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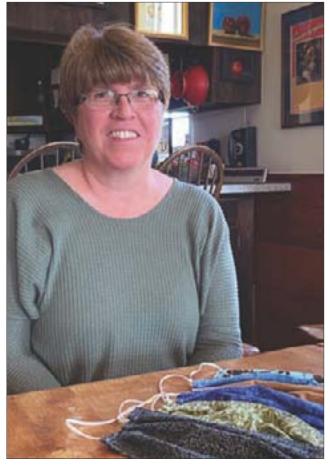
Haverhill, During the Covid-19 pandemic there has been a great call for face masks and many people have stepped up and pulled their sewing machines out in order to answer the call. Janice Hatch of North Haverhill is one who chose to use her talent and time to make 400 masks for various organizations and a number of friends.

Janice is a quilter and has a lot of scrap fabric that she realized would be perfect for making masks once she heard of the need for them.

At the beginning of April she began the process of producing face masks, which have been distributed throughout the community.

Initially, she was inspired to make masks for her co-workers at the Oliverian School where she serves as the Business Manager. When she saw an article in the paper about the need for masks for the Cottage Hospital she decided to keep sewing.

She has also supplied the North Haverhill Fire Department and many other



friends and family members. Recently, Janice mailed out masks and hand sanitizer to each of the students from the Oliverian School as a way to keep in touch and to let them know that they are missed.

It is not surprising that she stepped up to help when she saw a need. Janice is a community minded person who believes in the strength of volunteerism. She says, "I

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like doing for the community and it is probably therapy for me too."

275 masks to the Woodsville Dannehy, Scott Simano, and Cottage Hospital. The remainder of the 400 total was given wherever they were needed Rich Roy. including a dozen to the North Haverhill Fire Department.

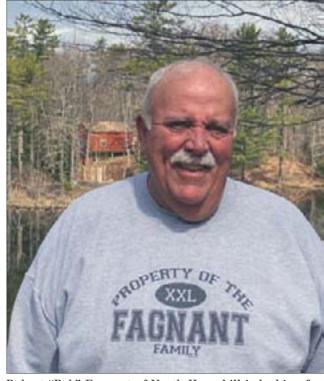
> The Bridge Weekly/ Shauna Kimball

Robert Fagnant - Retiring After Over Four **Decades of Service to Woodsville Water & Light**

By Shauna Kimball

Woodsville, NH - Working for one company throughout an entire lifetime career used to be the norm. In today's world, "the median number of years that wage and salary workers have worked for their current employer is currently 4.6 years", according to an Economic News Release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This statistic certainly gives perspective to the fact that Robert "Bob" Fagnant of North Haverhill has recently retired from his position as Superintendent of the Woodsville Water and Light Department after devoting a total of 41 years to the organization and its 600 water customers and 1000 electric customers. Over the course of those four decades. Bob has worked with and for thirteen different commissioners including: Linc Butson, Herman Pudvah, Mike Griffin, Don Harry, Olin Bylow, Winifred Moran, Bob To date, Janice has supplied Miller, Brad Kennedy, Mike the current commissioners, Tom Mayo, Joe Maccini and

> The Woodsville Water and Light offices were located near the Woodsville/Bath Covered Bridge from 1929-



Robert "Bob" Fagnant of North Haverhill is looking forward to travel, family time and carpentry opportunities after having retired from the Woodsville Water and Light Department where he has served the Village of Woodsville for 41 years, 31 of those as superintendent of the depart-The Bridge Weekly/Shauna Kimball

1989. The Hydro and Water Intake are still there. While the new building, which is located on Route 10 across from WalMart, was being built, the offices were lodged in a building behind the old People's Market under the underpass. The department moved into the new facility, which also houses the

Woodsville Highway Department, in January of 1990.

On May 1, 1979 Bob was hired by the late Hayden Waterhouse, who was head

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Pvt. Kyle Emerson, son of Peter and Nicole Emerson of Bradford VT graduated from USMC Parris Island SC on May 1 2020 - Honor platoon 3037 of LIMA CO. 3rd RTBN. Kyle also finished school a semester early and is a part of the Oxbow High School Class of 2020. He will be doing his MOS training in communications in 29 Palms, CA. Due to Covid 19 they were unable to have their 10 day leave. Though it was hard news to take, Kyle is in good spirits and eager to succeed in his next endeavor. His parents hope he will be able to visit home this fall. Courtesy Photo



U.S. Marine Corps recruit Joshua Comstock of Bath, NH stands with Marine Corps recruiter Sgt Jared Hendrick at the U.S. Armed Forces Recruitment Center in Littleton, NH. On Monday May 4, 2020, Joshua left to begin a two-week 'Observation Period," at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, followed by twelve weeks of Marine Corps Basic Training at Parris Island, SC. After Basic Training, Joshua will begin training in Marine Corps Intelligence. His proud parents are Glen and Tina Comstock of Bath. Courtesy Photo



Jackson Sjolander, 8 made homemade banana bread for the Haverhill Police Department and delivered it while it was still hot. HPD Officer Hunter Torrey accepted the gift. **Courtesy Photo**



Scott and Julie Derrington of Woodsville would like to congratulate their daughter, Brittany Derrington on graduating as a Phi Theta Kappa from the River Valley Community College Nursing Program where she received her RN Degree. She has worked very hard and also worked part-time for four years and never gave up which showed in her high test scores. Her determination paid off as she has accepted a position as a neuroscience nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Congratulations! We are all proud of you and love you.

From your 100 year old great grandmother, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, Ranson, Courtney, Colby, Mom and Dad.

To family and friends we had planned to have a gathering in honor of celebrating our graduate but it is not possible at this time.

A member of the Poppy family, the Bloodroot is one of the first wildflowers to rise from the dead brown vegitation on the banks of the Connecticut River in North Haverhill last week. Like most members of the Poppy Family, it lasts for a relatively short time. According to published reports, the red juice from the underground stem was used by Native Americans as a dye for baskets, clothing, and insect repellent.





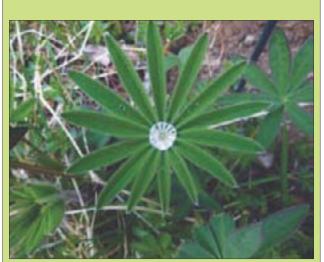
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responsible for your actions. Have fun and always be prepared for an emergency

On NCCs website **www.newburyconservation.org** our resource page lists sites ranging from agriculture to wildlife, and everything in between including audubon, farming, hiking trails, rivers and streams. From the backyard to the back-forty, you can explore from home and get answers to your questions before you hit the trails.

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MOORE OUTPOORS



By Gary W. Moore

Leave Wildlife Alone

Baby deer are so cute, baby raccoons and baby foxes are adorable. You just want to pet them.

Picking up young wildlife can do more harm than good and it is also against the law.

When people see young animals alone, they often mistakenly assume these animals are helpless or lost, in trouble or needing to be rescued. Most of the time they are fine and the mother is close by, waiting for you to leave.

Bringing young wildlife into a human environment often results in permanent separation from their mothers and a sad ending for the animal.

Handling wildlife could also pose a threat to the people involved. Wild animals can transmit disease and angry wildlife mothers can pose significant dangers.

Wild animals need to stay in the wild. Leave them there.

Peregrine Nesting Sites Closed

The annual closing of some peregrine falcon nesting sites is now taking place. The sites will remain closed until August 1 or until it is determined the risk to nesting falcons has passed. The super fast birds of prey are amazing to watch as many of us enjoy doing, but it is important to stay away from their nesting sites.

"Peregrine falcons are very sensitive to human presence during their breeding season, so we ask climbers and hikers to please maintain a respectful distance from all nests," said state wildlife biologist Doug Morin. "The areas closed include the portions of the cliffs where the birds are nesting and the trails leading to cliff tops or overlooks."

Area nesting sites that are closed include: Barnet Roadcut (Barnet) – Rte 5 pullout closed, Eagle Ledge (Vershire) - closed to hiking and climbing, Fairlee Palisades (Fair-



lee) – cliff-top closed, Hazens Notch (Lowell) - closed to climbing, and Marshfield Mt (Marshfield) - portions closed to climbing

Audubon Vermont conservation biologist Margaret Fowle works with volunteers and other conservation professionals to monitor the sites throughout the nesting season. "Peregrine falcons were removed from Vermont's endangered species list in 2005, and the population continues to thrive thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers and partners," said Fowle. "In many cases the lower portions of the trails remain open, and we encourage people to enjoy watching peregrine falcons

from a distance with binoculars or a scope."

We can all help protect the beautiful birds by respecting the closures, reporting any disturbance of nesting peregrines to the local State Game Warden and reporting any sightings to Margaret Fowle at margaret.fowle@audubon.

Bits and Pieces

The AMC announced that it will reopen most of its closed facilities no sooner than July 1. However, the eight high huts and Little Lyford Lodge and Cabins will remain close for 2020 to keep visitors and staff safe.

*** Vermont's catch-and-release bass fishing runs until June 13, when the regular bass season opens, and the taking of bass is allowed. The next six weeks often provide the chance to catch some nice

*** As of Friday some 12,000 American Shad had passed the Holyoke fish lift and are headed up river at a rate of 1,000 to 2,000 a day. They still have to pass Turners Falls before they can make it to Vermont where they provide great sport and good eating.

*** Mark Breen reports in the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium's Skywatch Almanac that on May 10, 1880: "Tornado 100 yards wide strikes Island Pond, VT."

On May 15, 1834: "Biggest May snowstorm on record; Rutland and Burlington reported a foot of snow. Farther east, 2 feet were reported in Marshfield and Newbury, VT, with 3 feet in Haverhill, NH."

Parting Shots

As the water temperatures rise and the water levels recede, the fishing gets better. We can safely get on the water to enjoy ourselves and perhaps catch a meal of fresh fish. We can even hope to land a trophy like the one pictured that Norman Paquette caught in Fifteen Mile Falls section of the Connecticut River last month.

*** What a difference a week can make. Last weekend was nice, warm and sunny. This weekend, not so much. I like snow but not in May. Awakening Saturday morning to four inches of heavy wet snow ended my plan to hunt turkeys.

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Elects New Board Members, Officers

Lebanon, NH – The Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) has elected two new board members -Dean Cashman and Lori Fortini – and a slate of officers to its Board of Directors.

Cashman has worked in banking in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont since 2005. He earned a B.S. in Business Management from Providence College and received his M.B.A. from Plymouth State University. In addition, he is a graduate of The New England School of

Financial Studies and the Advanced School of Commercial Lending by the Massachusetts Bankers Association. Cashman is a Lebanon Rotarian and finance committee member for GCSCC. He is a past Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce Board member and former Chair of the Local First Alliance Steering Committee.

Fortini has worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock since 2001. After 14 years in care management, she is currently the Program Leader of the Aging Resource Center, where she

creates, plans, and implements programs, services, and initiatives for older adults in the Upper Valley. Fortini earned a B.A. in Social Work from Regis College and a M.Ed. in Special Education from the University of Vermont. She has served as the Board President of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley, where she is currently the Vice President. She participates in several local community groups and has been recognized for her leadership expertise.

Elected to their first two-year terms as officers are: Bob Muh, President; Bill Geraghty, Vice President; and Dean Cashman, Treasurer. Martha Richards, Secretary, has been elected to serve a second two-year term. The officers represent a range of towns within Grafton County Littleton, Hanover, Holderness, and Lebanon.

ABOUT - CSCC is a pri-

velops, and implements programs that support and enhance the health, well-being, dignity, and independence of older adults and adults with disabilities. It operates eight senior centers (located in Bristol, Canaan, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lincoln, Littleton, Orford,

and Plymouth) and sponsors the RSVP Volunteer Center and the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center.

For more information, contact Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director, at kvasconcelos@ gcscc.org or 603-448-4897

Thank You

To our many friends and our supportive community,

It is with deepest appreciation that our family extends our most heartfelt thanks for your messages of friendship and expressions of sympathy since our loss of Bryan. Your support and thoughtful words have sustained us through this difficult time in our lives. During these trying days, we wish you peace.

> Sincerely, Melissa, Scott, and Kyle Gould

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Our community is blessed to have so many organizations that genuinely care and go above and beyond in their daily lives and who helped us to find our way through; the Haverhill Police Dept., the Woodsville Ambulance EMTs, Ricker Funeral Home, New Digs For Dogs and our Methodist Church family. Thank you, we appreciate you!!

A special thank you to our family members who knew just how to support and extend their love to us in the loss of our son. We couldn't have gotten through without all of you, thank you!

> Blessings, Norm, Sr. and Althea Page

Thank You vate nonprofit organization that promotes, de-

Thank You!!

Our daughter was completely embarrassed and overwhelmed with joy when she saw what was coming down the road!

With help from our local community, we organized a surprise birthday parade. We had made a "HONK, it's Sassy's Birthday" sign and placed it at the end of the driveway. Traffic was really getting into it! So we thought what a great excuse to get her down at the end of the drive for the 6:00 surprise parade. Seeing how she'd already been down to the mailbox for her daily birthday card check. So we moved the truck to the end of the driveway and set up a chair in the bed, decorated with balloons. Against her will, we instructed her to sit there for a few minutes and let people honk to her and that she was to wave back in appreciation. She was super embarrassed but didn't have to sit long before she saw police car lights escorting a line of honking traffic. Kids poking through sunroofs, balloons, signs, gifts, fire trucks blazing sirens and playing happy birthday over their intercom! What a sight! It was truly a heartwarming situation! After the parade was over she was crying, realizing what an effort that took. She was amazed that everyone did it all for her. A very special time that we will all remember forever! Thank you to the Haverhill Police Department, Haverhill Corner Fire Department, and all our friends and family that made it possible!

Happy Birthday Cassidy Thompson.

Sincerely, Corey and Ashley Thompson (Mom and Dad)

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The Bridge Weekly Sho-Case Letter to the Editor Policy

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.

To be considered for publishing a letter must be 200 words or less. The letter must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The name and address will be published. We will not publish an unsigned letter or one that resorts to name calling, defamation, or libelous statements. The Editor of TBWS reserves the right to accept or reject publication of any letter for any reason.

The publisher reserves the right to accept, reject or modify any content for publication in The Bridge Weekly Sho-Case.



What I'm Missing

During this time of enduring the closure of many of our favorite enjoyments of life, it has become common for us to talk about the things that we miss. I feel like we are all singing along with Julie Andrews, "These are a few of my favorite things" from the Sound of Music.

Except instead of making us feel better, talking about what we miss often makes us feel worse. sence of sports, the emptiness of our favorite restaurant, or the sad separation of loved ones causes us to grow fruswish everything would get back to normal, so we could enjoy a few of our favorite things.

The author of the book of Hebrews calls our attention to another direction when he writes this...

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

While I miss many of my

favorite things, the danger of dwelling on what I miss is that I overlook the blessings that are right in front of me. I miss the blessings that I have, right now, amid this pandemic. It is as if this time has stripped us of some of the things that don't matter as much to make us realize the things that do truly matter - like family, health, life, a stable job, and relationships.

Like everyone else, I am eagerly awaiting the end Thinking about the ab- of this pandemic and praying for those who have been affected by it in a variety of different ways. I want to gather with our church once trated, and upset. We just again, I want to enjoy a high school sporting event, I want to sit down and eat some delicious pancakes in a restaurant booth. But I also want to be thankful for everything that God has given me right now.

> This verse teaches us that the key to contentment is not in getting what we don't have, it is being thankful for what we do have. So this week I

TRUTH FOR TODAY CONT. ON PAGE 16



IT WAS FUN GRABBING SOME SUN, WHILE GETTING PELTED WITH POLAR VOR-TEX SNOW ICE AND COLD WINDS ON THAT MIDDLE OF MAY DAY LAST SATURDAY AFTER SHOVELING AWAY THREE INCHES OF SNOW. **CAN THE HUMMINGBIRDS BE FAR BEHIND?**

One of the fun things we do here in the Piermont woods during this crazy world of coronavirus 19 pandemic is to take a break from the writing, reading or wood splitting and hit the chair on the front patch of lawn and catch some sun rays.

That's what weekends are for. Collapsing. But when the weather is blustery, cold, and sunny bright, every living thing here gets confused, including me. So, there we were, in lawn

chairs on the lawn, the wind howling, the temperature down at below 30-degrees and we were being pelted with snow ice, those droplets of water that change from snow flakes to tiny cubes of ice that bounce off the surfaces of my winter jacket, gloves and cold weather hat. (On May 9)

Just one day before Mother's Day, the special time of the year that male hummingbirds begin checking out their sugar-water haunts here in Piermont. We have always looked forward to that day, not only to buy Mother a dozen pansies, and perhaps a few cut flowers, but to await the hummers arrival, which has always been completed by Mother's Day.

We took the sugar-water in Saturday night so it wouldn't freeze and put it out during the day to thaw. We had no hummingbirds come by. I am not surprised, because it is really a strange place, with the coronavirus 19 all around us and the weather doing crazy tricks, just one look on our outside game cameras, it is becoming a very strange world out

Here is some of what was captured. Not long ago at about midnight, I reviewed footage of an animal crossing the front of our house and heading east in the

BERNIE'S BEAT CONT. ON PAGE 16



Waiting For Vaccine

According to television news, people in England are participating in clinical trials of a covid 19 vaccine, and British scientists hope to market the vaccine by September.

Here in the USA, experts estimate that a vaccine might become available by January. Both of these calculations seem extremely optimistic, considering that it has typically required years to develop and market vaccines in the past.

Technology marches on, however, so it's believable that our scientists are capable of such speedy progress. The awesome technological advances achieved during my lifetime make me wonder what's up ahead.

Meanwhile, we're trying to stay healthy and sane until

the coveted vaccine restores life as we knew it.

Robin and I remain isolated from the world as much as possible. I don gloves daily to fetch the mail and stash it in the garage to decontaminate for two days, then take the mail that was delivered two days before into the house to read.

On the rare occasions when we need to shop, we wear disposable gloves; when we return to our vehicle, we remove the gloves carefully, to avoid contaminating the car.

We also wear masks, which we made from bandanas by following instructions that we saw on WCAX news. Fold the bandana several times to form a three-inch-wide strip. Slide two hair bands onto the strip to divide it into thirds, then fold the outer thirds over the middle third and tuck one end inside the other.

The first time that I tried this, I used hair bands that were too small. When I substituted larger hair bands, they worked OK for brief periods, but grew uncomfortable and tended to slip off my ears during prolonged outings. I solved this by attaching a thick rubber band between the two hair bands with twist ties. This holds the mask securely without needing to tuck anything behind my ears. Then my sister Teresa told me how to improve the mask by inserting a coffee filter into the middle fold of the bandanna, enhancing the protective barrier.

All of these precautions, attempting to remain healthy, can put a strain on your mental serenity, especially the isolation. Humans are social beings. Being alone

becomes tedious. Pleasant activities are the antidote for isolation. For me, gardening, reading, fishing, hunting, watching television and playing music help keep my mind at ease while waiting for the vaccine.

Michael T. Hahn is the author of 5 books, hundreds of magazine and newspaper columns, and hundreds of songs. His awards include: a Special Merit Award from the Vermont Book Publisher's Association; The Vermont Top Ten Great Books List by Ginger Lee; The Outdoor Magazine Overall Excellence Column Award; and Finalist in the USA Songwriting Competition. Inquiries about his books or CDs may be sent to In Cider Press, 869 Kittredge Road, Orleans, VT 05860.

Dear Editor,

I write this letter with a very heavy heart, but I do it with the knowledge that this too will pass and that better times will return.

The Woodsville Wells River Fourth of July Committee has made the determination that we shall not host a 4th of July celebration in 2020. There will be no parade, no field activities and no fireworks display. Allow me a brief explanation on these three decisions.

First: the parade. This interstate spectacular brings thousands of people to Route 302 (Central Street in Woodsville and Railroad Street & Main Street in Wells River) to watch the entertainment roll by. In order to maintain any type of "social distancing" the parade route would need to extend much, much further than just those two villages.

Second: the field activities on the Community Field in Woodsville. Again thousands of people normally attend and there is no easy way to keep social distancing and sanitary conditions in effect.

Third: the annual gigantic fireworks display. Though we had suggestions about moving the display, we still had the same issue. There is no way to make sure that those attending will maintain social distancing for themselves and for the others

A final note is that this committee normally raises and spends in excess of \$20,000 per year to put on these events. With the current state of the economy we feel it is not reasonable to ask our local businesses to make their annual contributions when their very livelihood may be at risk.

Therefore we are canceling the events now with the hopes that in 2021 we will be able to return with new inspiration to make things bigger and better. We hope you understand. We also want to wish all a very happy 4th of July and hope you all remain safe and healthy.

Gary Scruton, President Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee Woodsville, NH



Dear Editor,

Code Red Emergency Notification

Four years ago I urged Bradford residents to sign up for Code Red which is a system provided by our dispatch centers to deliver emergency messages to all whose numbers are on file.

Timely notification can save lives in an emergency and I urge all who have not signed up to have their cell phones and unlisted numbers added to the landline numbers published in the white pages.

Those whose numbers are listed in the white pages are automatically included in the database to receive Code Red messages.

You can sign up for Code Red notifications on line at: https://www.hanovernh.org/home/pages/ codered-emergency-notifications.

To register by phone call 603-640-3333. You will need your physical address and phone numbers you wish to add.

Gary W Moore **Emergency Management Director** Town of Bradford, VT

Obituaries

Thomas John Hahn

Newbury, VT - Thomas John Hahn, 89, of Woodsville, NH passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired after a long battle with hATTR Amyloidosis, a rare heart disease.

Thomas was born in Bradford, VT on February 16, 1931 to Louis and Jeanie (Darling) Hahn. He graduated from Woodsville High School in 1948 and earned an H. P. Hood track scholarship, as well as an ROTC Army scholarship, to attend the University of New Hampshire.

After graduation he served as a Lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne in Korea. Thomas coached athletics in the army, placed second in the 8th Army triathlon (a run, swim and shoot competition in front of 50,000 people in Seoul), and competed in the Boston Marathon. He was also a boxer.

Later he was Captain of the National Guard in Bradford and coached the Hard Line Loggers basketball and softball teams. During his 70s he, with his brother Bill, led a basketball team to victory in the Vermont Senior Olympics and competed in the National Senior Olympics in Arizona.

On December 27, 1950, Thomas married Janice Darby.

He was Executive Director of Grafton County 4-H; Camp Challenge; and the Orleans County Council of Social Agencies; but he also enjoyed logging. He worked in the woods on weekends while he was an executive, then spent 35 years logging full time in Montana, working into his 80s. He was an expert hunter, fisherman and gardener who loved dogs and helping others.

Predeceased by his wife by 25 days, Thomas is survived by four children: Jeanie, Michael (and his wife Robin), David and Teresa; as well

as, four granddaughters: Emma, Nora, Katey and Hannah; and his sister: Evalona (Faye) Hahn Whitcomb. Thomas will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but also by the many people whose lives he enriched.

There will be no calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.



Kenneth "Beau" Johnston

Norton, VT - Kenneth "Beau" Johnston, 67, of Norton passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH.

Beau was born September 19, 1952 in Greenville, Maine.

He worked for 30+ years at the St. Johnsbury Correctional Facility, until he retired.

Beau leaves behind his loving wife, Julie Johnston of 30 years, his daughter, Ali Dunham and son-in-law Ernie Dunham of Bradford, VT, and his daughter, Ila Goodspeed and her husband, Ed Goodspeed of Canaan, NH. He also leaves behind his four grandchildren, Cayden and Layla Dunham, and Holly and Jeremiah Goodspeed, and many other family and friends.

On top of being a great husband, father, grandfather and friend, he was a great sports fan. He loved the New York Yankees, and the New York Giants, and always

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loved to fish. He will be missed by us all more than he could ever imagine.

At his request, there will be no funeral. Instead, there will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home, Bradford, VT.



Nancy Bradley Chandler

Warren, NH- An amazing woman, Nancy Bradley Chandler, 85, died on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at her home, with her beloved husband and children by her side.

The oldest of seven children of Helen and G. Edward Bradley, she was born on March 13, 1935 in Somerville, MA. She attended St. Teresa School and graduated from Somerville High School. A scholarship student at Boston College, she received her BS in Nursing. As an RN, she worked at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, Boston City Hospital, and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital before receiving her MS in Nursing from Boston College.

After BC, she taught nursing at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing, and became its Director of Nursing. At St. Anselm College and NH Technical

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Institute, she taught many of our present day nurses.

A pioneer in childbirth education, she taught classes in Boston, Laconia, NH and Franklin, NH. She established Prenatal Programs at Concord and Franklin Hospitals after continuing her education at Downstate SUNY.

Later in life she found great joy as a school nurse in Winnisquam and Warren schools and then as a camp nurse at Camp Walt Whitman and Camp Moosilauke.

She was an avid adventurer, hiker, skier, and cyclist, hiking the Appalachian Trail at age 60 and skiing at Cannon Mountain until the age of 84.

A music lover, she sang for many years with the NH Music Festival and the Pemigewasset Choral Society.

She found time to be an avid quilter, making a special gift quilt for each grandchild at their graduation from high school. A founder of the Warren Quilter Guild, money was raised annually for the Prouty fund.

If this was not enough, she was elected multiple times to the Warren School Board, was a Warren Library Trustee, and Supervisor of the Checklist.

A true renaissance woman, she loved the outdoors, especially waterfalls and rainbows. She frequently said a prayer of thanks for the beauty of her surroundings, living in the shadow of Mt. Moosilauke.

With her husband, Charlie, she traveled all over the USA and Canada on their touring motorcycle, including five cross-country rides. Survivors include her best friend and husband of 49 years, Charlie Chandler and their four children, Michael and wife Carolynne of Santa Fe, NM, Sean Chandler and his fiancé` Debbie Tessier of Northfield, NH, Mara O'Shea and husband Dan of Cumberland, ME, and Zachary and wife Kristin of Palo Alto, CA. Four brothers, Jim, Larry, Jack, and Bob along with one sister, Maureen, survive her. She was predeceased by a brother, Ed.

She has eight beloved grandchildren: Zoe, Casey, Megan, Kyle, Molly, Kerry, Patrick and Eli; and two great grandchildren: Lilah and Angel.

A gathering at the Warren Town Hall with relatives, friends, co-workers, and anyone else, will be deferred until a later date, hopefully in August. "Love That Smile!"

For more information as it becomes available, or to offer an online message of condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com

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

Harold S. "Buzzy" Eastman

Groton, VT – Harold S. "Buzzy" Eastman, 80, died on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at his home.

Public graveside service has been cancelled and his burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

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

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Roland Arthur "Rollie" Moore

Woodsville, NH – Roland Arthur "Rollie" Moore, 88, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at his home.

Rollie's service is being postponed and will be held at a later date and time with a notice being published.

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

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Patricia A. "Pat" Smith

Monroe, NH — Patricia A. "Pat" Smith, 82, of Littleton Road, died on Monday, February 10, 2020, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

Pat's graveside service in North Monroe Cemetery is being postponed at this time and will be published when rescheduled.

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

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Rodney Rood, Sr.

Groton, VT – Rodney Rood, Sr., 70, died on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at the Berlin Health and Rehab in Berlin. VT.

Rodney's public graveside service has been postponed at this time until public gatherings can take place. A notice will be published with date and time when services can occur.

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

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Irving W. Marsh

North Haverhill, NH – Irving W. Marsh, 85, died Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the Grafton County Nursing Home, North Haverhill, NH.

Irving's service is being postponed and will be held at a later date and time with a notice being published.

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

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Rachael L. Santy

Orford, NH- Rachael L. Santy, 78, of NH Route 25A, died on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at her home. Rachael's graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

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

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In this time, we should encourage our loved ones, or maybe even yourself, to take the step to becoming healthy again without the use of alcohol or drugs. Getting back control of your life is amazing, and being safe from this pandemic is a huge bonus. At our center we are taking great precaution in using preventative measures towards the spread of this virus. We are still committed to helping addicts and alcoholics that are seeking treatment during this difficult time. We recognize the need for Americans to stay at home while also recognizing that there are still people suffering all over the country in need of care, and we want to be here to assist them with that. To learn more about how addiction and this pandemic goes hand in hand, visit https://www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/ tragedy-or-redemption-where-will-your-path-lead.html ADDICTION SCREENINGS Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 877-841-5509

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State Funds allocated to NH Towns to fight Covid 19 expenses

By Bernie Marvin

Haverhill, NH -New Hampshire Governor John Sununu has approved funding for towns and cities throughout the state with an expenditure of \$32 million for towns and cities plus an additional \$8 million to the 10 counties to reimburse funds that have or will be spent on the Covid 19 pandemic.

Expenses incurred during the period March 1 to August 31, 2020 will be reimbursed through the Governor's Office for Emer-

gency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) fund which is being distributed to ease city and town budgets that have been strained through mounting costs ranging from first responders to personal protective equipment.

State budget officials will be looking at additional Covid 19 expenses racked up by cities and towns and will consider another relief program to be put in place beginning Septem-

Some of the payouts locally will include the towns of Bath \$26,213; Haverhill \$111,176; Landaff \$10,004; Lisbon \$39,874; Monroe \$19,135; Orford \$29,516; Piermont \$18,639 and Warren \$22,061. Grafton County will receive \$537,653.

Haverhill Town Manager Brigitte Codling said last week that she and department heads have been tracking expenditures and revenue losses and will continue to do so throughout the Covid 19 event.

She said they will also be working together to make sure that they do not miss any cost items that could be reimbursed. She said that the GOFERR fund will pay 100 percent of the expenses incurred up to their allotment of \$111,176.

The intent of the GOFERR program is to pay back to towns all costs related to local government actions taken in their response to the public health emergency.

Codling and her team will

be looking at wages and benefits due to the Families First Act, computers, software and services, printers, legal fees, Covid 19 related welfare costs relative to Nootka Lodge, and other lodging, mortgage, rent or electrical payments.

They will also pay for municipal losses due to business interruptions for such things as space rentals, canceled recreation programs, reduced Department of Motor Vehicles fees, and reduced meals and rooms revenues.

Town Manager Codling said that the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency also has a reimbursement program that will pay the town 75 percent of the cost for Covid related expenses for the purchase of masks and gloves, overtime from first responders and other fire, police department, emergency medical services costs to the town.

Blake Memorial Library -East Corinth, VT - MORE ONLINE OFFERINGS COMING! - We will be offering book discussions, Summer performances and the Summer Reading Program online we will be officially announcing these soon! TEEN SPEAK - BML is partnering with Little Rivers, Clara Martin, and Bradford Library to put on a virtual teen speak program where teenagers can get together to discuss issues they are facing and how to connect to each other and their community during this time. The program starts next Thursday. May 14th from 2:00 -3:00 on Zoom. Write or call Ashleen Buchanan at abuchanan@littlerivers.org or 802-222-3003 to get the code and join in. While the library is closed, please visit our website to take advantage of all the online resources -https://blakememorial.org/. You can access free ebooks and audio books (ListenUp, Libby/Overdrive), choose from hundreds of online classes (Universal Class, Learning Express), find free lesson plans, teen novels, adult romance and more (Tumblebooks)! Also - check out our FACE BOOK PAGE - while we are all isolating at home, the library is posting many more fun and interesting activities and resources for kids and adults. The wifi continues to be available in the parking lot and the outdoor water spigot is turned on for public use. IMPORTANT - Please keep any books you have checked out until the library reopens and DO NOT DROP ANY BOOK DONATIONS OFF. Feel free to write us if you have any questions about our online services or need your library card number - blakemem@tops-tele.com

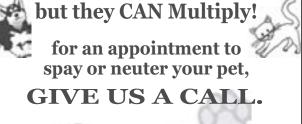


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New Haverhill fire department committee will study reorganization :

By Bernie Marvin

Haverhill, NH - The new Town of Haverhill Fire Department proposal held its kickoff meeting recently with 10 committee members being assigned to the group that will oversee future discussions and meetings that will guide up to three precinct fire departments to become part of a single fire department owned by the town.

The proposal to have the three precinct fire departments in Woodsville, North Haverhill and Haverhill Corner relinquish their department to the town has been talked about for several years. In March 2020, North Haverhill precinct voters approved the proposal.

In June, Haverhill Corner voters will give their approval or denial at their annual precinct meeting and in March 2021, Woodsville precinct voters are expected to vote their choice to join or not.

According to Haverhill Town Manager Brigitte Codling who has been working closely with the fired department development project, for at least the next 12 months nothing will change operationally, the fire stations will continue to operate under the direction of their precincts as they always have.

The new town fire committee, appointed at the recent meeting, will work she said collaboratively to develop a new town fire department. Members of the committee are Town Manager Brigitte Codling, Select Board Chair Darwin Clogston, Haverhill Corner Fire Chief

Richard Morris, Woodsville Fire Chief Jeff Robbins, North Haverhill Fire Chief Phil Blanchard, Haverhill Corner Precinct Commission Chair Mike Lavoie, North Haverhill Precinct Commission Chair Dennis Fournier, Woodsville Precinct Commission Chair Paul Kidder, Mountain Lakes Precinct Commission Chair Bob Long, and Pike resident Jon Bouffard.

Action taken at the first meeting indicated that the group will operate under the rules of procedure and maybe adjust them in the future, Bob Long will write a committee mission statement, John Bouffard will write a committee purpose statement and all committee members will write a devel-

opment outline. The subject of desired outcomes with the pros and cons have been assigned to : fire chiefs Blanchard, Morris, and Robbins.

The town fire committee will also be establishing a town department schedule of development, organizational structure, staffing plan, training plan, financial plan, and a transition plan and will also work with town officials and department heads on long-term planning for cohabitated emergency services.

The committee agreed to a biweekly meeting schedule for Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. The second scheduled meeting was scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

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BOB FAGNANT CONT. FROM PAGE 1

of the department at that time, to begin work for the Water and Light Department. He thinks that having just come off the farm gave him a connection to Hayden who was a "farmer at heart". Bob remembers Waterhouse as a good leader, a very kind and calm man. The late Roland Moore, a long time employee of the Water and Light, was his mentor and taught him much about water line repair. For the first two years his main job was to "watch as they turned streets upside down" after an especially harsh winter that left many water and sewer lines • throughout the village broken. According to Bob, this was "baptism into water works" as he learned how to take care of broken pipes. During • the first ten years of his tenure with the department, Bob worked out in the field a lot, which he enjoyed very much.

When Hayden Waterhouse retired in 1989, Bob recalls that he found out on a Thursday afternoon that he had been named to take over as su-• perintendent and that he • would begin his new job • on Monday morning. As superintendent, Bob was in charge of day to day operations, which included: • payroll, making sure bills • were paid and that the de-

partment was in regulatory compliance, reporting to the state and applying for and managing grants among other miscellaneous duties, which sometimes included working out in the field.

The water source for Woodsville Water and Light is the Ammonoosuc River. Bob says that New Hampshire "is big into water quality", which is good for its citizens and ensures that water departments around the state are held to a high standard. Utility Partners, LLC, a nationwide company with regional offices in four areas of the USA, whose main business is operating water and wastewater treatment facilities has managed the wastewater plant for about ten years and has now taken over the water treatment as

During his years at the department, Bob has seen a variety of changes. The treatment wastewater plant was built in 1979 and required that sewer lines were installed throughout the town. The department worked with a contracted company over the course of two years to complete this project. Woodsville Water and Light now has 430 sewer customers. In the 80's, many of the large single family homes were converted into multi-family homes, which increased the customer numbers. A covered storage tank was built on Swiftwater Road in 1987. He has seen four different style street lights come and go beginning with Mercury Vapor, Low Pressure Sodium, High Pressure Sodium, and now LED.

Bob is grateful for the years that he was able to serve the community through his career. He will miss working with Diane Fillion whose faithful and steady service was indispensable in keeping the office running. He will also miss the daily interactions with customers many of whom he has gotten to know over the years.

As Bob begins the retirement chapter of his life he notes that although he will no longer be employed by the water and light department he is by no means going to retire from life. He has plans to do some carpentry work with his brother Kevin and will continue to work on some home projects. He and his wife, Cindy, have enjoyed traveling in the past and will now set their sights on checking off more of their travel bucket list items. The titles Bob likes best are "Dad" and "Poppy" and he looks forward to spending more time with his sons, Rob and Chris and their spouses, and enjoying quality time with his two grandsons, Riley and Liam.

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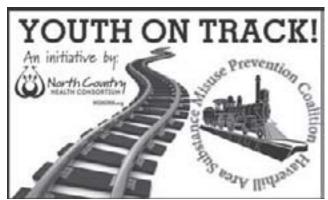
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Keeping Your Children Safe from Dangers Inside the Home as Stay-at-Home Orders Continue:

Part 1 - Prescription Medication and Over-the-Counter Drug Misuse

By Mariah Coulstring

During this strange time, it's comforting to know that our families are at home together with the ability to keep children close and protected. While we can potentially shield young family members from harm in the outside world, there are hidden dangers in every home to which we must pay close attention.

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Hampshire, prescription drug abuse has increased 200% in the State over the past 10 years, with one in six teens reporting they used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription in their lifetime. The majority of prescription medications that are abused by teenagers come directly from the medicine cabinets of their family members or friend's families, often without the owner of the medication noticing anything is missing. Although the opioid epidemic still weighs heavily on our communities, when we talk about prescription drug misuse, opioid prescriptions are not the only types of medication that are being abused. "Prescription drug misuse" refers to any medications to which youth have access, including benzodiazepines, barbiturates, stimulants, and over-the-counter medications, such as cough and cold medications.

Similar to advertising around alcohol, there is an abundance of messaging for prescriptions that can leave youth with the impression that medications are a "quick fix" to many aliments with a pill for everything! With the prevalence of marketing to pecially when taken in large doses or when mixed with alcohol. Someone who was abusing these medications would experience nausea and vomiting, lack of energy, have a hard time concentrating, and difficulty breathing. Stopping the use of these

promote medications in print media, web advertising, and television commercials, adolescents are exposed to confusing messages about using substances to manage feelings of sadness, anxiety, overwhelming stress, difficulty sleeping, or staying up to study.

One of the most tell-tale

signs that your child is misusing medications is finding that they have pills on them for unlikely or seemingly no reason. It is especially concerning if it is your teen's own medication that they are not taking as prescribed and carry it with them throughout the day. It is important to be aware of the sites your teen is visiting online because drugs can be purchased through these websites and give information about how to misuse drugs. Additionally, pay attention to your teen's peer groups. If they are aligning with peers who are actively misusing substances, it is likely that your teen may be doing the same. When it comes to recognizing physical warning signs and symptoms of prescription misuse, there are different ways in which your teen may display drug use depending on the type of prescription medications used. Most medications of abuse fall into one of three general categories: painkillers, depressants, and stimulants.

"Painkillers" is a general term often used in reference to many medications. Specifically, painkillers are opioids such as OxyContin, Oxycodone, Percocet, Vicodin and Codeine. These painkillers are extremely powerful, highly addictive, and potentially deadly, especially when taken in large doses or when mixed with alcohol. Someone who was abusing these medications would experience nausea

drugs can result in serious withdrawal symptoms and is often why users will resort to heroin, which binds to the same receptors in the brain as opioid painkillers to relieve withdrawal symptoms, and for a much cheaper cost. Depressants are prescribed to help individuals with a variety of mental health related issues, such as anxiety or trouble sleeping, and fall into three categories: benzodiazepines, which are meant to address anxiety, barbiturates, which are meant for trouble sleeping, and non-benzodiazepinic sleep medications for sleeping disorder. Some of the brand names that you may have heard include, Valium, Xanax, Ambien, Lunesta, and Ativan. Depressants can cause the user to experience shallowed or trouble breathing and slowed heart rate to dangerously low levels, lack of coordination, impaired memory, motor skills and cognition, slurred speech, disorientation, or irritabili-

Generally used to treat conditions such as Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Stimulants include name brand medications such as Adderall and Ritalin and are meant to help individuals focus and regulate behaviors. Some of the symptoms of stimulant medication abuse include sweating, tremors, anxiety, nervousness and/or paranoia, irregular heartbeat, high body temperature, and even seizures or death from organ and/or heart failure. Available at almost any gro-

cery store or supermarket and without a doctor's prescription, over-the-counter (OTC) medications can be easier to access than prescription medications and are just as dangerous. The most commonly misused or abused OTC medications are those meant to treat coughs and colds because of the active ingredient Dextromethorphan, or DXM. Whether in capsule or liquid form, cough and cold medicines can be abused to get high if taken in large doses or outside of the guidelines of use. DXM may cause the user to experience hallucinations, paranoia, nausea and vomiting, confusion, lack of coordination, increased heartbeat, high blood pressure and even the inability to speak or move for some users. DXM medications include any cold medicine with "DM" or "TUSS" in its name, such as Mucinex DM and Robitussin. Some slang terms to be aware of that reference abusing OTC medications include Dex or Dexing, Robo-tripping, Skittles, Orange Crush, Vitamin D, Triple C's or CCCs, Tussin, and Red Hots. For a list of products containing DXM and information about how to address this issue with your teen, look for the "PARENT" label on OTC medications and visit www.StopMedicineAbuse.

Medications containing Dextromethorphan are not the only OTC medication that are being abused by teen. Thus, it is important to keep track of the ingredients contained in the medications you are purchasing, and their potential for misuse. Be sure to watch for antihistamines, such as Benadryl, and dimenhydrinate, such as Dramamine. Although seemingly harmless, these OTC medications will produce similar effects to medicine containing DXM and are often staples in the family medicine cabinet, making them easily accessible to teenagers.

If you are now wondering how to protect your teens from these dangers, here are some tips:

- First, do not be casual about using OTC medications or prescription drugs by modeling responsible use. When you can, lock them up
- Monitor your medications. Keep a running inventory of your medicine cabinet by knowing how many pills you have in each bottle and number of remaining doses of over-the-counter tablets and liquid.
- If your teen takes medications, keep track of those as well, make them accountable for their medications by setting clear boundaries and guidelines around taking
- Educate your teen about the dangers of prescription drug misuse, overdose and poisoning, and be sure to convey that sharing medications with friends is illegal and dangerous.
- Do your best to keep unneeded, unused, and expired medications out of your

home and dispose of them properly. Every medication is different and even an expired medication can be harmful, and in some cases even more potent than it would normally be. Contact your local police department about disposing your medications at their permanent prescription drug drop box, how to participate in Drug Take Back Day events, or learn in-home disposal techniques.

For more information about prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, or about any other substances, visit:

- National Institute of Drug Abuse: www.drugabuse.gov
- Above the Influence: www. above the influence.com
- Partnership For Drug-Free Kids: www.drugfree.org or www.drugfreenh.org

Stay tuned for Part 2 of this article! We will be discussing other dangers within the home including harmful inhalants and aerosols.

 $Youth\ on\ Track\ is\ a\ column$ dedicated to youth substance misuse prevention and education in our community and is brought to you by the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition (HASMPC). Mariah Coulstring is the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Project Coordinator for HASMPC and employee of the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) in Littleton, NH, the hub of the regional public health network that also serves as the fiscal agent for HASMPC. Please visit us on Facebook by searching "HASMPC" and contact me with questions, comments, or suggestions for topics at: mcoulstring@nchcnh.org

Helping Those Facing Food Insecurity

LITTLETON, NH – The All Saints' Community Food Cupboard is open and continues to serve families, individuals, and seniors in the northern Grafton County and bordering Vermont towns during the Coronavirus emergency. It's especially important during this emergency that people have access to good, nutritious meals to help maintain their health. The community food cupboard is open three days a week on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

"These are extraordinary times and many of our neighboring families and individuals are facing food insecurity. The All Saints' Community Food Cupboard is here to help. Our food cupboard is well stocked and has a good selection of food items, frozen meats, fresh produce, and personal care products. Registration is quick and easy. Households (individuals, couples, families) can access the community food cupboard any two times in a calendar month. The community food cupboard is adhering to CDC guidelines for physical-distancing, masks and use of single use bags. Anyone from the area's northern Grafton County towns and bordering Vermont towns is welcome at the food cupboard," stated Rebecca Hill-Larsen, All Saints Community Food Cupboard Program Manager.

The All Saints Community Food Cupboard is in Littleton and is located and best accessed from the rear of the Littleton Community Center parking lot at 120 Main Street. There is plenty of parking and the community food cupboard is handicapped accessible.

If an individual is not able to come to the community food cupboard in person due to health reasons then a friend, family member or caregiver can access the food cupboard for that person and complete the registration form and pick up food.

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Discovering Vernal Pools at Bath Village School

by Amanda Cashin

Would your day be more interesting if you had a spring peeper (frog) hopping around your office? We are certain that students in Karen Cowles's fifth Grade Class at Bath Village School have given this question a thought or two! Miss Cowles's recent science lessons piqued the class's interest in vernal pools. These seasonal pools (often around in spring) can cover 1/10 of an acre to two acres, and several indicator species, such as fairy shrimp, various salamanders, and wood frogs can help to identify a small body of water as a vernal pool.

So that they could learn more about vernal pools and the life within them, students brainstormed some questions, then welcomed Melissa Doperalski, a wildlife biologist with New Hampshire Fish and Game who specializes in the study of reptiles, amphibians, mussels and beetles into their remote classroom.

Ms. Doperalski told the class that vernal pools are special, temporary wetlands that host many of the species that she studies. She presented videos and photos of marbled salamanders, spotted salamanders and Jefferson salamanders, all of which rely on vernal pools for feeding and breeding. She shared photos of wood frogs, and showed the class a live spring peeper that she had in her office. The peeper politely allowed a brief close up view before hopping away from the camera and onto Ms. Doperalski's office wall!

Ms. Doperalski explained that salamander eggs tend to look like one gelatinous blob with eggs inside, while frog eggs look like a bunch of smaller gelatinous blobs

stuck together. Ms. Doperalski shared photos of mosquito larvae that live in vernal pools, too, and she showed the students a "house" that a caddisfly larva had built. They discussed turtles and how Fish & Game biologists attach transmitters to some turtles' shells in order to track their movements throughout the year.

Students related their own finds of mosquito larvae and tree frogs around their homes. They talked about hearing spring peepers near their houses. One student mentioned Big Night, when salamanders come out from underground to return to vernal pools, saying that she hoped to catch this phenomenon someday.

Ms. Doperalski suggested that the students get outside and check around their homes or get permission to check out others' land to try to spot species and identify vernal pools. She recommended that the students

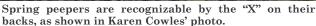
use their eyes and ears, and that they bring binoculars, a bucket, a butterfly net, a notebook and a pencil. A flashlight and mud boots can also be helpful.

Typically, Fish & Game representatives visit schools in person to share information about the natural world around us. We were fortunate that Melissa Doperalski was willing to meet with our students online to share information and encourage them to look for and appreciate a seasonal marvel.



Heather Engle shared that her fifth grader Maia Smith, with her brothers Finley and Gavin, went out exploring with her family and found a number of different species.







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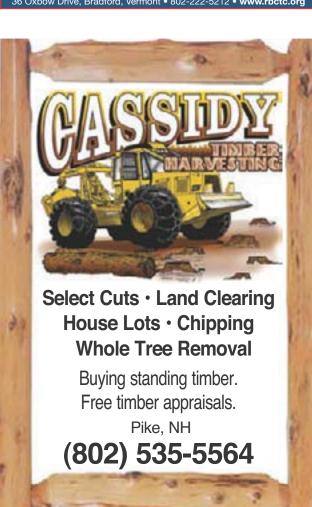
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Amanda Cashin, secretary (upper left) and Karen Cowles, teacher (bottom right) watch as Melissa Doperalski shows a spring peeper to fifth graders. Students pictured are: Leo DeLucia, Maia Smith, Emily McCarthy, Austin Danforth, Ayla Burbank, and Hailey Clark.

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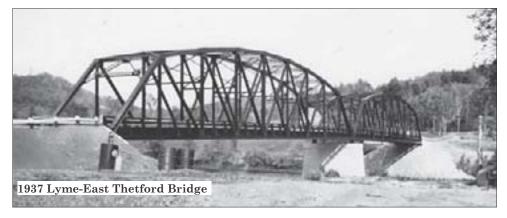
1937 NH-VT bridge named to National Register of Historic Places

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that the Lyme-East Thetford Bridge has been honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior with placement on the National Register of Historic Places for its role in interstate transportation and as one of only two bridges of its type in New Hampshire.

Built in 1937 in the midst of the Great Depression, the Lyme-East Thetford Bridge connects the towns of Lyme, N.H., and East Thetford, Vt., across the Connecticut River, which forms the border between the two states.

The site's long history as a crossing between the two communities was first documented as a ferry landing in 1780. An 1840s bridge provided Lyme residents with access to the railroad in East Thetford; a second bridge, built in the mid-1890s, was destroyed during a flood in 1936 when large cakes of ice knocked out its middle section.

At 471 feet, the Lyme-East Thetford Bridge is the longest



two-span Parker Truss bridge in New Hampshire.

Charles H. Parker's original design for metal bridges incorporated a bowstring arch. The arch on Parker truss bridges is variation of flat-topped Pratt truss bridges, commonly used for railroads. Most moderate- to long-span highway bridges built in New Hampshire during the 1920s and 1930s adopted the Parker truss design.

Begun in February 1937, the Lyme-East Thetford Bridge was built when changes in steel rolling technology made it possible to use sectional beams, making truss bridge construction faster and less expensive. Steel components and other elements for the bridge were shipped by rail to East Thetford.

American Bridge Company, a subsidiary of J.P. Morgan's United States Steel Company, fabricated steel components for the bridge. The company was the contractor for the original Memorial Bridge between Portsmouth, N.H., and Kittery, Maine, and worked on projects nationwide, including the Oakland Bay Bridge and the Empire State Building.

A mid-river reinforced concrete pier as well as the bridge's abutments rest on 12-foot steel piles driven into the river bottom. In an effort to avoid the destructive flooding that destroyed earlier bridges at the site, each is higher than substructures on the previous bridge.

The engineer who designed the substructure, Gordon Whittum, was also a construction engineer on the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway.

The Works Progress Administration provided most of the funding for the Lyme-East Thet-

ford Bridge. The WPA had little hands-on involvement with New Hampshire flood bridges but did require compliance with minimum standards such as right-of-way width. By October 1936, more than 200 WPA flood projects in New Hampshire were completed, nearing completion, had received approval or were ready to start.

The Lyme-East Thetford Bridge was placed on the N.H. Department of Transportation's "red list" of bridges in 2013, requiring it to be inspected twice a year.

Administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of historic resources worthy of preservation and is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect our historic and archaeological resources.

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For more information on the National Register program in New Hampshire, please visit nh.gov/nhdhr or contact the Division of Historical Resources at 603-271-3583.

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OP-EDBy Anson Tebbetts, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Food & Markets

There is no hiding from Covid-19. This virus has no borders and travels at will, menacing people and businesses in every sector of society. The pandemic threatens agriculture and with it our food security, as farmers work to produce the food on our tables. Our farmers, producers and those making their living off the land are working relentlessly for all of us, and we thank them for their leadership and sacrifice.

We have witnessed creativity at our farmers markets. The markets are providing fresh food in a new format. We have hit pause on the social events, but these markets have transformed into simple food hubs, providing a tremendous service to shoppers while implementing safe practices. We thank Vermonters who are supporting these markets by choosing to buy local and support neighbors. We look forward to more markets opening this spring and summer.

Despite recent successes in the local food scene, many of our farmers are nervous, and at times terrified, of the economic forecasts.

The region's dairy farmers and cheesemakers are bracing for the worst as summer arrives. We hope the predictions are wrong, but milk pricing forecasts are formidable, dropping overnight. This sobering news means that more than ever we will need to do all we can to support our farmers. Now is the time to buy Vermont dairy. Every bit helps. Buy more milk, cheese, butter, yogurt. There is plenty.

The private sector is stepping up to help dairy farmers. Through a generous donation by the Vermont Community Foundation, milk and yogurt is being processed and donated to the Vermont Foodbank, helping dairy farmers as well as people who need food. This milk may have been discarded but instead it is ending up on the dinner table. We thank Commonwealth Dairy, Dairy Farmers of America-St.Albans, Hood and the Foodbank for putting this program together.

We thank all those who have kept Agriculture moving during uncertain times. Parts of our nation are facing deep disruption in meat processing, but Vermont's plants are open, delivering high quality chicken, turkey, lamb, beef, and pork to Vermonters.

Thanks to those farmers who are delivering food through farm stands and CSA's, and the Vermonters who are buying our fresh, quality products. This is another way to shop for local food and support your community. You also can order Vermont products online, which offers a safe and easy way to support those who face an uncertain future.

And finally, to our farmers: we know you are hurting. The Agency of Agriculture is doing its best to get you the information and resources you need to make difficult decisions. Please visit the Covid-19 page on our website. There are federal, state and private programs that might help you. It will take all of us pulling in the same direction to get through this.



Delores Drew of Woodsville shares this photo of a vivid double rainbow taken May 1, 2020 from near Swiftwater Road.

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Spring Beauty Last Week

(Left) Trout Lily at the Oliverian Boat Launch in Benton.

(Right) Fiddlehead Ferns on the bank of the Connecticut River in North Haverhill.

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HCMS teacher says "remote learning has been a positive experience"

By Bernie Marvin

North Haverhill, NH – When the Covid 19 pandemic hit this area, state officials were ready with a set of Emergency Orders on March 15 that would change the face of what we knew prior to that as public education classroom instruction, having a meal in a restaurant, wedding receptions or football games.

Everything changed in an attempt to reduce the effects of the highly contagious virus that was spreading throughout the area. With local schools, the order demanded schools close down and the

system switch over to temporary remote instruction. Immediately, in came the startup of temporary remote education, a new way to learn and teach for everyone involved.

According to SAU 23 Superintendent Laurie Melanson and many school principals, the changeover has worked well and students not only enjoy the change, but are thriving in the remote computer environment that keeps the student and teacher in front of computer screens while the learning goes on.

Haverhill Cooperative Mid-School Sixth Grade Teacher Laura Sjolander is one of those teachers who misses her classroom and students but said recently that remote learning has been a positive experience for her.

Anyone who has visited Laura's classroom knows it is a busy place, with a steady hum of eager students working on a mix of projects and assignments. The place is filled with projects, everywhere. Knots of kids here and there, performing experiments, lettering an assignment board, working in small groups, with the buzz of enthusiasm everywhere in the room.

Doing assignments and leaning over a computer and a screen in no way matches the delight and enthusiasm of a classroom, each one different, with its own personality, and each filled with learning, excitement, challenges and fun.

Laura reports to The Bridge Weekly that "remote learning has been a positive experience, although I miss the classroom and being with my students in person. We have been utilizing face to face Google Meet and Google Classroom as a way to continue the learning process for students. Students really

enjoy the ability to communicate with each other and attendance has been good.

"The Google Classroom is amazing. It allows teachers to post, grade, and comment on assignments for instant feedback for students. With these two programs, amongst others that teachers have found helpful, we are making the experience for the students a success!

"Although there are, of course, some cons to being virtual, such as less handson lessons and activities for students and less socialization, there has been some great positives that have come from this experience. My experience has been that students that are in need of extra help are getting a lot more one to one time and parent communication and collaboration is the best I have ever experienced!

"I have found that I am no longer a teacher with a traditional teacher schedule of 8AM-3PM, and instead I am in teacher mode whenever needed. I am working

with students, responding to emails, correcting student work, or planning for lessons morning, noon, evening, and night. Although this was quite an adjustment, doing what is needed for the students to continue growing and having a love for learning, it is well worth

"I also have two elementary students participating in virtual learning through elementary school. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to teach my own children and to watch their growth over the last month. Both my first grader, Makensey, and my second grader, Jackson have expressed that they like virtual learning because they have more playtime and like the extra projects that we have been able to do as a family. My preschooler, Karson has also enjoyed the extra learning time with me and expressed that he loved having his siblings home with him during the day. For our family, this has been a memorable experience that I think we will all treasure forever!

Out-of-state campers required to be in emergency order compliance

By Bernie Marvin

North Haverhill, NH -Much to the surprise of those public officials who were responsible for enforcing or managing New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu's emergency orders that set forth restrictions on non-essential businesses that must remain closed during extremely infectious period of the Covid 19 pandemic, public and private campgrounds were allowed to remain open.

Most businesses, including restaurants, public gathering places large and small, retail establishments, business offices and municipal governments to name a few. were required to immediately shut down on or about March 26 when the order was issued.

Just prior to that on March 13, so that the state of New Hampshire could prepare for and respond to Covid 19, the governor declared that the virus had created a public emergency. That declaration was followed Specifically, she said, the

two days later by his order announcing that all public K-12 school districts would transition to remote instruction, an order that closed all public schools in the state.

Surviving the shutdown and being deemed an essential business, public and private campgrounds remained open and served its customers, while being required to adhere to certain strict conditions. How those conditions were interpreted became a source of concern in many communities that hosted campgrounds and RV parks throughout New Hampshire.

Haverhill Town Manager Brigitte Codling told The Bridge Weekly during an interview last week that the town had sent notice to the River Meadow Campground that they must adhere to the governor's emergency orders after her office received complaints that somecampers were not doing

campground was reminded that only campground members who are New Hampshire residents who come to the campground to "stay for the season", i.e. live in their campers for the season, may come to New Hampshire campgrounds.

Also, that "out-of-state members are not allowed to come for occasional. weekend, or weekly stays in our campgrounds and that no visitors are allowed to New Hampshire campgrounds." Codling also noted that only 50 percent of the sites in a campground could be occupied at any given time.

She said that subsequent to the complaints, Haverhill Police Chief Brandon Alling visited with campground owners and they let him know they intended to cooperate with the governor's emergency

She said that the town, through its Police Department, has the ability to issue a misdemeanor citation for any of the violations according to the Attorney General's office. She said that "of course, the town would rather the campgrounds voluntarily comply with the governor's emergency orders and mandatory guidance, which is in the best interests of Haverhill residents who have generally done a very good job of self-isolating, social distancing and wearing masks."

She said the result of all this is that "there has been a very low caseload of Covid 19 in our

Cottage Hospital CEO, Dr. Maria Ryan, will be joined be her leadership team to host a Community Town Hall Forum on the Coronavirus. This virtual opportunity, slated for the end of May, will be hosted over a secure ZOOM online platform that will allow participants to gather information on COVID-19, learn how the hospital has prepared, and have questions answered. To keep the community informed, we hope to have as much participation as possible. To receive the meeting invitation with further details about date and time, please send your NAME & PHONE NUMBER to myhospital@cottagehospital.org.

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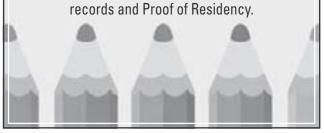
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wildflowers. Right now several species are blooming in my woods, and others are on their way. They are a demure smile before the serious romance of summer blossoms in the main gardens. But after winter, they are loved as much as the bodacious peonies and brilliant poppies that will come later.

One of my favorites is Trillium. That is both a scientific name and a common name, though the common wine red species, Trillium erectum, is also called Purple Trillium, Wake-robin and Stinking Benjamin. It does best in light shade and acidic soils.

Its flower has petals and stands up above the foliage. As it matures over the years, the clumps get bigger. A related species, T. grandiflorum, or white trillium is similar in looks, but with white petals that fade to pink. It's very lovely.

Another favorite of mine is Jack-in-the Pulpit (Arisaema triphyllum). The flower has a hood over a "preacher" that is hidden inside. It is designed so that little flies will crawl down inside the flower, pollinating it as they go. It has both male and female parts, but only one or the other are fertile at a time, to prevent



Bloodroot likes good drainage and more sun







White trillium or Trillium grandiflorum

self-pollination. Thev grow well in woodlands, in deep rich acid soil. As the plants grow older, they get larger, sometimes reaching two feet tall.

Hepatica is one of the earliest wildflowers to bloom in my woods. The common name, Hepatica, is also the scientific name, though there are two similar species: H. acutiloba or Sharp-lobed Hepatica, and H. americana or Round-lobed Hepatica.

Hepatica grows in light shade, and does best with a few hours of sunshine. They do best in rich, dark, humusy soil. They form tidy clumps, each about the size of a big African violet. The blossoms are numerous: an old clump in my woods has about 50 one-inch wide lavender flowers on it now, each with six petals. This plant does not spread much, so buy enough to make a statement.

Bloodroot is a beauty that spreads well by root, though is never obnoxious about it. This fabulous wildflower has blossoms similar to those on Hepatica, but bigger, and white with a yellow center. The blossoms are quite ephemeral, blooming and then littering the ground some days later with petals. The flowers close up at night (when pollinators are sleeping) or on cold, rainy days.

The leaves are dramatic. When they first appear, they are rolled up like a cigar, standing vertically in your forest duff. Later the leaves open and flatten out, getting large for a wildflower: six to eight inches wide. These persist much of the summer, creating a nice groundcover.

Bloodroot gets its name from the red liquid it oozes if you break a root. You can propagate the plant by diving roots when dormant in the fall and planting in light shade or morning sun in moist, well-drained soil.

Another of my favorites is Dutchman's breeches (Dicentra cucularia). This is a true spring ephemeral: it produces flowers and leaves, and then everything disappears after a few weeks until next year. It is in the same genus as Bleeding Heart, a dramatic pink or white June-blooming perennial. The flowers are white, and look like little pants hanging upside down, with several flowers on each stem.

The foliage is as pretty as the flowers: it is finely cut, and reminiscent of its cousin, wild bleeding heart (Dicentra exemia) which is sold everywhere as a shade perennial. When Dutchman's Breeches dies back, the leaves just disappear without yellowing and lingering on, which is a nice feature. It does best in moist, rich soil in shade or part sun. The corms are tiny.

Finally, you should have some trout lily or Dogtoothed Violet (Erythronium americanum). This diminutive plant has nice spotted leaves and spreads like a groundcover in shady, humus-rich woods. But in the wild, they bloom infrequently, and only after they have two leaves - and most of



Jack in the pulpit

mine have just one. The flowers are yellow on 4 inch stems.

So how do you get started? Most garden centers do not sell these plants, and seeds are not readilv available - and often need to be planted right after picking. You should not dig them up in the wild and doing so is prohibited in most states.

I called Barry Glick of Sunshine Farm and Gardens in Renick, West Virginia. His farm is 60 acres of flowers at 3650 feet of elevation, so Zone 5. He agreed to put together a package of the plants I have featured here, three plants of each, ready to go in the ground for \$4.95 each as a special deal for my readers. They will be shipped free by Priority Mail. E-mail him at barry@sunfarm.com for details and tell him I sent

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So think about getting some wildflowers, and remember you shouldn't just go dig them up in the wild! Wildflowers bring me great joy when they bloom, and I bet they will please you, too.

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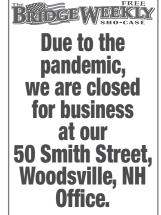
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Doug Teschner Named State Coordinator

Political polarization, bitterness, and rancor are dividing Americans against each other in ways that threaten our republic. The divide between "reds" and "blues" has become so severe that we sometimes seem headed for a "civic divorce."

"I really wonder if our great nation can survive if we don't find a better way to listen to each other," observes Haverhill, NH resident Doug Teschner who was recently named as New Hampshire coordinator for Braver Angels, a national non-profit founded after the 2016 presidential election.

Braver Angels (formerly Better Angels) organizes workshops that teach skills on how to listen and speak to those with whom we disagree politically, including family members. The national non-profit brings together conservatives and liberals to find common ground – not to change their views of issues but to change their views of each other. Many continue to meet, work together, and forge friendships despite initial tension and trepidation.

Braver Angels leaders from NH and ME are organizing an online documentary film screening of "Braver Angels: Reuniting America" on Thursday, May 28 from 7:00 pm to 8:45pm, which includes a post-film discussion. To RSVP for this no cost event, please use this link or contact Doug Teschner at dteschner@ GrowingLeadershipLLC.com.

Teschner is a former NH State Representative who served as Peace Corps country director in West Africa and Ukraine. He currently does leadership training and consulting through his business, Growing Leadership LLC, and has also stepped up to take on this volunteer role with Braver Angels.

"I have been deeply concerned about how political differences have become so personalized and divisive," Teschner observed. "I am excited to hopefully make a difference by helping people to embrace respect and learn ways to better communicate with each other."

Braver Angels is a membership organization led by a small staff and many volunteers. For more information, including the array of workshops, debates, book discussions, and online events, please go to https://braverangels.org/. You can also become a member for only \$12.

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Piermont Memorial Day Parade and Services postponed

By Bernie Marvin

Piermont, NH - The Memorial Day Parade and Piermont Veterans Memorial Garden Services scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2020 have been postponed to Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

The program for this year was to include World War 2 Tank crew member Ken Uline as Grand Marshal. Also, columnist, author, and Viet Nam Veteran Gary Moore was selected as the Guest Speaker. The popular band, the Summertime Marching Band of Monroe, a band that actually marches and plays a wonderful suite of patriotic music, was slated to lead parade units from the Piermont Church to the Piermont Veterans Memorial Garden.

Also featured for the special Memorial Day services this year were the Piermont Village School band and chorus, who performed so magnificently last year. Special events for the day included a BBQ lunch sponsored by the parents and students for the 2021 Washington, DC trip, a Piermont Library book sale, and an exhibit by the Haverhill Historical Society at the Old Church Building.

Due to the coronavirus 19 in the area, the entire card of Memorial Day events was postponed and moved to next year's Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021 in order to appropriately honor military veterans and their sacrifices with the town's special program of a parade, Veterans Memorial Garden services and other special events.

Piermont veterans will still be honoring their service dead by visiting five Piermont cemeteries and placing wreaths at each location. The planning committee said that their deceased brothers and sisters in uniform will not be forgotten this Memorial Day or any Memorial Day in the future.

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want to encourage you to take time and count your blessings, take notice of the things that you do have.

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Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Alan Morrison is the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Woodsville, NH. Contact Pastor Alan with any questions or comments at pastor@cbcwoodsville.org, or visit our website at cbcwoods- am then activated to see what ville.org.

BERNIE'S BEAT **CONT. FROM PAGE 4**

woods towards Warren. It appeared to be a large pig.

At about the same moment, another camera grabs the image of an animal trotting down our driveway, headed south. A goat. Although in the same area at the same time, they were headed in opposite directions.

The outside light goes on and I the commotion is all about. I

go to a window and about five minutes after the pig and goat appearances, a large furry animal, with a big bushy tale and a nose in the air, trying to get a scent prances into the area and stands to the side of the brick baking oven. It is a large coyote.

We have never seen this type of wild or domestic menagerie of animals here on the property. Obviously, an escaped pig and goat were their way to freedom in the deep woods between here and points south and east. Following that action was an alert

Last Sunday morning brought us a view of a cold snow that thinly covered the landscape. That is good tracking snow, so I got out to see what has passed through the previous night. Nothing new, only the meandering tracks of the lone fox that comes around every night.

It has been a weird two months. Three months ago, who would have thought we would be socked in by a world-wide killer pandemic. We were looking forward to the June graduations, early summer BBQ's and a July wedding. They have all been postponed until 2021 or cancelled.

But compared to friends located to the south of us in bordering states, surrounded by a lot of people everywhere they go, we are fortunate indeed. We are here tucked away from society and will slowly get back to normal as the country begins to circulate once again.

Then we can look forward to those hummingbirds arriving and the snow-covered daffodils showing through to announce spring is in the air and the area has come alive once again.

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OP-ED

By Anthony Smith

Member, Haverhill Corner Fire Department

I am writing again regarding the forcing together of the three fire departments in the town of Haverhill. I thought after writing the first two letters I could write a conclusion. I am wrong, there is no conclusion yet.

This consolidation or forcing together of departments has nothing to do with lack of control of town funds or bringing the town together, it has to do with some ones idea of redundancy among the three departments. To this person or those people, redundancy is equal to tax dollars. When I have an issue with writing something or trying to explain something I start at the beginning, the dictionary. Go ahead look it up, it does mean excess, an overflow, unnecessary repetition. Then you get to the electronic or mechanical definition, it means to provide an alternative functional channel in case of failures. Definition number 4 American Heritage Dictionary. This is the definition used in the fire service. Fighting fire when boiled down is a mechanical operation, cause and effect,

I am writing again regarding pour water on a fire and it goes out.

I remember an arson fire, five of us packed up, two teams, 1 1/2 inch lines, and the captain between us. We crawled down the hall, blackened the first room and the one across the hall, 250 gal/min. Turned around, back down the hall we went to the third room, as we turned to enter and put that room out you could see the rooms we just put out had reignited. The flames were coming out the doors and down the hall toward us. I feel, bang bang bang on my shoulder and hear the captain yelling at me to get the hell out, he had the radio. The five of us back out dragging our hoses. When out and masks are off, I ask what the hell is going on. We were told to look at the east side of the building. The whole east side of the building was gone and we did not know it. In the gray light of the morning I walked down the bank and looked at it. Between the five of us our extra 6 to 800 pounds could have collapsed the floor and dropped us in the basement. I have never

forgotten that building. Nothing broke down that night, we did not need the redundancy built into Haverhill's Fire Departments. As the definition states we did not need an alternative functional channel in case of failure, a plan B.

The reason I wrote of this previous experience of mine is not to write of my own stupidity or lack of education and training. It is to help you grasp and understand the inherent danger of the job. The reason for redundancy in the fire service. Today that experience would never happen but the danger still exists. Today all departments in Haverhill have safety officers, We are trained to not rush in to put the wet stuff on the red stuff. Today we are trained to look at all four sides of a building so we do not do dangerous and stupid stuff. Today that fire would be a surround and drown type of fire. We would not try and save what was left of the building, there would not be any value in the risks that we took that night. We are small town not big city but are trained and expected to perform as if we are and we do. Remember it is not just Haverhill, it is every small town, puckerbrush, in the sticks, Podunk fire department in rule America that is expected to perform

in this manner by its taxpayers and they do.

the scene the same at the water I have been at fires where source. Four or five tankers to a truck could not keep its haul water, more if the distance prime, on a scene where a is great. For short distances pumper snapped the cable we can use hose but friction that ran the engine from the pump panel. We disconnected loss limits us there. If we are pumping at full capacity each them, kicked them out of the tanker lasts about two minutes. way, put another one in and These trucks, our tool boxes, off we went. These things do happen. Ask the three North carry most of what we need at an emergency scene. If you pass Haverhill firefighters that a fire in a hydrant district you were blown back on their asswill see there are less trucks on es when Gary's Fuels went scene. You need one engine, one up. Burned on their hands spare, plus your tool box. This is and faces. Ask them what because water is available from they think of redundancy. the hydrant system. Haverhill Does anyone remember the Corner has only three trucks ca-Welch fire in Newbury? It was pable of use at a structure fire. nearly the coldest night of the Nowhere near enough for a fire winter. We were using extra outside a hydrant district. If you everything that night. Ladtake in the whole of the town ders were not useable once we have enough pumpers but they got wet. The rails were not enough tankers. Someone frozen in place, the ropes were please tell me where all this exfrozen, and you just went tra equipment is stored in town. and got a dry one off another I do know where we get the extruck. Fittings, nozzles, it was tra equipment from. We get it a bear trying to change air from Bath, Monroe, Wells Rivpack bottles, everything was er, Newbury, Piermont, Bradfrozen. If you got wet with ford and in the south east corner over spray, you were warm of town we get the extra equipbut your coat was stiff as a ment from Warren. The town of board. You became a walk-Haverhill gets it from the mutuing Popsicle, like a cardboard al aid system, Twin State, Some cutout doll. Do not talk to me about redundancy in the fire service. It is the safety built into the system.

of that aid comes from mutual aid between systems, Lakes Region and Hanover Dispatch.

I think that I have completely debunked the idea that Haverhill has any extra equipment. Each fire department in town knows it cannot handle a structure fire on its own. We all rely on each other when the need arises. A few weeks ago North Haverhill could not even roll its big tanker out of the station to the fire on Brushwood Road. It relied on Haverhill Corner, Woodsville, Newbury, and Piermont for water and backup. Please, town manager, unlock the door to the building that has all of this extra firefighting equipment in it. We the fire departments of Haverhill will put it to good use. North Haverhill could have used it at the Brushwood Road fire.

Well if the paper will still have me, my next letter will talk of the real problem with the fire departments in Haverhill. Not these made up ones.

Anthony Smith, Member of the Haverhill Corner Fire Department Piermont, NH

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Town of Groton, VT

The Town of Groton is now accepting bids for the Sanding and Refinishing the Gymnasium floor located in the town community building.

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For more information please call: Town Clerk's Office (802) 584-3276.

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Seeking Public Review and Comment on Final Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Plan

The Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Plan has been reviewed by Vermont Land Trust and approved by the Town of Newbury Selectboard. Many thanks to the community members who attended public meetings and shared their feedback on development of the Plan. The public is invited to provide comments on the final Plan.

The Plan is available electronically for public review at the Tucker Town Forest website at tuckertownforest.org and on the Town of Newbury website at www.newburyvt.org (see Tucker Management Committee page). Hard copies of the Plan are available by mail by calling Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee chair Tom Kidder at (802) 505-5279.

If you have comments that you would like to share with the Committee, please contact Tom Kidder at (802) 505-5279 or email tuckertownforest@gmail.com.

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The Town of Groton is now accepting bids for the painting the wall of the Groton Gymnasium located in the town community building.

Work includes painting the wainscoting, painting the upper portion of the walls and painting the trim around the windows.

Contractor would have to have staging to perform this job.

The contractor must have appropriate insurance coverage. The job is available to view at the town office.

For more information please call: Town Clerk's Office (802) 584-3276

Sealed bids may be sent to:

zconaway@grotonvt.com Groton Selectboard 1476 Scott Hwy. Groton, VT 05046

Bids must be received by 5:00 PM on May 21, 2020.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP CEMETERY RETAINING WALL REPAIR

The Town of Benton is seeking proposals to repair the Mountain View Cemetery retaining wall facing Coventry Road (Rte. 116). The stone wall needing repair is approximately 4 feet high and 145 feet long.

Please submit proposals by May 21, 2020 via email to bentonnh@gmail.com or mail to Town of Benton, 221 Coventry Road, Benton, NH 03785.

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May 15 - 22, 2020 between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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Commissioners
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Town of Groton, VT

The Town of Groton is now accepting bids for the replacement of the town office railing. The job includes demolishing and removal of the existing railing and construction of new rails which meet all applicable building codes.

The contractor must have appropriate insurance coverage.

The job is available to view at the town office.

For more information please call: Town Clerk's Office (802) 584-3276

Sealed bids may be sent to:

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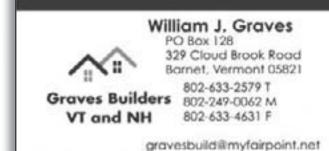
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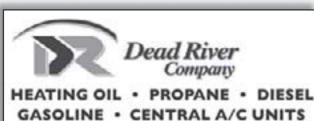
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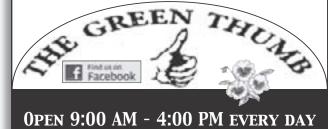
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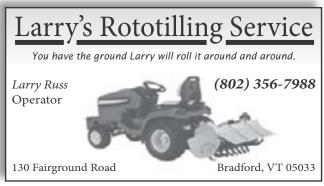
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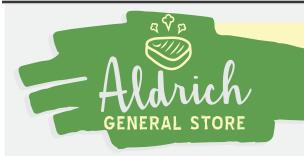
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