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Remote Learning at a Whole New Level

By Amanda Cashin

Bath, NH - Remote learning during the COVID-19 crisis has challenged teachers evervwhere to think and act in new and innovative ways. Bath Village School's teacher, Kristen Avery, recently took her third Graders on quite a remote adventure.

Bath resident Mike Lusby writes, "So I've been helping out some of my grandkids and their parents during this off-site/learning/teaching new world we live in now. I am so enjoying it.....and this enjoyment went to a new level when one day my third grade Bath Village School grandson, Berkley, and I, had a Social Studies visual assignment with his teacher, Kristen Avery. We were instructed to get out his weekly packet of studies, and what turned out to be a treasure map and pages of clues, left both Berkley and I in wonderment.

"Once the entire class had logged into their class video chat, I could see excitement on Berkley's classmate's faces, The same look that Berkley was, at that moment, also displaying. The computer screen came into focus and there before us, at Mrs. Avery's house, was a large scale wooden-looking ship. Behind, hung a large pirate flag and standing in



Bath Village School third grade teacher, Kristen Avery is shown as the Captain of the pirate ship that took her class on a remote adventure. **Courtesy Photo**

the ship was a pirate, pirate bandana wrapped around the head, and a proper eye patch to complete the proper look.

"The pirate for this adventure turned out to be Mrs. Avery. The kids, by now, were used to seeing Mrs. Avery broadcasting from her home each day as they did their new way of studying and learning. But....this was different....a pirate ship and a pirate there in the house?

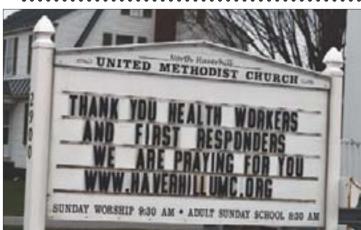
Once we all got our bearings, the class was told to get out their treasure maps and list of

"On that day Mrs. Avery (their teacher) became a pirate and sailed the seas with her crew. They went on a treasure hunt to find the forbidden chest that lies somewhere. First, they had to follow the clues and compass rose to go the right way. Secondly, once they got to one of their destinations, they marked it with a number and looked for the clue. The clue would lead them to the other clues until they found

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Support - Rob Lewis RN of Haverhill Corner sends this photo and says, "We hung a white ribbon to support first responders and health care workers. I attached nine sheets of paper, end to end, folded into shape, and then trimmed sharp edges. I hope the community will join me."Lewis is a Nurse at Bath Village School and his partner Bob Lennon is a nurse at Cottage Hospital. Courtesy photo



And Thank You

The sign in front of the North Haverhill **United Methodist** Church expresses the sentiments of many in the community and area towards those on the front lines of fighting the pandemic.

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On Sunday April 12, 2020, Colby Heathe of Airport Road in North Haverhill enjoyed a parade of various fire apparatus from North Haverhill, Woodsville, Wells River and Woodsville Ambulance as well as about 50 private vehicles from all over the area. Celebrating your 13th birthday during a pandemic isn't fun but this community came together and made it special for this young man. (Above) Colby receives balloons from the Woodsville Fire Department Engine One and at right Colby is shown with his parents, Kaylee and Nate Heathe.

Courtesy Photos



NCHC opens helpline

REGION - On April 22, the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) opened a new helpline for communities in northern New Hampshire. Funded by a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the "AskPETRA" helpline is the first step in a larger project that will include the AskPETRA.org website, scheduled to go live in May. Calls and emails to the helpline will be answered by trained Community Health Workers who will guide callers to the resources they need for substance use disorder treatment, recovery, and education, as well as for those seeking resources due to COVID-19. Additionally, AskPETRA can provide information and connection to local resources like food pantries, available transportation,



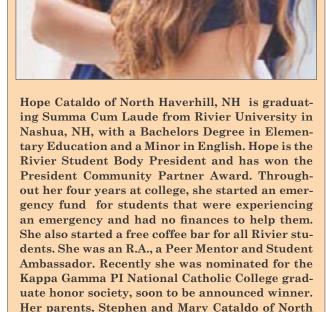
Korina, a trained Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach, is ready to answer phone calls for AskPETRA, the North Country Health Consortium's new helpline.. Courtesy Photo

health care, fuel assistance, and

"NCHC's AskPETRA helpline was created to provide individuals and professionals in our local communities with access to timely information, resources, and support for Substance Use Disorder and basic daily living needs," said Nancy Frank, CEO of NCHC. "By creating a regional call center, NCHC can help connect people with existing programs and services to make sure that anyone looking for help can receive it, for both substance use disorder and the current COVID-19 pandemic."

The helpline will be open weekly from 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. AskPETRA can be contacted directly by phone at: (603)259-1729 and by email at: AskPETRA@NCHCNH.org. During off hours, callers can leave a message and a Community Health Worker will respond on the next business day during open hours.

The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates



Haverhill and her Family are so proud of her con-

tinued accomplishments and know she will be an

amazing teacher, mentor and friend. Hope is sup-

posed to graduate from Rivier University on May

9th, but because of the pandemic it is not sure now. **Courtesy Photo**

with health and human services providers serving northern New Hampshire. For more information about AskPETRA, contact the AskPETRA Program Man-

ager, Annette Carbonneau: AskPETRA@NCHCNH.org or (603)259-3700 x221, and stay tuned for the launch of AskPE-TRA.org website.



Hearts adorn the windows of Colatina To Go (Above) and The Space on Main (Below) in Bradford last Saturday, April 18, 2020. The Bridge Weekly/Peter Kimball



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Turkey Hunting Open Soon

Youth spring turkey hunting weekend in Vermont and New Hampshire is this weekend, April 25 and 26 and the regular spring turkey season is May 1-31. I encourage youth hunters and their adult mentors to stay safe by keeping a safe distance from others and be aware of ticks.

To participate, a youth must be age 15 or under and must have completed a hunter education course and possess a hunting license, a turkey hunting license and a free youth turkey hunting tag. All of these are available on Fish & Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com or from any license agent.

I remind everyone that "Landowner permission is required to hunt on private land during youth turkey hunting weekend." Don't start a youth hunter off by teaching them to break the

The youth must be accompanied by an unarmed licensed adult over 18 years of age. Shooting hours for the youth weekend are one half hour before sunrise to 5 p.m. The youth may take one bearded turkey during youth weekend and two bearded turkeys in the regular May hunting season. Last year, young hunters took 579 turkeys during the two-day youth hunt.

The regular spring turkey hunting season in Vermont is May 1-31. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to 12 noon, and two bearded turkeys may be takA shotgun or archery equipment may be used in the youth or regular spring turkey hunting seasons. Shot size must be no larger than #2 and no smaller than #8.

Vermont hunters took 5,496 turkeys during last year's spring seasons.

New Hampshire's regular spring season is also 1-31 with legal shooting

one half hour before sunrise to 12 noon. Shotguns must be between 10 and 20 gauge. The allowable shot size for taking wild turkey is #2 or smaller size.

During the youth hunting weekend the young hunters are required to purchase a turkey license in order to participate, although they do not need to possess a hunting license. Youths must be age 15 or younger, and must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult age 18 or older. The adult may not carry a firearm.

The limit for New Hampshire's spring turkey season is one bearded turkey.

COVID-19 Causes Online Reporting For Vermont **Turkey Hunters**

Hunters who bag a bird in Vermont's April 25-26 youth turkey weekend and the May 1-31 spring turkey season must, by law, report their turkey within 48 hours to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. In the past, this could be done at a local reporting station. This year, because of COVID-19 precautions, hunters are required to report their turkey electronically through the department's website, www. vtfishandwildlife.com.

The information needed to report turkeys online is the same as what has been traditionally collected at check stations including license, tag and contact information. harvest details, and biological measurements.

There are a few things hunters can do in advance to make submitting a report easier such as having their Conservation ID Number handy (located on their license), knowing what town and Wildlife Management Unit the bird was harvested in, and completing all the necessary measurements such as beard and spur lengths, and weight. though not required, the department also requests that hunters use the online reporting tool to upload a digital photo showing the bird's beard and properly tagged leg. Hunters who provide a valid email address will receive a confirmation email when they successfully submit a turkey harvest report using this new online reporting tool.

The department encourages anyone who experiences problems reporting through the online tool to contact a local State Police dispatcher to be connected with a State Game Warden for harvest reporting assistance.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department urges hunters to hunt only if they are healthy, hunt close to home, travel and go out alone or

with a family member you are already in close contact with. If you do hunt with someone you do not already live with, take separate vehicles to your hunting location and make sure to maintain at least six feet between both of you.

New Hampshire Offering Online Reporting As An Option

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has filed an emergency rule with the State Legislature to allow hunters more flexibility in registering their New Hampshire-harvested wild turkeys.

"For the Spring 2020 season only, hunters will have the option to register their turkeys at a physical registration station or online. Regardless of which registration method hunters choose. harvested turkeys MUST be registered within 24 hours and hunters must register their first harvested turkey prior to harvesting a second bird."

Hunters who choose to register their turkey at local registration stations will find the process has not changed. The same information will be collected as in previous years, and turkeys registered at a check station will still receive the official leg seal as validation the turkey was legally registered.

For the Spring 2020 turkey

season only, hunters may opt to register their birds online. Hunters will be asked to provide all the same information online as they would if registering at a physical location. The tag that is issued with the hunter's turkey license must be securely affixed to the bird as no official leg seal will be issued.

When registering your turkey online, you will be required to save the final confirmation page as proof of legal registration. This confirmation page must be immediately printed or saved to your mobile device as a screen shot.

Bits and Pieces

New Hampshire has set its waterfowl seasons. The regular duck season is 60 days long with a daily bag limit of six birds. The Canada goose season is 60 days long with two birds in the daily bag. The season dates and bag limits as well as a map of the waterfowl zones can be viewed at www.huntnh.com/ hunting/waterfowl-season.

The Northern Zone waterfowl season opens on October 2 and runs through November 30. The Inland and Connecticut River Zone waterfowl season opens on October 6 and runs through November 8, and then reopens November 17 through December 12.

Mark Breen reports in the Fairbanks Museum and

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Planetarium's Skywatch Almanac that on April 23, 1996: "One to two inches of rain fell on this day, part of the wettest April ever on a state-wide basis. A cold, wet backwards spring kept rivers near flood much of the time. delaying spring activities."

Parting Shots

As noted above, New Hampshire and Vermont are allowing online reporting for this spring's turkey seasons. Although many states allow online or call in reporting of game be it deer or other commonly hunted species, this is uncharted territory in the twin states.

I understand the necessity because of the pandemic but I am concerned it makes it easy for those who hunt illegally to avoid being caught. I hope neither state ever goes that route for reporting deer and bear.

A friend sent me the following. "I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks back on March 8 we'd go from Standard Time to Twilight Zone." Sad but true.

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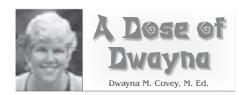
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The Bridge Weekly Sho-Case (TBWS) publishing space is valuable for our many staff-generated articles, selected contributions and advertisements, which help to provide the paper to readers at no cost to them.

Because TBWS is free and mailed to many, we have a Letter-to-the Editor policy that seeks to limit the forum to those letters about issues which have been included in our paper. We will also consider a letter which the Editor feels might have an interest to readers.

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And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my John Muir

I spent a couple of hours today wandering among our woods, ducking in and out of spaces and places that I do not typically adventure on my own. I tend to stay on the well know paths, old skid trails from logging operations, dirt bike and ATV tracks from when the kids were young or roadways that the husband has opened up to improve the land. I was tapping in to my adventurous spirit and convinced myself that the deer, black bears and coyotes would not mind if I traveled their paths in spite of not being able to actually ask them for permission.

I didn't want to tread on the wild things trail making efforts to access food and friend parties, and I had mixed feeling about the potential (albeit it a small one) of meeting one of them eye to eye as I veered off the beaten human paths.

The pine needles on the ground of the old trail leading to the deeper woods, looked like a magical carpet, hardly disrupted and perfectly framed by the tall trees and the sun breaking in. I stood there for a few moments. I looked up to • watch the clouds (ever eager to see what shapes and stories they will show me) grateful to see their white fluffiness dancing among the sunshine. I took a few deep breaths and told myself how fortunate I am to be here, right now, in this place.

The partridge were drumming (one of my favorite sounds), the tweety birds • death, I will fear no evil: for were being a little shy and • thou art with me; Thy rod the geese were honking loud- and thy staff they comfort ly toward our pond. I hoped the geese were not lunching on the peeper frogs who have $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ I watched closely as the been blasting their musical • grizzly bear tore into its interludes loud and proud lunch. And when I say I into the quiet of our country surroundings.

I picked up what looked to be a piece of driftwood (no • My family was visiting shore or beach near me) with • a duck-like head like of a handle of a walking stick. As I snapped a picture, I noticed at me all while pretending to

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HAVERHILL DENIES INCOM-PLETE INTENT TO EXCA-VATE APPLICATION. ALL OTHER GRAVEL REMOVAL PITS BEING RE-EVALUAT-**ED AND ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW**

A discussion at the April 13, 2020 Haverhill select board meeting brought forth several areas of concern about operations of gravel pits in the town. It was noted that the planning board has been working for about a year on the permitting process for all public use gravel pits within the town.

The pit review includes plans for pit reclamation, reclamation bonding, defining excavation areas and more. Some of the discussion at the Monday night meet-

ing was centered around the Blaisdell gravel pit operation that has been operating on land between Benton (Route 116) and Airport Roads.

An intent to excavate permit denied during last Monday night's meeting was submitted by David Whitcher of Warren, one of the owners of the 174-acre lot from which 8.8 acres, he noted on the application, would be used for excavation. The intended site is located in the vicinity of Brushwood Road.

He indicated he would be removing a total of 85,000 cubic yards of sand, gravel, loam and stone products from the property. Selectmen voted unanimously to deny the intent to excavate form. Board discussion indicated the board needed more information on the form.

Haverhill Town Manager Brigitte Codling indicated that the Haverhill planning board and town administration are charged with making sure all gravel pits are operating within the boundaries of the law and in a responsible manner.

She offered that the town is

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Hard Times

Noting the scarcity of toilet paper and disinfecting wipes, I asked Dad if he'd experienced any rationing shortages as a boy during World War II. He described the time that he went to town with • the rare sum of two dollars in his pocket and encountered a man whom he knew. Dad was amazed to discover that the man possessed a bunch of bananas, a precious commodity at that time and place. Dad gladly exchanged his money for the wondrous treat and became a hero to his family, who enjoyed the bananas as their most pleasant extravagance during wartime.

Discussing covid-19, Dad revealed that Grandpa Hahn became infected with the Spanish Flu when he was a young soldier. The doctors expected Grandpa to die, but he lived to sire Dad and his two siblings, who produced 16 offspring, many of whom are now grandparents themselves. All of these descendants exist because Louie Hahn survived the earlier pandemic.

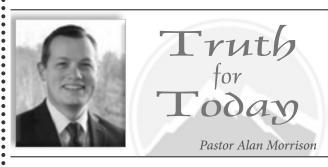
When our conversation touched upon the financial effects of coronavirus, Dad related how our family persevered during the Great Depression. Grandpa was a road foreman whose crew built

several roads in Vermont, including the road between East Thetford and Thetford. but work was scarce during the Depression. Grandpa's wife, Jeanie Darling, was a school teacher who wrote a magazine article titled "How To Survive The Great Depression" and sold it to Farm Journal Magazine for \$500. This was a lucrative amount then, considering that Grandpa had purchased his brick house on 28 acres for \$1,200!

Grammy's article described their commercial garden and poultry operation, as well as an apple orchard, a herd of goats and hives of bees. Grandpa liked to tell how, while reading instructions to him from a book about beekeeping, Grammy noticed a bee in her hair. Tossing the book 20 feet in the air, Grammy retreated to the house.

Eventually the goats ate the apple trees. Consequently, Grandpa shot the goats, so the orchard and goats were long gone by the time I came along. We still raised chickens and a commercial garden during my childhood, though. One time a fox was raiding the henhouse, and Grandpa spent all night on the roof of the henhouse, waiting in ambush. His perseverance was rewarded, as he shot the thieving fox. I feel inspired by the examples set by my grandfather and father to persist through hard times.

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With Me

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of me." (Psalm 23:4)

watched closely, I mean I watched from a close distance.

Yellowstone National Park, and like everyone else, we pulled over and got out of our car to view the beautiful the big fat tick looking back • sight of this powerful animal. Tagging along with mv uncle who wanted to get a good picture, we ventured within probably 50 yards of this bear. Being only seven or eight years old, I didn't realize it was too close, however, my mom who was waiting in the car did. My uncle's excuse upon our safe return to the car was the bear didn't care about us because he already had

his lunch. Needless to say, that wasn't the humor she needed to calm her nerves.

I was not afraid because my yellow cans and papers. uncle didn't seem afraid. I was oblivious to the danger $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ I would also like to give a because of who was with me.

In a similar, though, much greater way, God's presence in a dark valley of life is our • greatest comfort. We can walk through the difficult day and the dark hour, not because we are strong within ourselves but because we can

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Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to praise all those individuals who have joined in the trash pick-up effort this spring. In 1987 my family moved to Swiftwater Road and began our long legacy While it may seem like a bit $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ of road side trash cleaning. of a stretch, I think of that • This year alone we have moment in my life when been out six times to keep I read Psalm 23. David's ahead of the trash. Over familiar psalm uses the the years the character has analogy of being a lamb in $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ changed from a few papers the flock of God, and though • to a growing number of fast he is lead through a dark food wrappers and alcoholvalley full of danger and ic cans. It is sad to see this predators, he will not be ongoing problem. We live afraid because the Shepherd • in one of the most beautiful is with him. When I was in • areas of the country but it the field with a grizzly bear • is bombarded with blue and

shout-out to Joe Towne, Mickey Leafe and Chris Cate of the Woodsville Road Crew who have also done trash clean-up a number of times this spring. One day when my buckets were full, they followed me up Briar Hill Road and continued the cleaning. Being discouraged trust in the Good Shepherd. • with the amount of trash I had picked up on Swiftwater Road they gave me a boost • as they continued the job I had started. Our Road Crew

does a great job in all they do in Woodsvile.

Again thank you to all who are keeping our area beautiful. It is truly a great place to live, especially when it is

Lynn Wheeler Woodsville, NH

Dear Editor,

The move of Covid-19 positive inmates to the Northeast Correctional Complex in St. Johnsbury has met with a measure of resistance from the community that may be aimed at the staff

The staff at NECC is as much on the frontline as medical professionals, grocery store staff, and any other group that puts their own and their families' safety at risk. They are front line workers with the added burden of tending to a population often not well regarded, but still deserving of care.

In my 15 years as a volunteer at the NECC I've come

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Thelma Marcia Klark

Thelma Marcia (Beaton) Klark peacefully passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 13, 2020. She had resided at the Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill, NH since 2011.

Thelma was born August 21, 1926 in Burlington, VT to Angus and Marcia Beaton. Her early childhood was spent in Cabot, VT and the surrounding area. When she was 12, her family moved to Woodsville, NH, where she attended local schools. She graduated from Woodsville High School in 1944. While at WHS she was a member of the basketball and field hockey teams. Following graduation she was employed by the Farm Bureau/Extension Service in Woodsville.

In 1945 Thelma traveled alone by train across the country to marry Winthrop Klark, who was an aviator in the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed in Enid, Oklahoma. They wed on April 21, 1945 at what is now Vance Air Force Base. As Winthrop continued his military duties, they also lived in Colorado, Nebraska and later in Alliance, Ohio, while Winthrop attended Mount Union College.

After Winthrop completed his military service, the couple settled in Woodsville and raised four children. She and her husband owned and operated a photography studio, and Thelma was later employed as a clerk in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds, a bookkeeper at H.O. Taylor Chevrolet and a secretary at SAU 23. She and her husband also owned and operated Lemay Sales Company and Scotty's Discount Store in Woodsville.

In 1981, Thelma and Winthrop became permanent residents of Brooksville, Florida. For 13 years Thelma was employed as an executive secretary at St. Leo College, where she enjoyed taking art classes and attending cultural events. She and Winthrop spent summers in NH for several years, and when Winthrop's health declined, they returned to New Hampshire permanently in 2010. Thelma lovingly cared for her husband, always putting his needs before her own.

Thelma was an accomplished artist and seamstress. She was creative and had a flair for interior design. Her art pieces are cherished by all lucky enough to own one. She fashioned beautiful curtains & drapes, and sewed everything from beach

cover-ups to wedding gowns. She enjoyed being a homemaker and her pumpkin pies, potato salad and baked beans were unmatched. Thelma could do almost anything, from hanging wallpaper to laying cement blocks. Nothing fazed her and she made whatever she did look effortless.

Thelma was a beautiful soul - an angel here on earth for 93 years. She was young at heart. She had a kind word and a smile for everyone. She was witty and had a keen sense of humor. She carried herself with poise, grace, composure and class. She kept a positive outlook and her faith in God sustained her, even in the face of adversity. She and Winthrop were members of the United Methodist Church in Woodsville, where Thelma was a member of the Methodist Girls' Club. They also were members of the Weslevan Church in Brooksville.

Thelma was predeceased by her husband, Winthrop Klark, her son John Klark and his wife Janet, sisters Erlene Scheller and Virginia Kidder, brothersin-law George Scheller, Sr., Donald Kidder and Neil Estes, sons-in-law Alfred "Butch" Trombley and Rodney Mann, and a grandson, Keith Trombley. She is survived by three daughters, Joanne Mann, Amy Wright (Allen) and Lindsay Trombley, a sister, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Estes, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Thelma's family would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the staff at the Grafton County Nursing Home for their excellent care of Mom. For anyone wishing to make a donation in Thelma's memory, please consider the Grafton County Nursing Home Association or Activities Fund, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, No. Haverhill, NH 03774.

No public services are being planned at this time.

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.



Clarence Thurston

Corinth, VT-Clarence Thurston, 93, of Corinth died April 12, 2020 at Barre Gardens Nursing Home in Barre, VT.

He was born October 30,

1926 in Corinth, VT the son of Glenn and Elizabeth (Wilson) Thurston.

On October 4, 1945 he married Olis Claffin of Corinth, VT. After attending schools in Corinth, he purchased the family farm he was born at, and continued farming throughout his life.

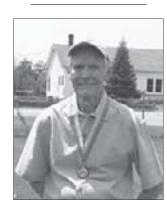
Clarence was well respected for his kind and caring nature, his sense of humor, and his bear hugs.

Survivors include two daughters, Fleeta Thurston of Fairlee, VT and Sidonie MacRitchie of Montpelier, VT, two sons, Sidney Thurston of Corinth, VT and Burton (Harriet) Valliant of Illinois, a sister, Shirley Eastman of Corinth, VT, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two sons, Roberto and Armon Thurston, a daughter, Zelta Corliss, three brothers, Clyde, Clifford and Norman Thurston, and two sisters, Doris Lezer and Helen Carleton.

Following Vermont state guidelines, private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family, and limited to 10 people. Attendees will wear face masks and practice social distancing. There are no calling hours.

Hale Funeral Home of Bradford, VT is in charge of arrangements.



Charles R. Frost

Barre, VT- Charles R. Frost, 88, died on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the Berlin (VT) Health and Rehab Center.

Charlie was born in September 4, 1931 in South Ryegate, VT. He attended school there and graduated from Wells River High School in 1949. Charlie served his country during the Korean Conflict during the 1950s as a member of the US Army. A hotel resort worker for many years in Arizona, Florida, and New England, he moved to Barre in 1962 and had lived there since that time.

He worked for the Vermont State Police in Montpelier for ten years and another eleven years for Vermont State Buildings Department before retiring in 1990.

He enjoyed the outdoors and landscaping with stone, hav-

ing built several miniature stone buildings, varying in size. Many of these structures were part of an 18-hole miniature golf course built over several years on the hillside next to his home. In retirement, he loved spending time working and relaxing at his camp in the Groton woods and always looked forward to sugaring in the springtime. Charlie enjoyed bowling and pitching horseshoes and competing in tournaments and was an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan.

He was a member of the South Ryegate Presbyterian Church, the Barre City Horseshoe League, the National Horseshoe Pitching Association, and the Vermont HPA, and many bowling leagues over the years.

He was predeceased by a sister, Pauline Adamese; and two brothers, Lemuel Ellsworth Frost and Calvin R. Frost.

Survivors include his brother, Hamilton R. Frost and wife Thelma of South Ryegate; a sister, Bernadine Rodgers of Edwardsburg, MI; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held at the Pinehurst Cemetery, South Ryegate, VT with date and time to be published at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Charlie's name may be made to the Vermont Food Bank, 33 Parker Road, Barre, VT 05641 or to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Road, Barre, VT 05641.

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Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.



Emmett Eugene (Gene) Williams

Martinez, CA - Emmett Eugene (Gene) Williams, 83, of Martinez died March 28, 2020 at the Veterans Administrations (CREC) Tahoe Unit in Martinez, CA.

Gene was born in NY, the son of

Emmett Eugene Williams and Laura (Faulconer) Williams.

Gene attended the University of New Hampshire, Whittemore School of Business and Economics, Plymouth State College and Advanced Combat Flight Training in the United States Air Force. During his service he received the Combat Air Medal with 4 OLC, Air Force Commendation Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Service Medal among others. As a Captain in the Air Force, he was able to fly all over the world and travel. Both of which he loved. He spent many years traveling both while in the service and after. He made several trips driving across the United States over the years and lived in Japan, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Texas, Kansas and California.

After a divorce from his first wife Ann Crandell, he married Carol VanDyke, his wife of 42 years.

He worked for the State of New Hampshire as an Area Office Manager: Jones & Lamson as Assistant Director of Manufacturing; Ivek Corporation as President and General Manager; Owned and Managed Access Business Forms; Director of Operations at Geolith Consultants. Inc., and as the Administrative Assistant for Contra Costa County ORC. His dedication, management and problem solving skills were of great benefit to the companies he worked with and for. He was knowledgeable about everything from farming to engineering and everything in between and loved the challenge of problem solving.

He was competitive, hardworking and loved to play tennis, squash, racquetball, badminton; cards, chess, or debating, it didn't matter what the challenge was, he was up for it. He loved his family and spending time with them. He will be greatly missed by us all.

He was predeceased by his parents, mother and father in-law, his first wife Ann Crandell and his brother Frederick Jackson Williams.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol Williams, Martinez, CA; and daughters, Deborah (David) Turner, Groton, VT, Laura Wilder, Quechee, VT, Marie (Terry Chay) Williams, San Francisco, CA and Anne Williams, New York, NY; and his son Douglas (Mary) Phoenix, Hartford, VT, as well as his grandchildren, Nathaniel Donley, Hannah Williams, Sarah Wilder and Aaron Wilder, Brandon (Hannah) Phoenix, Meghan (Tyler) Rogers, Great Grand-daughter Zoey Rogers, sisters and brothers in-law and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to Thank All of the staff at the (CREC) Tahoe Unit in Martinez, CA for the care and compassion Gene received.

Burial will take place at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, VT at a date to be announced.



Charlotte Louise Bishop

North Haverhill, NH - Charlotte Louise (Bean) Bishop passed away on April 16, 2020 after a very brief battle with cancer at the Jack Byrne Center at DHMC in Lebanon, NH.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1940; one of seven born to Richard A. and Beatrice M. (Huntington) Bean. Charlotte was a longtime resident of North Haverhill and a lifelong seamstress. She was last employed with Grafton County Nursing Home. She would also be remembered for working at Bills Restaurant, Woodsville Industries, Woodsville Shoe Shop, Bradford Veneer Mill, Maska, Tracy's Sewing, and Callabro Cheese.

She enjoyed watching NA-SCAR (all except for Kyle Busch), spending time with her family, cooking, baking, bird watching, word searches, gardening, sugaring, baking birthday and wedding cakes, rides on Jeff's gator, sewing and teaching her grandchildren the difference between scissors and sewing sheers, rollin' through Facebook, playing bingo and yelling B-6!

She leaves behind a large family including; loving partner Joe Aguilar of Woodsville; a son, Jeffery Bishop and wife Cindy of North Haverhill; two daughters, Janelle Bagley of Bradford, Michelle Warden and husband Bill of Woodsville, NH; Five grandchildren Jason Bishop and girlfriend Sarah Tilton, Johnna and boyfriend Chris Pearl, Zach Bagley, D.J Davidson and girlfriend Megan Smith, Danielle Burroughs and husband Timothy; Seven great-grandchildren Adam. Garrett, Cooper, Preston, Cole, Alex and Jericho. Five siblings, Earl Bean and wife Nancy Carol "Diddy" Bean, Shirley Stever, Penny Hodge, John Bean and wife Pam and a long list of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents, husband Ronald, brother Merton Bean and son Michael Bishop.

At this time there will be no services. A graveside service will be held at Center Haverhill Cemetery at a later date for the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grafton County Nursing Home and Woman's Cancer Research Fund (wcrfcure.org).

Pillsbury Funeral Home, Littleton, is in charge of arrangements.

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Edwin Herbert (Bert) Hylander

Peterborough, NH-Edwin Herbert (Bert) Hylander, 90, died peacefully April 15, 2020 at RiverMead in Peterborough, NH after a long illness.

He was the son of Edwin H. Hylander and Ellen (Nelson) Hylander. Bert is survived by his wife, Joan (Weaver) Hylander.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on December 26, 1929, Bert grew up in Garden City, Long Island, NY.

He attended Colgate University and graduated from Hofstra University with a

degree in business. Following graduation, Bert served three years in the US Army, two of them in Germany in the Army Security Agency. After his discharge, he worked for General Motors as a claim's adjuster. He later joined the Western Electric Company in New Jersey, filling many different management positions, largely in finance in New York, Minneapolis, and Morristown, NJ. During his years with the Bell System, he and Joan lived in Westfield, NJ where he was active in community affairs.

Retiring from corporate life in 1987, he and Joan moved

to Seabrook Island, SC to pursue his dream of being a low handicap golfer. At Seabrook he served on the Board of Governors helping oversee the renovation of the Crooked Oaks Golf Course.

In 2013, the Hylander's returned to New England to be nearer to their family and summer home on Lake Morey in Fairlee, VT. When not on the golf course, Bert was an avid gardener and loved spending time with family and friends. He served on the board of the Lake Morey Protective Association and during that time introduced the Adopt-A-Lake program to manage the control of Eurasian Milfoil in the lake.

Bert is survived by his wife, Joan Hylander, of Peterborough, NH, three children, David Hylander and his wife, Helene of Hillsborough, NJ, Wendy Ozimek and her husband, Jim of Chadds Ford, PA, and Peter Hylander and his wife. Maureen of Crested Butte, CO, three grandchildren, Dana, Alexis and Mark Ozimek, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Fairlee, VT this summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Morey Foundation, PO Box 234, Fairlee, VT 05045, or, to the Peterborough Food Pantry, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH 03458.

Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home, Bradford, VT.



Beverly Mae Piper

Lyme, NH - Beverly Mae Piper, 85, died April 17, 2020 with her daughter, Patty Dyke, granddaughter, Brittany Piper and greatgranddaughter, Gemma Piper by her side.

She was welcomed with open arms by her oldest daughter, Pamela Piper, her youngest son, James Piper, and her husband, William Piper

predeceased her.

She was born in Piermont. NH on May 3, 1934, the daughter of Mason Balch and Bertha (Hart) Balch. She was predeceased by her brother, Mason Balch,

would find Bev in her kitchen singing the old songs with her grandchildren. She loved to take them up "Blackberry Hill" to pick berries and then make one of her famous berry pies. It was of great comfort to be able to leave our children with her as we went off to work. Family was very important to her.

She enjoyed the birds in her feeders, the deer that would visit, and the occasional bear. She was a dog lover, especially her Collie dogs.

Bev was a long-time Lyme resident. She loved

Lyme, her home and her neighbors. She enjoyed a good laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor and wit.

She is survived by her son, Reg Piper of El Cajon, California; grandsons. John Piper of Strafford, VT, Brandon Dyke of Orford, NH and Billy Piper of El Cajon, California; granddaughters, Miranda and Samantha Piper of Orford, NH; and greatgrandchildren Alice and Tyler Piper of Strafford, VT and Weston Dyke of Orford,

At her request there will be no services.

After the current social distancing has concluded, in Bev's memory take the time to visit a loved one. It means a lot to them.

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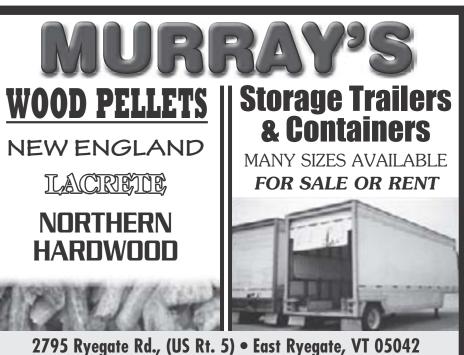
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Berkley Sawyer is shown on his treasure hunt.



BVS Third grader Gavin Smith shared his treasure hunt with his family. Pictured are his dad Matt, his sister Maia, and his brother Finley.



Tom Thomson of Orford sent this photo he took recently of two males and one female Wood Duck at Lower Baker Pond in Orford.

Courtesy Photo

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the treasure. The treasure chest was full of valuable items, including toilet paper. After the crew was done finding their Captain's booty, they had to find their own treasure by making their own maps and clues to find their booty."

Mike's grandson, Berkley Sawyer, writes, "On the day Mrs. Avery became a pirate and sailed the seas with her crew. They went on a treasure hunt to find the forbidden chest that lies somewhere. First they had to follow the clues and compass rose to go the right way. Secondly, once they got to one of their destinations they marked it with a number and looked for the next clue. The clue would

lead them to the other locations where they would find another clue. Until finally they found the treasure. The treasure chest was full of valuable items including toilet paper."

Mary Cataldo, an Instructional Assistant at BVS, explains further, "Every day Mrs. Avery reads a book to her third grade class. [One day] however, she took 'Pirates Past Noon', a Magic Tree House Book by Mary Pope Osborne, and made it come alive.

"Dressed in her pirate costume, aboard her pirate ship, she set sail on the stormy seas to find the hidden treasure. The skull and crossbone flag howled in the wind as the ship dredged forward on the choppy seas.

"Landing on the shores



on and on, finding more

clues until......

Bath Village School Third grader Michael Williams found the treasure

Courtesy Photos

"Yes, the treasure chest near the Avery abode. was hidden and found on she took out her treasure the doorstep of the Avery map and began her hunt. The mates joined in re-Homestead. Upon prying it motely as she proceeded open, the secret treasure of to find clues and walk jewels and toilet paper were the Avery land mass. revealed!!!!!!!!!!! She went North, South, Southeast, Northwest

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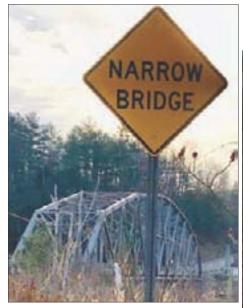


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Whither normalcy?
The other side of ourselves?
Shall we cross this bridge?



Photos by Steve Peck

Spring buds emerging.
Earth's colors abound once more.
Reuniting soon.



My cross. Yours, too? Though It doesn't really matter. In this together.

Steve Peck of Wells River, VT sends the photos with three poems, the Haiku, a Japanese poem with three lines and a total of seventeen syllables. Line one has five syllables. Line two has seven. Line three has five.



Early Edibles from the **Garden and Woods**

Okay, you may not want to go to the grocery store so much anymore. Tired of eating canned beans? Want something new for your taste buds? Here are some early things I look forward to each spring. These plants are all perennials, so if you don't have them, you will need to plant them this year for future years.

Parsnips that I planted the previous spring are always one of my first garden treats. I harvest them as soon as the soil thaws. Yes, it's an old fashioned vegetable, but it's tasty if prepared properly and easy enough to grow.

Plant parsnip seeds in early summer for next spring's fare. But if you have seeds saved from last year, don't use them. Although most vegetable and flower seeds are good for three years, parsnip seeds are only good for one year – as are onion and parsley seeds.

Parsnips take an interminable time to germinate – three weeks, on average. The roots survive winters in the ground, but the seeds like warm soil to germinate. And as with most

root crops, no one starts them indoors to get them going early. Just plant them in the ground in late May or early June. Thin to two or three inches between plants by the Fourth of July.

As to eating parsnips, don't overcook them. Steam lightly or sauté them in butter and coat with maple syrup at the last minute. The syrup will glaze them and make the dish fit for a queen. You can cook them with carrots or add fennel seeds for a change of pace.

Next I go to my woods for a real treat: ramps. These are also called wild leeks, and are related to onions, leeks and garlic. They grow wild in moist, dark soil, often alongside streams in maple and beech forests. They often grow in huge swaths, thousands growing in one area. But they are slow growing, so don't over-harvest them.

For several years I dug up and planted about 50 ramps plants each year in my woods, and they have multiplied by offsets nicely. Two or three years ago I started harvesting seeds in late summer and sprinkling them on the soil and covering with just a little forest duff. These





(Left) Parsnips; (Above) Ramps growing in my woods; (Right) Sorrel in early spring Courtesy Photos





have grown and are doing nicely, though they are still too small to eat.

If you want to start some ramps in your woods, find a friend who will teach you how to recognize them. Ramps have pointed green leaves roughly the shape of a canoe and six to nine inches long. They grow from a single point, each plant having two to four leaves. Frequently the base of the stem is maroon, but it may be green. And the key is this: they smell like garlic. You need to dig down four inches or so in the soil to harvest the bulbs, which slightly resemble

I use ramps the way I use onions – I add them to stir fries, scrambled eggs and stews. The nice thing is, you can eat the leaves, not just the little bulbs.

Another early spring treat is a perennial green called sorrel. Although seeds are available, I recommend buying plants at your local garden center if possible because it takes a long time to get big plants from seed. This plant's leaves are very tart and almost lemon flavored.

When cooked, sorrel leaves cook down to almost nothing. Fortunately, I found a recipe in Deborah Madison's fabulous cookbook, Vegetable Literacy, which takes advantage of sorrel's sharp flavor, but mixes it in with other veggies to bulk it up. Here is what you can do:

Melt one tablespoon of butter in a pan, add five ounces of leeks (I always have some frozen from my garden) and one cup of water, and simmer 10 minutes covered on medium heat. Add 1.5 cups of peas and three cups water and simmer for five minutes. The stir in two to three cups sorrel, allow to wilt, and puree in a blender. Finally stir in a little cream, crème fraiche or yogurt.

The last of my early spring

Medical Reserve Corps by contact-

treats is another old fashioned one: rhubarb. Like sorrel, this has a tangy, sharp flavor. I love it in pies, tapioca pudding and jam. Some cooks spoil it by cooking with strawberries, but I feel that diminishes its flavor.

Rhubarb is easy to grow. You will need to buy plants or get roots from a friend - although rhubarb produces flowers stalks and seeds by the gazillion, it does not easily reproduce that way, though I'm told it can be done.

Amend the soil with lots of compost and/or aged manure. Add some organic fertilizer, too, as the roots will be in the same soil for decades - rhubarb lasts forever. I have some plants over 25 years old and going strong. Full sun is best, but like any leafy green it will produce in part shade. Four hours of sunshine will be fine.

One of my favorite rhubarb uses is to make punch. Chop up a few stems and boil in an equal quantity of water. Once it gets mushy vou can strain it and add more water and some sugar until you have a nice drink. I just use a little sugar – I like the tea plenty tart. I like to use red stems for the tea, as it looks so nice in a glass or cup. Most people who grow rhubarb have plenty, so you might beg a few stalks if you don't have your own - yet.

Reach Henry by email at henry.homeyer@comcast.net. His website is www.Gardening-Guy.com.



Said to be one of the world's fastest birds, a Peregrine Falcon is photographed still in Barnet, VT recently by Belinda Emmons. www.rabbitrungallery.com

North Country Public Health Network uses UCS to manage COVID-19 response in Northern NH

REGION—With an eye on the health and safety of Northern NH, the North Country Regional Public Health Network (RPHN) is keeping stride with its mission, while events surrounding COVID-19 continue to unfold. The North Country's RPHN is one of 13 in New Hampshire. RPHNs were established to provide a way for public health services to be delivered at the local level, including measures to prepare for, and respond to, public health emergencies.

COVID-19 is casting a light on RPHNs, which are relatively unknown to the public. Behind the scenes, the North Country RPHN has been ramping up activity; the North Country MACE-or Multi-Agency Coordinating Entity—was activated on March 18th with five overarching entities at the helm. The City of Berlin, the Towns of Bethlehem and Lancaster, Littleton NH Emergency Management, and the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC), together, share the responsibility to manage the regional response to COVID-19. Together, these entities have assembled a team to staff a Unified Command Structure (UCS) - a mechanism for managing hazards that is in use across the country. Staff of the UCS include employees from Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS), Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH), NCHC, and will involve others as the need arises.

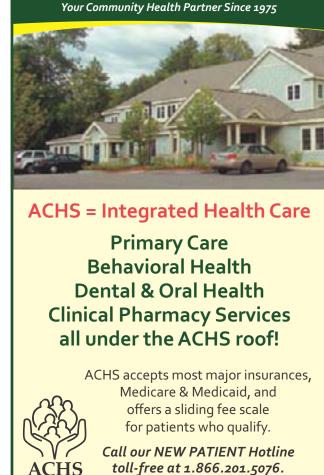
"The Fire Service is used to using the Incident Command Structure during daily local responses. A response this complicated that involves the entire North Country PHN requires the staff and resources of many agencies working to coordinate all aspects of this pandemic," said Chief Jack Anderson of the Bethlehem Fire Department and Emergency Management Agency who assumes one of the Unified Commander roles on the regional COVID-19 response team. "I want to thank the leadership of the North Country Health Consortium for quickly identifying the need to bring in outside assistance with expertise in helping develop this Unified approach to planning and response." Representing an active collaboration across agencies and the region, the Unified Command structure assumes several roles between its members. In order for community members to receive timely information and risk communication, the UCS is the chief liaison between the municipalities of the North Country Public Health Region and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The UCS is working to ensure that guidance and directives provided at the Federal and State level reach local officials.

The UCS helps to identify process and emergent needs for response by initiating and maintaining contact with healthcare facilities and agencies. Under its Operations Section, the UCS assisted in the planning and setup of additional beds and resources with the five local hospitals, including Androscoggin Valley Hospital (AVH), Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH), Weeks Medical Center, Littleton Regional Healthcare (LRH), and Cottage Hospital. The UCS is also working with local organizations in order to address needs for personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect their at-risk employees and volunteers. Healthcare facilities, EMS

agencies, law enforcement, and municipalities without access to WebEOC—the online crisis-management platform used to submit PPE requests to the State of NHare encouraged to contact the UCS for assistance by emailing: COVID19@NCHCNH.org.

Volunteer recruitment and management also falls under the Unified Command Structure. Community members and partners interested in volunteering for COVID-19 response efforts in the region can learn more about available medical and non-medical opportunities with the Northern NH ing: COVID19@NCHCNH.org The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers serving northern New Hampshire. To stay up to date with the latest information and recommendations for NH regarding COVID-19 visit: NCHCNH. org and click on the 'News' tab, and NCHC's Facebook page: NorthCountryHCNH. Please direct any questions regarding the regional response to COVID-19 to the Northern NH RPHN





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to know many inmates and staff. I'm not surprised that there is a "staggering level of dedication, compassion, and integrity... in the 'hot zone," as Karen Holmes, Volunteer Coordinator, writes.

Karen goes on, "I'm so filled with pride to be part of this team right now." I am proud for them too, for accepting this challenge with grace and commitment, and I hope that, rather than looking on the NECC staff as walking vectors, they are seen as the frontline heroes they truly are.

Catherine Kidder West Newbury, VT

Dear Editor,

To the voters of the Precinct of Haverhill Corner

I have been a member of the Haverhill Corner Fire Department for over forty years. I must say I have enjoyed my time spent serving the precinct, the town, and neighboring communities. I received along the way an education about fire behavior, and managing many types of emergencies. The hours are not always good or convenient and you are needed at a moment's notice.

I can tell you with about 100% certainty that no member of the Haverhill Corner Fire Department wants this so called merger to happen. It is not a merger, you the voters are being asked to relinquish control of your Fire Department without getting anything in return. No guarantee that you will have a station at the southern end of town. A merger to me is something that happens when two parties come together with a well worked out plan and then join forces. This so called merger is not that. We the members of the HCFD have known of this idea for a long time. It has come up at our monthly meetings several times a year for the last two or three years. Having an idea is in no way a plan. A plan to me is used to minimize the consequences of an idea or an action and to avoid unintended ones. I am writing this from memory, I no longer have the copy of the Journal Opinion. I looked for it but it has not been archived yet. If I am incorrect I stand corrected.

I think the voters in the precinct should know why the town wants to take over their Fire Department. According to the article in the Journal Opinion the town manager said it would (1) help the town come together, (2) the town has no fiscal control over the money after it is released to the precincts, and (3) to reduce redundancy among the three departments. So please explain to the voters the following:

(1) How do you bring the town together if you only include two of the three Fire Departments? Are you not missing one third of the Fire Departments in town? Why? This looks more like divide the town and then conquer the remaining third.

(2) How can it be said the town has no control over the funds? As I understand the budget process, it goes something like this. The chief and officers draw up their budget, it goes to the precinct commissioners to go over, then on to the fire department budget committee, then off to the town budget committee, and then to the board of selectmen to be put in the warrant. With so many eyes on the town's money just how much control do you need. Are you saying that the commissioners of North Haverhill and Haverhill Corner cannot be trusted but the Woodsville commissioners can be trusted with the town's money? I do not think that is the issue. I think someone has a control issue. Please let the voters know what the problems are so they can make an informed choice

(3) On the subject of redundancy just ask anyone in the fire service and they will tell you the whole of the fire service is built on redundancy. Because the job is inherently dangerous any chief officer wants backup for everything in case something goes wrong. Remember Murphy's Law, if anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. Then there is Murphy's Corollary, when it goes wrong it will be at the worst possible moment. Please, voters of Haverhill Corner just ask your commissioners what items in the fire station are redundant. Ask them to list the items that need to be reduced. Maybe I can help with the list. Do we have too many fire fighters, too much hose, too many nozzles, how about air packs, too many fire engines, no we only have one, how about tankers, we do have two of those but the extra 1800 gallons comes in real handy at a fire? Hey, I think I have it Haverhill Corner has too many Fire Stations. That must be it, the one Fire Station that Haverhill Corner has is one too many for the town.

Now voters, in conclusion the key word here is redundancy. Redundancy to me means too much personal and too much equipment of the same kind. Haverhill Corner cannot just carry the hose, North Haverhill the nozzles, and Woodsville the hydrant wrench. We all need to carry the same basic tools. In this instance the word also equals tax dollars. This is why you the voters need more information, you need to know what the plan is before you decide, before you vote. At times like this I love the bumper sticker, Question Authority. Your select board and commissioners are running in the dark. They got an idea and started running. By asking a question you turn on a light. Ask your commissioners why they put this on the warrant with no information. Tell them you want a committee to look into this issue, you want to know what

questions they are asking. You want facts not opinion. You want a report with recommendations, the reasons for those recommendations, and the plan for what the future will look like. By the way is there anything in the towns ten year plan regarding this issue. You would like this report to be available for next year's town report. The report can then be read by the voters of Woodsville and Haverhill Corner, discussed over the year and put on the 2022 precincts warrant. Now remember North Haverhill has already voted for this. What are they getting that the rest of us don't know

Newbury keep an eye to the east of you. You have three fire departments. You are in the same boat. Learn from Haverhill's mistakes. Well enough for now. More to come later.

Anthony Smith, A forty plus year member of the HCFD Piermont, NH

Dear Editor,

I can not begin to tell you how outraged I am over the proposal to close three rural State College campuses in : central and northern Vermont for the sole benefit of western Vermont namely, Castleton University and the town of Castleton and Chittenden County

I am a 1973 graduate of VTC - Randolph Campus.

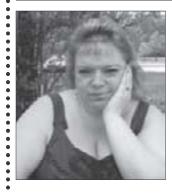
Last year we saw the closing of Green Mountain College, Southern Vermont College and St Joseph College.

Now the Vermont State College System Chancellor wants to close the VTC Flagship Randolph campus, plus the Lyndon and Johnson campuses of NVU and move the programs to Castleton University and VTC Williston. What will this accomplish other than the transfer of wealth, taxes and people For more information or to to Chittenden County and Castleton while Randolph, Lyndon and Johnson lose jobs, taxes, and revenue plus end up with closed businesses and migration of young • mation Care of Woodsville adults and families out of • assisted the family with arthese towns and either moving out of state or to western Vermont?

Vermont is trying to encourage agriculture and young farmers and the plan is to close the VTC Randolph Campus. No mention was made about what happens to the Ag Programs and the farm and VTC is not just dairy anymore. Also Randolph is where all the Technical Labs are. How you do run programs that were built on learning by doing?

The VT State College Trustees will meet on April 27th. I hope April 27th will not become known as Black Monday-- The Day of the Great Transfer- the day when higher education, wealth, and tax base were all transferred from small struggling

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Esther P. Brown

Claremont, NH- Mrs. Esther P. Brown, age 57, passed away suddenly on April 18,

She was born in Woodsville NH on April 14, 1963 to Curtis Mardin and Dorothy (Tattersall) Mardin.

graduated from Esther Littleton High School. She married the love of her life. Edward Brown in 1981 and had two children.... Edward and Lydia.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and family. She also loved her sewing, crocheting, and other crafts. She especially enjoyed making things for her grandchildren and family.

She loved going to the beach and picking shells while listening to the waves.

Esther is survived by her husband Edward Brown of 38 years; a daughter Lydia Doyen and her husband David of Whitefield; a son Edward Brown and his wife Crystal of Berlin; five grandchildren- Hayleigh, Christian, Bristol, Zoey, and Rebekah; her father Curtis Mardin of Littleton; her mother Dorothy Mardin of Littleton; her brother Warren Mardin of Fairlee VT; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Central and Northern Vermont communities to Chittenden County and the western side of the state. This is a travesty. While the closings were not done under the cover of darkness they are being done under the cover of COVID-19.

I urge all Vermonters to contact their State Representatives and Senators, the Governor and the VSCS trustees to stop this ill conceived transfer of wealth, tax base, education, and people from communities • struggling from the east and central Vermont to the west side of the state.

Richard M Roderick Wells River Vermont.



Jeanette Lucy Hatch

Alexandria, NH - Jeanette Lucy Hatch, 84, of Karl Gordon Road, died on Friday, April 17, 2020, at Grafton County Nursing Home, North Haverhill, NH.

Jeanette was born in Strafford, VT on September 12, 1935, a daughter of William Clarke and Bertha Alice (Harriman) Cook.

On, April 29, 1953, she married Roland N. Hatch and made their home in VT, dairy farming. The family moved to Danbury, NH in 1967. Jeanette worked as a chambermaid and in food services for over 25 years for Newfound School District, retiring in 2009. She enjoved gardening, her flowers, watching and feeding the birds, and baking holiday

Jeanette was predeceased by her husband, Roland N. Hatch on January 23, 1996 and her two grandsons, Kevin Clifford in 1996 and Ryan Haynes in 2005.

She is survived by her five children, Barbara A. Logan and husband James of Plymouth, NH, Neil W. Hatch and wife Cathy, Brenda J. Haynes and husband Donald, and Jason S. Hatch and companion Michele Gallup all of Danbury, NH and Douglas M. Hatch of Alexandria; seven grandchildren, Amy, Jennifer, Joshua, Adam, Justin, Melissa and Jacob; five great grandchildren, Ashlynn, Nathaniel, Paige, Davis and Bode; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; along with a sisterin-law, Elaine Hatch.

There will be no calling

A graveside service will be held in the Ladd Street Cemetery, Haverhill, NH at a later date. Service information will be published at that

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grafton County Home Association, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy., North Haverhill, NH 03774

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.



Richard Rennie LaBarre

Newbury, VT- Richard Rennie LaBarre, 74, died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, April 17, 2020.

Richard was born in Ocean Grove, NJ on November 27, 1945, to Alma (Hagerman) LaBarre.

He was a graduate of Neptune (NJ) High School. On April 2, 1966, he married Bonnie Lee Ayers.

For many years, Richard worked for Local Union Pipefitters #9, Foster Wheeler International, and for Pizzagalli Construction.

He was a life member of the Elks Club in Barre, VT and a member of the Pipefitters Union.

In his free time, Richard was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie L. LaBarre of Newbury; three sons, Brian M. LaBarre and wife Debbie of Jackson, NJ, Mark G. LaBarre and wife Kristin of Hopkinton, NH, and Paul D. LaBarre of Windsor, VT; four grandchildren, Tegan deOgburn, Garret LaBarre, Morgan LaBarre, and Kolin LaBarre; three great grandchildren, Carter LaBarre, Avalvn LaBarre, and Logan deOgburn; a sister, Suzanne H. Tilton of Toms River, NJ; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at a later date.

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Cottage Hospital receives \$1million coronavirus 19 state loan

By Bernie Marvin

Woodsville, NH - Cottage Hospital has been awarded a \$1million loan from a State of New Hampshire loan fund to help it deal with the financial turmoil of the coronavirus 19 world pandemic.

The loan is part of a statewide hospital relief program that saw other hospitals in the area receive much of the \$50 million loan being made available for the healthcare units. Receiving \$750,000 funding each were North Country hospitals that included Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook.

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu said the state healthcare relief fund includes \$50 million in state funding, but it may fall short of what is needed for the more than 250 healthcare organizations that have applied for funding assistance from the program.

Cottage Hospital Chief Financial Officer Ann Duffy told The Bridge Weekly that the New Hampshire Governor issued an Emergency Order # 9 which established a \$50 million Covert 19 Emergency Health Care System Relief Fund. Healthcare providers could apply for a loan or a grant. Cottage Hospital applied for a \$1 million grant on March 30.

The purpose of the hospital's request was to assist with funding payroll and key supply vendors during this pandemic. "The state approved Cottage Hospital for a \$1 million zero-interest loan on April 10 and the loan is due and payable 180 days following the end of the governor's emergency order."

At this time, she said, the state may convert the loan to a grant. The state will base their decision on the determination of whether or not the hospital receives adequate federal funding for Covid 19 relief.

Cottage Hospital Administrative Director Karen Woods said she was pleased that the loan was approved. She said the hospital has been very busy meeting the demands of the Covid 19 world pandemic.

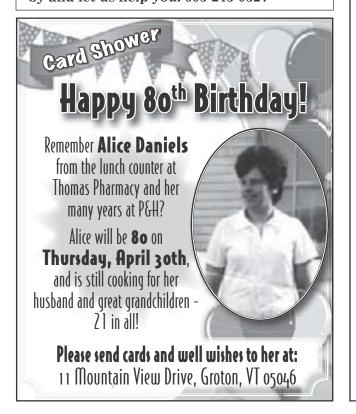
Many rooms in the hospital had to be converted to a surge or flex area to accommodate the possibility of the hospital accepting a large number of Covid 19 patients. Surge Readiness was a team effort and required input from department directors and providers. Assistance from the New Hampshire National Guard's logistics team help to refine the plan and now "Cottage Hospital feels ready," Woods said.

The effects of the pandemic on the hospital at this point revolves around the extreme decrease in the use of hospital services. With social distancing and recommendations to hold off on elective care, outpatient care has seen a drastic decline.

However, Cottage Hospital being nimble and creative, was quickly able to implement Telehealth in several departments. This allows patients to complete a visit with their provider over a HIPPA secure virtual platform. The hospital invested in the securest of platforms to ensure no data breaches could occur.

Many patients have reported they like the flexibility of virtual visits and have been

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appreciative to have the option. Administrative Director Woods said Cottage Hospital wants to remind their patients, however, that the hospital is open for business.

If a patient needs medical care "we are here for them • as always." If a patient needs to be seen, they should : reach out to their provider. If a patient has an urgent matter after hours the emergency room is open and • the planning board and the ready to assist. "Patients" are reminded if they have symptoms such as a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, Woods said, they should call $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ lic use gravel pit owner for before coming to the hospital $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ the purpose of providing a to give staff a chance to recommended reclamation prepare for their arrival."

Speaking about the nation's lack of personal protective equipment during the beginning of the coronavirus 19 • spread, she said the hospital receiving the recommendastaff has a very good supply tions and further evaluation of personal protective equip- of each pit, the planning ment. "we stocked up several $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ board decided it needed to years ago and are thankful $\stackrel{\bullet}{\ \ }$ review the reclamation plans that we had done so."

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delinquent, by years, with permitting Haverhill gravel pits and that the planning board under the direction of Gary Hebert has been working to rectify that over the past year.

In a discussion of the history of the gravel pit review process, she said that the town of Haverhill on behalf of gravel pit owners hired HEB Engineers of North Conway to evaluate the reclamation plans provided by each pubbond amount for each pit. The cost was passed on to and paid by each gravel pit

Codling indicated that after • with a gravel specialist who

could review the plans and verify the bond recommendations for each public use pit in Haverhill.

response, Codling said, Haverhill contracted on an hourly basis with Mary Pinkham-Langer of Pinkham Assessing Services LLC of Wolfeboro Falls to perform this in-depth review. It is through that review that several questions arose about the various gravel pits and their operations.

The planning board, with the town manager's support, have sent everything off to the town's law team, the Mitchell Group of Laconia for their legal review and opinions for the next step. The planning board wants to act appropriately

and fairly, Codling said, "we are not gravel experts and so we all feel that in order to know exactly what action to take, if any, we needed legal

She said the Mitchell law team will be at the town office building on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 to look over documents related to all of the public use gravel pits and will hopefully be able to provide the planning board with some direction, Codling said.

The ultimate goal is to get all public use gravel pits permitted, she said, making sure they have appropriate reclamation plans, adequate bonds in place and are operating within the extent of the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

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Town of Haverhill, NH

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Sweeping must be completed no later than Friday, June 12, 2020.

Scheduling shall be coordinated with the Haverhill Road Agent, Colton Grant 603-728-7350. Bids must be **LUMP SUM** for all works listed above; no partial bids will be accepted. Bids must be received no later

Please submit proof of insurance with your bid, including General Liability and Worker Compensation (if required). You MUST put your business name AND a contact name on the outside of the bid envelope. "Haverhill Sweeping" MUST be marked on the outside of the bid envelope. A contact number or email address should be on outside the bid envelope so we can send you the ZOOM link. No faxed bids will be considered - No exceptions will be made.

PLEASE MAIL BIDS TO:

Town of Haverhill, Town Administration Office Attn: Brigitte Codling, Town Manager 2975 Dartmouth College Highway North Haverhill, NH 03774

Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

At this time bids will be opened publicly over ZOOM web conferencing.

TRUTH FOR TODAY CONT. FROM PAGE 4

At a time when many will feel isolated and alone as they face fears and dark trials, here is a needed reminder of God's presence in the lives of those who trust in Him. If the Lord is your Shepherd there is nothing to fear. Yes, He may choose in His infinite wisdom to lead you through a trial that you would never consider braving alone, but because He is with you, there If at this time you would

is nothing to fear.

This does not mean we should be crazy and see how close to a grizzly bear we can get in search of that perfect picture. We don't tempt God by doing something foolish. But should the path of life that He leads us on take us through the dark valley, even the dark valley of death, we keep our eyes fixed on Him and there find strength.

like someone to pray for you, please take a moment to contact us at Calvary Baptist Church. We would love to pray for you and show you how you can know the Good Shepherd in a personal way.

Alan Morrison is the pastor of the Calvary Baptist $\begin{tabular}{l} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \end{array}$ minute there. Church in Woodsville, •
NH. Contact Pastor Alan • I zig-zagged the woods a bit with any questions or • more and made my way back comments at pastor@cb- • into the open to see seven cwoodsville.org, or visit • geese gracefully swimming our website at cbcwoods- around the pond and honkville.org.

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be the duck's eye. I did not respond with love - I lost sight of nature's beauty and the concept of oneness for a

ing loudly (likely telling me

These times of being physically distanced can build fear and create chronic stress responses in our bodies. We are fortunate to be near nature where we live, to be able to get outside in open spaces to coup the health benefits of all that Mother Nature has to offer. If it is not possible to get outside, take a few minutes to sit near a window and open it up to catch

to just go away - I didn't for a breeze). Let your mind go a bit and let your soul soar.

> Dwayna M. Covey is a humorist, coach and writer who seeks the lighter moments in life when the bigger moments are upon us. She encourages humans to use peace, love and laughter to live their best lives at home, work and play. Dwayna can be reached at 802-522-7496 or at vtpeacegirl@gmail.com

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Haverhill acting on 2016 junk removal order

By Bernie Marvin

Haverhill, NH - A Grafton County Superior Court Order issued back on October 28, 2016 demanding the County Road property owned by Kevin and Ralph Wright be cleaned up of accumulated junk will be enforced, according to Town Manager Brigitte Codling. Large amounts of miscellaneous junk on the property that intrudes into the County Road right-of-way have been an issue for several years, Codling said late last week. The town was notified in 2017 that the Wrights had been in contempt of the court order issued the previous year.

A new order was issued by the court on December 5, 2018 declaring that the Wrights were told to comply immediately with the order, but a year later, the court said, they had failed to do so. At the time of the contempt order, the court granted the defendants significant further time to bring the property into compliance indicating that after the date of July 15, 2019 the town could seek additional relief including entry on the premises and removal of the remaining materials at the Wrights' expense to bring the property to compliance.

The court said since the property is not now in compliance, town may enter the property during daylight hours with 24hour advance notice to better determine what materials are on the defendants property and how best to remove the materials. The order also allowed the town staff, employees or agents to enter the property to either conduct an auction of items stored on the property, to bring the property into compliance and/or to remove and dispose of the items on the property that have caused violations. The orders said that proceeds from the sale and removal of the items, if any, shall first go to pay the town's expenses for the removal and the sale. If there are excess • proceeds, those shall be paid to the property owners.

Codling told The Bridge Weekly that she visited the property twice last year, the first visit was to inventory the materials per the court order, she said. She said she walked the property with the owner and Haverhill Road agent Colton Grant. She gave Wright the opportunity to clean up anything within the road right-of-way to show a good faith effort to clean up the property. She said she went back two months later evaluated the situation and determined that he tried some cleanup but was not successful.

The board then decided to move forward with the auction and to clean up the property. However at that time, she said snow started flying in the fall of 2019 and the project had to wait until the spring and summer of 2020. Town Manager Codling said she included \$15,000 in this year's budget to clean up the property. She is now working with Haverhill Health Officer Gary Hebert to determine a date and best method to finish executing the terms of the court order. Codling said there is a desire to clean up all the properties in town where junk is being stored.



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Sue Ford is a candidate for NH State Senate

Sue Ford of Easton announced on April 3 2020 that she is a candidate for the State Senate seat in NH District #1. Sue is currently a House Representative from Grafton District #3, representing Bath, Benton, Easton, Landaff, Orford, Piermont and Warren. Representative Ford has been a member of the NH House Children and Law Committee, and she is currently Chair of the NH House Finance Committee Division II. Division II is responsible for crafting the House budgets of the Department of Safety, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Education, among others.

Ford's work examining the Education Department budget led to her interest in running for Senate District #1. "It's clear that the current adequacy funding for New Hampshire's rural communities is not sufficient," she states. "There is a Commission looking at state funding of education, with a member from our area. However, the Commission will only make recommendations, it will be the House and Senate that will need to implement those recommenda-

tions." As an educator - a teacher. a principal, and a central office administrator for over 40 years, Ford offers a background in education and experience on the House Finance Committee that will help her ask the right questions and support north country communities and schools by demanding adequate funding while keeping local property taxes in check. In the House, Sue supported efforts to end property tax downshifting, easing the burden on local taxpayers.

Educational funding is not the only rural issue that is a concern, Ford says. "We need to develop economic opportunities without sacrificing our natural environment. Cell and Internet service is spotty. Health care costs are rising." Some of these issues will likely need to be addressed on the federal level - Ford has worked effectively with the NH federal delegation and will continue to do so. Currently 71 current NH Representatives have endorsed Sue Ford for Senate.

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The Woodsville Wells River Fourth of July Committee would like to announce plans for the celebration of Independence Day, 2020. However, due to the current COVID-19 crisis, we can't.

We would like to tell you about the activities at the Woodsville Community Field and the Gigantic Parade on Route 302 in Woodsville and Wells River with a theme of "American Super Heroes", but all of those

plans are on hold until our states get back to some sort of normalcy.

We can at this point say that we hope to, at the very least, be able to have our gigantic fireworks display. Of course

we're not sure if that will happen on July 4th. We're not even really sure that it will happen from its normal firing spot in Wells River. But we do know that we want to celebrate, for the 40th consecutive year, the

birth of our nation. The small but dedicated committee does plan to meet via electronic method again in early May to talk about what the current status is in both states. There is a plan to make an announcement about the activities for the 4th of July by May 15th. So please keep checking our

website (www.wwr4th. org) or like us on Facebook.

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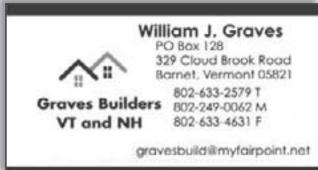




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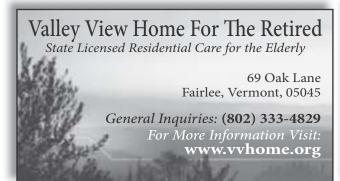
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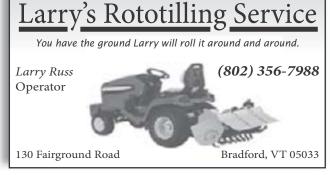
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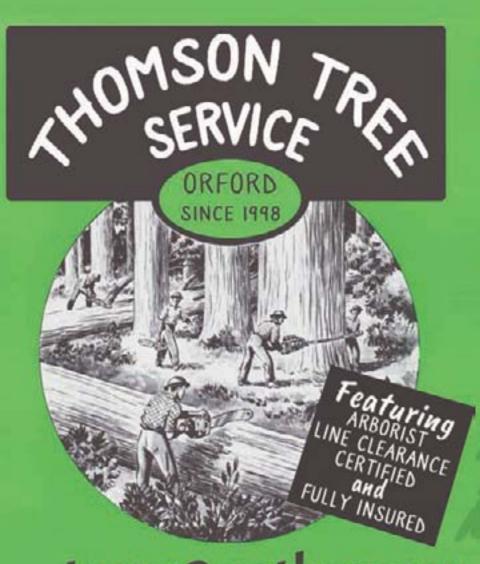


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