ Logic, Kanye West – and the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, among others.

"Lost Nation" is Craven's 10th feature film. His work has shown at Sundance, Lincoln Center, The Smithsonian, and more than 500 cities and towns across the U.S. - and 53 countries. He is the recipient of the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the 2023 Herb Lockwood Prize, a Golden Gate Award, the National Endowment for the Arts' American Masterpieces citation, and selection to the American Film Institute's AFI Project 20/20. His 1993 film, "Where the Rivers Flow North" was a finalist for Critics Week at the Cannes International Film Festival.

Tickets are available in advance at www.bethlehemcolonial.org or at the door.

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LETTERS

(and even some real words)

From The Editor



Compliments and Opinions
To the Editor,

My compliments go to Greg Kouba, of Lindenwood, NJ (Letter to the Editor, Aug, 12, 2025) for his insightful opinions concerning the sad state of affairs (my words) of the present Democratic Party. He clearly pointed out the negativity that Mr. Roderick and his ilk continue to espouse towards President Trump. They are apparently oblivious, or choose to ignore the mess that President Trump inherited from the Biden Administration. To name just a few: we had open borders (which they continued to lie about); a disastrous pullout from Afghanistan, leaving thirteen of our servicemen and approximately 170 Afghan civilians killed, turning over millions of dollars of military equipment and the strategically located Bagram Air Base to the Taliban; an inflation rate of 9.1% in June of 2022, the highest since the Nixon Administration in the 1970s (Investopedia, 2025); a war in Ukraine that Biden casually allowed to happen on his watch; a loss of respect for the

United States on the world stage; a national debt that grew by about \$6.17 trillion; the support of sanctuary cities and states, defunding the police, and cashless bail; and the list goes on.

What a dramatic decline that the party of John F. Kennedy and even that of Bill Clinton has made, shifting further and further to the left as the socialists and self-proclaimed communists continue to have an increasing influence on the party. According to a recent article in the NY Times, there has been a 4.5 million net swing in voters to the Republican Party between 2020-2024 elections. Even Democrats such as Harold Ford Jr., former Congressman from TN; Mark Penn, pollster, and strategist; Kevin Walling, strategist; Dan Turrentine, advisor, and many others are sounding the alarm over the failures and direction that their party has taken. Do we hear a concern from the likes of Richard Roderick and others of his persuasion? No! Because of their collective suffering from Trump Derangement Syn-

drome (TDS) they continue the persistent negative attacks against President Trump regardless of what he may say or do.

If President Trump's Administration passes a law that benefits most Americans, they will be against it. Case in point is the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB.) The OB BB was signed into law on July 4, 2025 (Public Law 119-21.) It provides many benefits to the American public among those being:

- No tax on tips for 2025 through 2028
- No tax on overtime for 2025 through 2028
- A new additional \$6,000 deduction for seniors 65 and older (\$12,000 for married couple)
- 90% of seniors will no longer pay federal income taxes on their SSA benefits
- The standard deduction claimed by 90% of taxpayers is permanently increased by \$1,500 for married couples (\$750 for indiv.)
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- The tax cuts introduced by President Trump

through the Tax Cuts of Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017 are made permanent by the OB BB. The top tax rate remains at 37% for those making \$500,000 or more for single filers

The above is just a small sampling of the positive changes for the American people included in the OB BB, (references include Kittell Branagan & Sargent, USAFACTS, Bloomberg Tax, LegalUnitedStates.com, among others.) The Democrats in Congress voted 100% against the OB BB, thereby voting to increase your taxes. Many Democrats continue to disseminate false rumors about tax cuts for billionaires (See comments by Mr. Roderick, Trendy Times, July 15, 2025.) Another false narrative was the lack of Texas flash flood warnings, along with FEMA's and the National Weather Service's (NWS) untimely responses, a recent study (July 13, 2025) by NBC News found that after interviewing independent and NWS meteorologists that the warnings were about as timely and accurate as

could be expected with the weather data available in real time and the massive size of the storm. Their study also found that the Texas FEMA offices were relatively well staffed, supporting the Administration's comments. Reckless and unfounded comments such as these only do a disservice to the victims.

To avoid being labeled a hypocrite, I would suggest to Mr. Roderick that he return to the United States Treasury all the savings that he realizes from the reduced income taxes, Social Security Income savings, income tax deductions, and other savings that he may realize as the result of the OB BB. Mr. Kouba had it correct when he stated that the Democrats would do well not to criticize. Their modus operandi is to oppose anything that President Trump suggests or passes legislatively, while offering no constructive solutions on their own. After seven months in office the President is on an unprecedented path of successful of accomplishments.
Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

Robert,

I fear that you are correct in your comment that many members of the Democratic party oppose what President Trump and the Republican majority in the house and senate pass. Unfortunately it seems to be the manner in which our two party system works. Whoever

comes up with an idea is opposed by those on the other side of the aisle. If memory serves we have seen such things happen in previous years with presidents of both parties. The most glaring occasion coming to my mind is the refusal of the Republican led Senate to even consider a Supreme Court

nominee during the last year or so of President Obama's term.

I am by no means saying this is how things should work. Absolutely not. There must be some common ground. Some areas of agreement. Some means by which both sides can get on board and move us forward. Simply going tat for tat

helps no one and will most likely simply slow down progress.

My hope and prayer is for some unity, and even praise when earned, rather than the constat ridicule of the other side.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Re: letter from Mr Roderick in July 15 2025 edition of Trendy Times To the Editor,

Mr Roderick seems to forget, or is simply ignoring the fact that Islamists in Gaza attacked Israel. He furthermore is oblivious to the fact that the leaders of hamas are the worst enemy of the women and children in Gaza. Hamas, and Islam, have one goal; the complete destruction of Israel, and the you-know-what of every Jew in

the world. Too many fools in the west, especially the USA, naively believe that Islam desires peaceful co-existence with the rest of the world. It does not; it wants the world to SUBMIT.

R Michael Small
Haverhill NH

R. Michael,

I understand your feelings toward the leaders of Hamas. They do, I believe, have the ability to end all the hostilities in Gaza if they choose.

However I must at least somewhat disagree with your statement about Islam and the believers of that religion. I do not believe they all feel that all others should submit to them. I believe that there are good people in almost any segment of the population. Whether those segments are denoted as religious groups, political groups, ethnic groups, or even defined by where they live, not every single one will believe all the same things. Diversity is, after all, a great asset to the human race. Let's not loose sight of that fact.

Gary Scruton, Editor

NHFPI to Host Conference on the High Cost of Living in New Hampshire

Full-day event to explore data-driven solutions for housing, health care, caregiving, and rural challenges Concord, NH – On October 24, 2025 policymakers, nonprofit leaders, business executives and advocates will gather at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord for a full-day conference hosted by the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute that will examine why the cost of living in New Hampshire keeps climbing and what it will take to make the state more affordable and equitable. Working Hard and Falling Behind: The High Cost of Living in New Hampshire will look at why so many Granite Staters are working hard yet struggling to make ends meet, present new data and analysis on the affordability crisis, and identify actionable solutions to improve affordability across the state.

"From housing shortages to rising health care costs, the pressures on New Hampshire families are significant and interconnected," said Gene Martin, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute. "This conference is an opportunity to bring data, expertise, and diverse perspectives into one room to develop strategies that make our state a place where everyone can thrive."

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Members of the public are welcome to attend. Registration is \$60 and includes breakfast, lunch, and all conference sessions.

Attendees who register by September 5 will receive a \$30 early-bird discount.

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The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "The Salt Path" by Raynor Winn on Monday, September 8 at 5:00 pm at the Bath Public Library. "The Salt Path" is a 2018 memoir, nature, and travel book by Raynor Winn. It details the long-distance walk along the South West Coast Path, in South West England, by Winn and her husband, Moth, after they lost their home, and Moth was diagnosed with fatal corticobasal degeneration.

With nothing left and little time, they make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. Carrying only the essentials for survival on their backs, they live wild in the ancient, weathered landscape of cliffs, sea and sky. Yet through every step, every encounter and every test along the way, their walk becomes a remarkable journey.

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Haverhill Corner History Day celebrates its history

HVERHILL CORNER—Haverhill Corner's Historic District is celebrating its rich history at the inaugural Haverhill Corner History Day on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The activities will be held around North and South commons, Court and School streets. The event is presented by the Haverhill Library Association, First Congregational Church of Haverhill, Haverhill Heritage/Court Street Arts, and Haverhill Historical Society.

Haverhill Corner was the county seat for Grafton County from the 1700s to the late 1800s with heavy traffic on the Coos Turnpike traveling to this town for court business in the era of stagecoaches and taverns.

For a minimal admission fee, participants receive a walking tour guide of historic buildings on School Street and Court Street, music events, the old Grafton County jail tour, horse-drawn wagon ride, and history presentations.

The Wentworth Brown house – recently renovated by Haverhill Heritage -- will feature displays of Bedell Bridge, Haverhill Corner history, Koasek-Abenaki Nation history, as well as vendors Bakestere and Windsor Lane in the Barn.

Dalton Thayer and his team from Lily Pond Farm will give horse-drawn wagon rides all day.

Live music will be at four different venues featuring: Ray Fuerschbach at Wentworth Brown house; The Sugar Maples at Wentworth Brown house; Counting by Sevens at the North Common gazebo; Sled Wrenches at the gazebo; and Scott Sulham & Friends at Parish Hall. Also Rev. Mac Starring will play the First Congregational Church of Haverhill's pipe organ and piano.

At the Alumni Hall, Barnet artist Edward Kadunc's abolitionist series including portraits of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, President Abraham Lincoln, will be on display. Local historian Michelle Sherburne will give two presentations on the Underground Railroad in the Upper Valley and a focus on the Bliss Tavern safehouse. She will have Underground Railroad displays set up in Alumni Hall.

The Bliss Tavern will feature a virtual tour of its Underground Railroad usage in aiding fugitive enslaved in the 1800s as well as displays of the history and architecture of the building. The Haverhill Academy with Pearson Hall next door, will have a school display.

The early Grafton County Jail on Court Street will be open for tours. The jail was the site of the last public hanging in New Hampshire.

North of Haverhill Corner, at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds, the Farm and Maple museums will both be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the History Day.

Food vendors will be stationed near the Parish Hall, Wentworth Brown house, and Alumni Hall. Local craft-people, businesses, and nonprofit organizations will have booths at Wentworth Brown house. Haverhill Parks and Recreation will host children's games on the South Common. Vital Communities will have their "Valley Quest of Haverhill Corner" available for families to do. The Haverhill Corner Library will be open and have tours and displays.

The Deep Sleep Inn on Route 10 across from Court Street will host an open house and the 169 Court Street house will be holding an antique books and miscellany sale in the barn.

Admission includes Historic District Buildings tour guide and entry to all events including the wagon rides with adults \$10 and kids under 18, \$5. All proceeds benefit the Haverhill Library Association, Haverhill Heritage/Court Street Arts, and the First Congregational Church of Haverhill. This inaugural event is made possible by numerous donations from local New Hampshire and Vermont businesses and residents. Chariot Arts LLC will be capturing the event on video for future viewing.

"Summer Romance"



End of Summer Concert Weekend with the
North Country Chamber Players

"Summer Romance"

Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31
Dow Pavilion, Franconia, NH

Join the North Country Chamber Players for a magical weekend of music in the mountains! The Players present "Summer Romance" — a captivating concert program to close out the season, Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31 at 4pm, Dow Pavilion, Franconia.

In the idyllic outdoor setting of the Dow Pavilion, this concert promises an enchanting experience of beautiful music and breathtaking views — the perfect farewell to summer.

Featured pieces will include Johannes BRAHMS String Sextet No. 2 in G and Richard STRAUSS Sextet from 'Capriccio'. Brahms's G Major Sextet stands as a pinnacle of his chamber music output, universally admired for its emotional depth, haunting mysterious beauty and an unrivaled rich string sonority. The work is tinged with a bitter-sweet tone, partly inspired by Brahms' failed romance with Agathe von Siebold, whose name is encoded in the first movement with the notes A-G-A-H-E.

Chamber Players performing will include Ronnie Bauch, violin, Ah Ling Neu, viola and Chris Finckel, violoncello. Guest musicians Sung-hae Anna Lim, violin, Ramón Carrero-Martinez, viola and Jan Müller-Szeraws, violoncello will join the ensemble.

The North Country Chamber Players have adopted a "Pay-What-You-Wish" ticket pricing for concerts. Free, online reservation recommended! The recommended ticket price is \$25, payable at the door but there is no minimum ticket price required for entry. To reserve seats and for more information, northcountrychamberplayers.org.

St. J Final Fridays series

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT – The last event of the St. J Final Fridays series, created by Discover St. Johnsbury, the Town of St. Johnsbury, and Catamount Film & Arts, takes place at the end of the summer on Friday, August 29, 2025.



Starting at 4:00pm, Railroad Street is closed to vehicles and filled with free interactive live art demonstrations, family fun activities, a gallery stroll, sidewalk sales, tasty treats, a beer garden, and more. At 7:00pm, the event closes out with a free Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series performance featuring Ukrainian Klezmer band Kommuna Lux.

More details can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/finalfridays, by visiting the Welcome Center (51 Depot Square), or calling (802) 748-8575.

Jody Fried, Executive Director of event partner Catamount Arts says of the series, "My heart has been warmed by the noticeable increase of young kids and their family members, often multiple generations, singing and dancing on Railroad Street. Final Friday events are a wonderful example of community arts bringing us together to celebrate this amazing place we call home!"

As with the events in June & July, a special sponsorship from Little Dippers Doodle Children's Center will provide free meals for those that need them. The complimentary meal passes will be distributed by NEKCA and the St. Johnsbury Community HUB at the event.

Truley Wingert, NEKCA Director of Development & Communications says, "Not only is this program helping feed the community, but it is also encouraging folks to participate in Final Fridays who may not have done so otherwise. This opportunity highlights how crucial communal supports are right now. If you are inter-

ested in supporting NEKCA's food access program to help hundreds of St. J residents in between events, donations of shelf stable goods or funding can be made to our food pantry at 1197 Main Street."

Additionally, RCT will once again provide a special fare-free 18 passenger shuttle making stops between St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, departing from the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center at 8:45pm following the LevittAMP St. Johnsbury concert. More information about meal passes and the shuttle can be found on the event website.

For the event on Friday, August 29, new programming at the street fair includes live music by Chickweed, family activities and crafts from Vermont Destination Imagination, RCT, and Vermont Works for Women, and fun community input activities to shape the NVDA Regional Plan. This is in addition to many returning favorites like The Foundry Workshop, Amal Eltaib, the Snakeman & The Serpent's Den, and more than 30 other organizations that offer free fun for all ages at the event. The full street fair lineup will be announced on the event website a week before the event at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/finalfridays.

At 7:00pm, the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series will continue with Ukrainian Klezmer, Balkan, and Urban Chanson folk band Kommuna Lux performing on the Catamount Arts mobile stage in the heart of the downtown, turning Railroad Street into a summer concert venue.

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt

Foundation, which partners with changemakers and nonprofits across the country to activate underused outdoor spaces through the power of free, live music—bringing people together, fostering belonging, and invigorating community life. Presenting high-caliber talent and a broad array of music genres and cultural programming, Levitt concerts are welcoming and inclusive destinations where people of all ages and backgrounds come together. In 2025, the Levitt Foundation is supporting 650+ free concerts in 50+ towns and cities with a total audience of nearly 1 million people. In addition to supporting free concerts, the Levitt Foundation is dedicated to advancing equitable music ecosystems through research and partnerships. www.levitt.org

Since 2002, Discover St. Johnsbury has stimulated and promoted the vitality of St. Johnsbury's cultural, commercial, and community resources through regional marketing, producing community events, support for local businesses, and other economic development activities. The organization combines the economic and commercial goals of a business alliance with the structure of a Designated Downtown organization. www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com

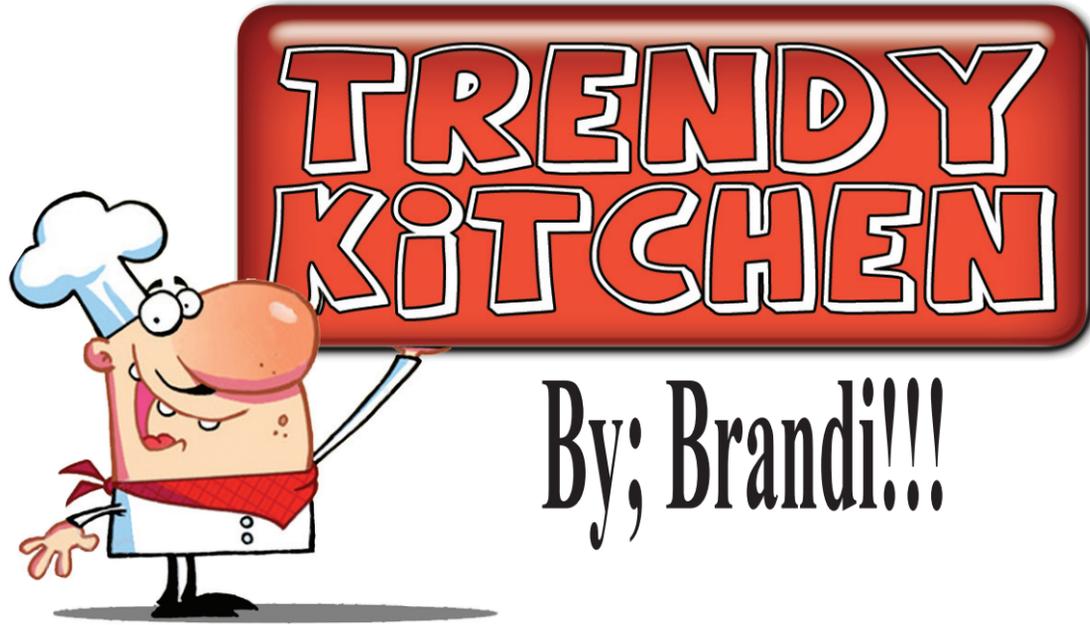
Catamount Arts serves 40,000 people annually with film, opera, and ballet screenings; gallery art exhibitions; live music, dance, and theater; arts education; and a regional box office serving 40+ organizations. Catamount proudly hosts the KCP Presents Series, First Night North, EPIC Music, and Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury, championing the essential role of arts in vibrant, sustainable communities. www.catamountarts.org

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at the Littleton Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton, NH. Refreshments and socializing will be at 6:00 PM, and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

The guest speaker will be Kelley Monahan who is the longest continually serving Constitutional Officer for Grafton County serving as the Register of Deeds for 15 years in this valuable role. She will discuss potential risks to property owners and explain the free service Property Fraud Alert. Register Monahan will discuss her successes with her ARPA restoration projects.

She was recently recognized with an award from the National Association of Counties for this 3-year project. She will answer questions on all things Grafton County including her opposition to the courthouse project. Interested persons may contact janicenovak@myfairpoint.net or call 603-823-5011 (landline, no text messages please, leave message on voice mail).



By: Brandi!!!

Up To Camp.

beautifully while keeping the flesh tender and moist. Plus, there's the primal satisfaction of cooking like our ancestors — but with a few more creature comforts.

The Fire Setup

You don't need fancy gear, but you do need good coals. The goal is an even bed of glowing embers — not a roaring flame.

1. Build your fire at least 30-45 minutes before you plan to cook.

2. Let it burn down until you have mostly coals with a few small flames for flavor.

3. Add a cooking surface: A cast-iron grate, campfire grill rack, or even flat stones heated beside the fire.

Prep & Seasoning

Simple is best — let the fire and the fish do the talking.

For camp cooking, trout, bass, and perch are perfect

choices — firm enough to hold together, yet tender and flavorful.

- Clean and pat dry your fish to help it crisp.

- Season generously with salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon.

- For extra flavor, stuff the cavity of whole fish with herbs (dill, parsley, thyme), sliced onion, or garlic.

- Brush the skin lightly with oil to prevent sticking.

Cooking Methods

1. Direct on the Grate

- Place skin-side down first, cooking 60-70% of the time on that side.

- Flip once — gently — using a wide spatula or tongs.

- Cook until the flesh is opaque and flakes easily.

2. Foil Packet Style

- Perfect for delicate cooking or if you want to lock in moisture.

- Wrap fish with

Every year our family takes an annual fishing trip in our old stomping grounds where we grew up as kids. And throughout those years, we've learned lots of great recipes, had lots of good times, caught lots of fish — but most importantly, we've cherished the time spent together as a family. One of our all-time favorite camp traditions is grilling fish right over an open fire. There's just something about that fresh-caught flavor mixed with the smell of wood smoke that makes the moment unforgettable.

Why Fire-Grilled Fish is Different

Cooking over a live flame infuses fish with a smoky, rustic flavor you just can't replicate on a gas grill. The open fire creates a hotter, more dynamic heat that crisps skin

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butter, herbs, and seasonings in foil, sealing tightly.

- Place directly on hot coals for 8-15 minutes, depending on thickness.

3. Plank Grilling

- Soak a cedar plank in water for at least an hour.

- Place fish on the plank and set it over indirect heat for a slow, smoky cook.

Pro Tips for Campfire Fish Perfection

- Don't fuss with it — let it cook undisturbed before flipping to prevent tearing.

- Use a clean grate — heat and scrape it before cooking to avoid sticking.

- Mind the wind — campfire cooking is an art in shifting heat zones, so rotate your grate or pan as needed.

- Add wood chips — toss a handful of apple, cherry,

or hickory chips onto the coals for extra smoke.

Serving Suggestions

Fire-grilled fish pairs beautifully with campfire classics:

- Grilled corn on the cob

- Foil packet potatoes

- A fresh tomato-cucumber salad

- Crusty bread for soaking up juices

Bottom Line:

Grilling fish over an open fire is more than just a meal — it's part of the camping experience. It's a chance to slow down, savor the outdoors, and taste the wild in every bite. Whether it's a rustic trout dinner after a day of fishing or a bass or perch fillet from the lake, the combination of smoke, heat, and fresh air will make it unforgettable.