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The North Country Chamber Players Present Fall Concert Weekend ALL IN THE FAMILY

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Saturday, November 15, 2pm (Sugar Hill Meeting House)
Sunday, November 16, 2pm (Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield)



Be sure to join the North Country Chamber Players for their exciting fall concerts when they will welcome the newest member of the Chamber Players family, pianist Reiko Uchida. Ms. Uchida will perform one of her signature solo pieces, Chopin's powerful Ballade in F minor. Opening the program will be Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 2, one of four works he composed for the Mozart's father's close friend, horn virtuoso Joseph Leutgeb. Artistic Director, Ronnie Bauch's father, Jason, was a Cantor and composer. In this 100th anniversary of his birth, the group will perform his string quartet on Jewish themes. Closing the program will be Dvorak's beloved Piano Quintet, Op. 81, one of the most celebrated chamber works of the Romantic repertoire, known for its masterful blend of expressive lyricism and Czech folk elements, which Dvorak somehow found time to write in between raising six children with his wife Anna, who also played the piano and sang.

Concerts will be held at 2pm, Saturday, November 15, Sugar Hill Meeting House and Sunday, November 16, Mountain View Grand Resort, Whitefield. The North Country Chamber Players performing will include Reiko Uchida-piano, Bernhard Scully-horn, Ronnie Bauch-violin, Ah Ling Neu-violin and Chris Finckel-violoncello. Guest violinist Isabelle Ai Durrenberger will join the ensemble.

The North Country Chamber Players have adopted a "Pay-What-You-Wish" ticket pricing for concerts. Seating is limited – early free, online reservations are encouraged. The recommended ticket price is \$25, payable at the door, but there is no minimum ticket price required for entry.

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Recently, on a beautiful autumn day students with their Parents who home school their children toured the Thomson Family Tree Farm in Orford, NH. Owner, Tom Thomson is on the right of photo. We shared a power-point presentation in our small Forest Education building sharing what we do on our Tree Farm, which is practice sustainable Forestry, enhance Wildlife Habitat, while creating Recreational opportunities and protecting Water quality. Throughout New Hampshire there are over 1500 Tree Farmers who manage 450,000 acres. Photo was taken by Amanda Ehret (one of the Parents)



On October 7th, Woodsville High School proudly hosted its annual National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony, honoring students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

This year's ceremony was led by returning NHS members, who guided the program with the support of NHS advisors Mrs. Mulliken and Mr. Emmerton. The event celebrated both the accomplishments of new inductees and the continued leadership of veteran members.

Veteran NHS Members (Front Row):
Elijah Vasconcelos, Ryan Walker, Makayla Walker, Katherine Houston, Riley Emmerton, Morgan Crocker, Marion Cummings Jr., Addison Eck, Alyssia Fenn, Gabriel Roy, and Jillian Roy

New Senior Inductees:
Leon Alcala, Eyrleigh Hambrick, Dylan Marshall, Grace McLellan, Michael Plachetzki, Shubh Suthar,

Cassidy Thompson
New Junior Inductees:
Ayla Burbank, Peyton Carbonneau, Riley Fagnant, Taydin Glynn, Alexis Impey, Leah LeBrun, Bryson McKean, Emily Nelson, Brooke Thompson, Emaline Tice, Arayah Wyman

NHS Co-Advisor Mrs. Mulliken shared her pride in this year's group, stating: "These students represent the very best of Woodsville High School. Their dedication to academics, their willingness to serve, and their strong moral character set a powerful example for our school community. We are excited to see what they accomplish as leaders this year."

Woodsville High School congratulates all new and returning NHS members and looks forward to the positive impact they will continue to make both in school and in the greater community.

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65 South Court St. Woodsville from 12-3.

December 7

Horse Meadow Senior Center

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Every Wednesday: 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive,

Every Thursday: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:30 Bean Bag Toss, 1:00 Food Pantry,

Every Friday: 9:30 Chair yoga, 11:00 Cribbage, 12:00 Tai-Chi via Zoom, 12:30 Mahjong, 1:00 Popcorn & Movie

OLD TIME MUSIC JAM - 3rd Saturdays OCTOBER thru MAY, 10am-Noon. "Back porch style", listeners welcome! Pope Memorial Library Community Center, 121 Park Street, Danville VT. If traveling conditions are questionable, call to confirm. 802-684-2256 or 802-535-6069

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11/15/25. 9:30am

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11/12/25 5pm

Forest Health and Pests

11/14/25. 6:00pm

Pokemon Card Swap & Meet-Up

11/12/25. 3pm

Bethany Church of Pike, NH

Community Festival of Song & Gratitude

Nov. 15th 2:00 pm

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5:30-7:00pm

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LETTERS

(and even some real words)

From The Editor

This ain't Vegas, baby!
To the Editor,

The only city I know where they demolish an entire building, and build a totally new one is Las Vegas, Nevada! Grafton County ain't Vegas, baby!

In my opinion, after following Grafton County Commissioners' Meetings via ZOOM since June of 2024 (except for the 17-week unilateral and arbitrary Blackout of ZOOM meetings by Chairwoman Martha McLeod), the following Grafton County Complex personnel should resign immediately: Maintenance Supervisor, James Oakes; County Administrator, Julie Libby; Commissioner, Katie Hedberg; and Commissioner, Martha McLeod.

In my opinion, Mr. Oakes did not do a thorough job of presenting a sound case for preventive maintenance ("pm") to the taxpayers of Grafton County over the years. Not many seem to know the extent of lack of maintenance which is needed. In my opinion, he should have gone to the public via interviews with reporters, writing articles in the various newspapers, and found other ways of alerting the taxpayers of the debilitating, worsening conditions at the Grafton County Courthouse. I guess protecting his cushy position was more important?

In my opinion, Mrs. Libby should resign for presenting such a ludicrous plan to fund the bond for building another courthouse with, not one, but two, long-term, 25-year, multi-

million-dollar loans with increasing variable interest rates ultimately costing us \$73 Million dollars. Unbelievably, she proposes this preposterous and laughable "pay-off" while we still have a multi-million-dollar, bond pay-back remaining on the building of the new jail. This is incredulous when we owe \$37.8 TRILLION DOLLARS in Federal Debt costing us \$1 TRILLION DOLLARS in interest every year! I guess they never taught her the meaning "Billions" and "Trillions" while studying for her Associate's Degree (AS) in Accounting at Champlain College?

Katie Hedberg should resign for making the motion at the Commissioners' Meeting of August 26, 2025 "...to approve conceptual design and move to bond..."

Martha McLeod should also resign, in my opinion, for seconding the Hedberg motion stated above, followed by "...we've done our due-diligence." Additionally, in my opinion, Martha McLeod should resign for her Blackout of 17 weeks of virtual ZOOM Commissioners' Meetings, thus denying accountability to Grafton County taxpayers and residents who could not be physically present at these important meetings.

Additionally, Hedberg and McLeod were the only two who voted to bond this untimely and unaffordable project.

Nick De Mayo,
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

Unlike you I have not followed the Grafton County Commissioners meetings over the past year. Therefore I can not speak as to what work has, or has not, been done in preparing this proposal for the construction of a new courthouse, and the demolition of the existing one.

I will agree that discontinuing Zoom coverage of meetings was not a good idea and I am happy that the commissioners reversed that decision.

I will point out, once again, that the final decision on whether or not to proceed with this plan is at the discretion of the Grafton County State Representatives that were elected to their various seats by the voters in those many districts. They are the only ones who can say yes, or not, to this plan.

One final note is that I have often heard the \$73 million figure used. But I do not have a firm grip on exactly how much that will be for individual taxpayers. The cost would be spread over all property taxpayers in Grafton County. I believe this number includes the interest paid over the 25 year term. As most of us know who have purchased a home with a long term mortgage, the initial cost could double when adding all the interest. There is a whole other discussion to be had as to whether or not that is a good plan.

My hope, and desire, is that our delegation will look at all the facts and make a decision that is best for as many Grafton County residents as possible. That decision should not be made simply on party affiliation.

Gary Scruton, Editor

TINY MAN, HUGE TOYS

To the Editor,

Trump is a very small man who likes very big toys.

Small minded, small spirited, insecure and frightened, the only things big about Trump are his ego, his greed, his need to feel powerful and his capacity as a universal liar.

Why are a 90,000 square foot ballroom and a gifted four-hundred million dollar flying luxury fortress necessary? They aren't. But they are wanted by a sad scared old man compensating for several shortcomings of his own. "Look here, mine's bigger than yours!"

Folks wonder why certain outrageous events keep happening in our country. Why disruptive trade tariffs? Why weaponize the Justice Department to punish officials who have held Trump accountable for his illegal acts? Why pardon hundreds of convicted felons who tried to overthrow our government? Why are there masked unidentified armed men roaming certain cities and spreading fearfulness?

The answer is dangerously simple. Create chaos. Distrust. Insecurity. Panic. And then position yourself as the only strongman able to stabilize the instability you created.

And that's becoming a dictator. A tyrant. A king. Right out of the tyranny guidebook.

Trump guts healthcare and food assistance for millions of everyday people, then gives his billionaire buddies permanent tax breaks. And those rich boys kiss Trump's feet or any other part of his aging anatomy he chooses to offer.

He now squats in the White House for a second time - did you help put him there? Did you vote for him? If you did not vote at all, you still helped him get there. And even if you voted against him, maybe you did not do all you could do to prevent his re-election.

Assuming we all get to vote again, maybe you'll vote a different way.

Robert Roudebush
Haverhill, NH

Robert,

Voting is one of several rights that I hold very dearly. The fact that it is a secret ballot is also one of those rights. I do my best in my responses to letters to not take sides, but rather to try to add to the discussion by offering a different point of view, or a different perspective. Let me do that here.

Along with a president we have a US Senate and a House of Representatives. All of the latter face an election in 2026. One third of the Senate faces election next year. I firmly believe that we will have a free and open election in about 12 months. It will be the duty and right of the people of this country to vote and let their will and desire be heard. With a very narrowly divided Senate and House, every seat can mean the difference in which party will be in control of that particular body. From there the country will move forward. It is the balancing act that our forefathers put in place and it has worked for many, many year. It is up to us, the people of the US, to be sure it keeps running that way.

Gary Scruton, Editor

To the Editor,

I have had a pit in my stomach for the past couple of weeks due to the more recent events that Trump is inflicting on people not only in America but around the world. Just when I think things can't get any worse, with him they do. First, according to MSN, Secretary of State Rubio agreed to return several MS-13 gang leaders protected under U.S. informant programs to El Salvador in order to secure Trump's deportation deal with Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele. According to a report by The Washington Post. "The deal is a deep betrayal of U.S. law enforcement, whose agents risked their lives to apprehend the gang members" This will make it more difficult to recruit informants in the future. This is just another example of the administration negating on promises that have been made. Earlier this year the Trump administration ordered Afghan refugees who entered the U.S. after the Taliban takeover to leave the country or face deportation. In early April, the Department of Homeland Security announced it would not renew temporary protections for Afghans in the U.S. many of whom had assisted the U.S. military, as translators and intelligence agents.

Then the entire East Wing of the White House, the people's house, was demolished. Trump is a tenant, he is not even a renter, as he is living there for free. He did not go through the normal channels when changes to our house is made. This is not changing a tennis court to a basketball court as Pres. Obama did, or adding a swimming pool as President Roosevelt did in the 1930s, or adding separate outdoor pool as President Ford did in 1975. This is total destruction. Some construction workers said they signed non-disclosure agreements. Construction was started on the \$250 million ballroom that Trump is adding to the White House. The 90,000-square-foot addition is nearly double the size of the original 55,000 square-foot

Richard,

Your last statement is very concerning. I have no doubt that for many, many years the government, or government agencies has been able to access much information about all of us, whether we know it, or allow it, or not. But this sounds much more obvious and maybe even threatening. Please be safe.

In regards to the other acts of President Trump, I know that the American people are warching. November 4, 2025 will have some small effect on our future. Tuesday, November 3, 2026 will tell us even more. We are a strong people that make up a strong country.

Gary Scruton, Editor

White House. According to CBS the cost is being funded by Google, R.J. Reynolds, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lockheed Martin, Palantir and NextEra Energy plus other firms in the tech, manufacturing, banking and health industries. I wonder what they are expecting in return.

The extrajudicial killings by bombing small boats in the Caribbean continues and has expanded to the Pacific. According to Factcheck.org the known death toll is now 61. Michael Becker, an assistant professor at Trinity College Dublin School of Law, told BBC Verify, "The fact that U.S. officials describe the individuals killed by the U.S. strike as narco-terrorists does not transform them into lawful military targets. The U.S. is not engaged in an armed conflict with Venezuela or the Tren de Aragua criminal organization." The Trump administration has yet to provide any public evidence to support its assertions that the individuals on the boats were cartel members and that the vessels were transporting drugs.

Every person who believes in our constitution should be alarmed that Trump is raising the specter of running for a third term, clearly in violation of the constitution.

Recently the states that received Federal disaster relief were based on politics. Illinois, Maryland, and Vermont were denied their request while states such as Alaska, Nebraska, North Dakota, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, were approved for major declarations.

It is time that people realize we are no longer a democracy, but that fascism and oligarchy is happening here in our country.

Meanwhile, Big Brother has arrived, an Administrative Employee at USDA (my former employer) and a Government Policy Specialist in the Government Administration Industry have viewed my LinkedIn account.

Richard M Roderick
Wells River, Vermont