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National Rx Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 27th from 10 AM - 2 PM. Clean out your medicine cabinet and make your way down to your closest participating local collection site at the following North Country police stations: Berlin, Colebrook, Gorham, Groveton, Haverhill, Lancaster, Lisbon, Littleton, and Bethlehem (pictured, with Officer Josh Basnar of Bethlehem PD, left, and Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator at the North Country Health Consortium, Greg Williams, right). Courtesy Photo

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY IS SAT, OCT. 27: CLEAN OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET!

On Saturday, October 27th from 10 AM - 2 PM, North Country Police Departments participating in National Drug Take Back Day are calling on the community: Clean out your medicine cabinets! The following police stations will be ready to collect expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications: Berlin, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Gorham, Groveton, Haverhill, Lancaster, Lis-

bon, and Littleton.

Acceptable items for collection in designated drop boxes are prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. Illegal drugs, needles, lotions or liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, thermometers, and hydrogen peroxide will

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PIERMONT BOY TREKS 48-4,000-FOOT NH MOUNTAINS

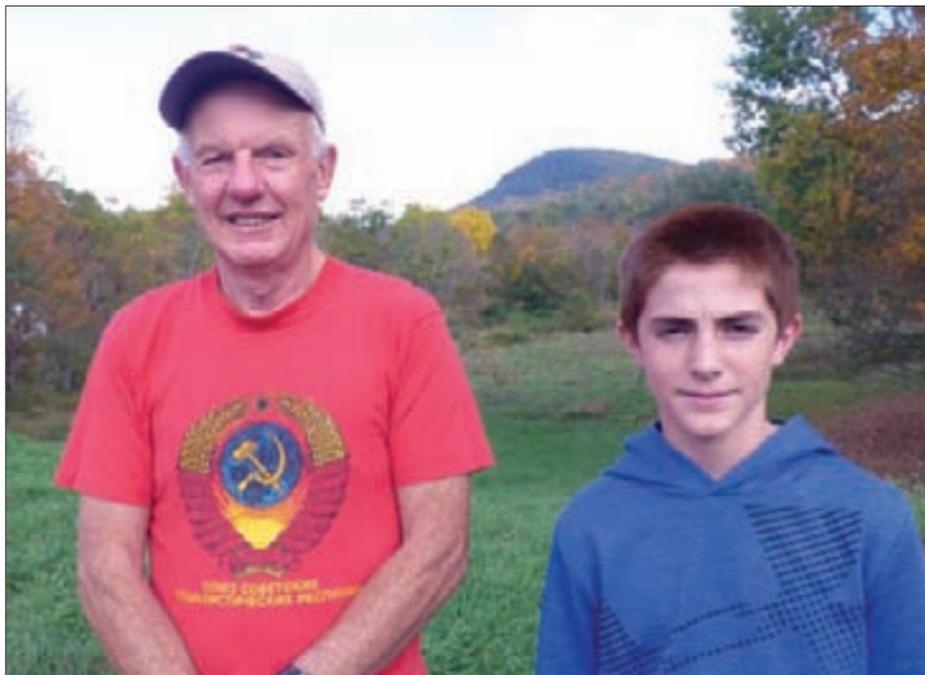
By Bernie Marvin

Piermont, NH - A Piermont boy has climbed all 48 mountains in New Hampshire that are at least 4,000 feet or higher. He began this challenge in 2014, wanting to finish them off by the time he turned 13 year of age. He completed the schedule six months early at this time last year.

Billy Menard, a student at the Piermont Village School, told The Bridge Weekly during an interview last week that he and life long friend and Camp Walt Whitman Outdoor Trip Leader Geoff Ashworth hiked the mountains together with few exceptions and although it was a sometimes tough schedule, like completing several in one day, he endured and wrapped up the project and beat his self-imposed deadline by six months.

The Bridge Weekly met with Billy and Geoff on a warm afternoon last week as they reviewed their trip schedule and planning activities in order to climb all 48 4000 foot peaks in the White Mountain range. They planned for safety and watched the weather for each trip.

They did two overnight trips



Piermont Village School Student Billy Menard (Right) and Camp Walt Whitman Trip Director Geoff Ashworth have completed all of New Hampshire's 48 4,000 foot mountains. At this time last year, the 12-year-old Billy completed the climbing program atop Mt. Carrigain, where he could see the summits of 45 other 4,800 foot mountains he had conquered. Geoff wears the tee shirt he acquired in East Germany just weeks before the Berlin Wall fell in the late 1980's. The Bridge Weekly/Bernie Marvin

when there were three difficult summits in a row, such as the tops of Mounts Pierce, Eisenhower and Jackson. Billy is presently in the Eighth Grade and plays basketball, soccer and baseball. Upon graduation from the Piermont Village School, Billy said he plans on attending Rivendell Academy in Orford in the fall of 2019.

Billy has plans to become an electrical engineer, although

he has other ideas, too, such as going to Africa and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro or making a trip to top of Mount Everest.

Geoff is a long-time friend of the Menard family of Piermont and got to know Billy's Dad, Tony, through their work together at Camp Walt Whitman on the shores of Lake Armington in Piermont. Menard the elder is a chef at the camp and Geoff

is an outdoor adventure trip leader, something he has done there off and on for the past 41 years.

Geoff came to the United States from England in 1977 for the first time to work at the camp as a student. He said he did return to London for awhile, but he knew he would return forever to the

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A STICKER AND A SMILE

Lisbon, NH - It all started as a prank. At the time, 8th grader, Brendan Wall watched as a classmate was fooling around and made the comment, "Want a sticker?", when one of his classmates had done something well. So Brendan stepped in and said, "Yah, I want a sticker," then a plan was hatched. Brendan went to the store that night and bought a package of sparkly stickers. The next day at school, he sat outside and handed out stickers to everyone coming into Lisbon Regional School. At his 8th Grade Celebration last June, Mrs. Williams, Brendan's English teacher, recognized him and how he had truly brightened up so many people's day then presented him with several packages of stickers to prepare him for next year.

Three months and a new school year started, Brendan, now a freshman, arrives at school every morning by 7:00 am. He sets up outside the front door with a pile of stickers. Even on rainy days, Brendan sits just inside the front door. As students and teachers arrive each morning, he is there to greet everyone with a smile and ask if they'd like a sticker, then say, "Have a nice day!"

"I would say I give out 75-100 stickers everyday," said Brendan. Because Lisbon is a K-12 school, he sees many younger students in the hall throughout the day, and they recognize him. "I feel like I'm doing my own part to make everyone happy and start their day off right." He has his usual sticker-getters each day, including his old Science teacher, Mrs. Houghton, who gets upset if he has to close up shop early so he can get to class on time. "I've even given stickers to some parents who drop their kids off in the morning." One parent said, "What a nice way for students to start the day. In a world with too much bullying and teasing, it is nice to see someone step up and do something that makes people happy."

Brendan wants to continue handing out stickers with a smile as long as he is able. He has been a very positive vibe at LRS and the school community is happy to have him there each and every morning.

The Bridge Weekly/Nikki Woods



Brendan Wall greets all students, parents, and teachers to Lisbon Regional School each day with a sticker, smile, and "Have a nice day!". Pictured here was the first day of school at LRS, and he was well-prepared with his backpack full of stickers. Photo by Susan Wall



Gunner Burt (Left) picks out his sticker for the day from Brendan Wall. Gunner likes to search for the best sticker each day. The Bridge Weekly/Nikki Woods



Students representing 10 schools from all over Coos and northern Grafton Counties showed "UP" for substance misuse prevention in their schools and communities at the inaugural UP Granite Youth Conference hosted by the North Country Health Consortium in September. To learn more about the UP Youth Conference and how to get your school involved next year, contact NCHC Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, Greg Williams: gwilliams@NCHCNH.org. Courtesy Photo

NORTH COUNTRY STUDENTS SHOW "UP" FOR SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AT NCHC'S UP GRANITE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The inaugural UP Granite Youth Conference on September 21ST hosted students from all over Coos and Northern Grafton counties around the unifying theme, "UP," designed to encourage young people in the North Country to get UP, stand UP, and speak UP against drug and alcohol misuse, while working towards a positive school climate that is respectful of all students.

The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) organized and sponsored the event at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield, partnering with 10 local schools to ultimately gather a crowd of 140 youth to represent their schools: Berlin, Gorham, Littleton, Woodsville, Lincoln, Profile, Groveton, North Country Charter Academy, Lisbon, and White Mountains Regional High School.

Headlining the UP Conference was a national speaker on recovery, Tony Hoffman, who described his career in the off-road racing and stunt riding cycle sport—BMX—when he was in high school and a top-ranked BMX amateur boasting multiple endorsements. However, experimentation with alcohol and other drugs derailed his early success, leading him to a two-year prison sentence. Today, Hoffman travels the country, bringing awareness to the dangers of prescription pill and heroin abuse and advocating for a shift in thinking towards current addiction-recovery processes.

Throughout the afternoon's activities, students enjoyed opportunities to interact and express themselves, sharing their ideas and aspirations to improve their school and community climate, especially as related to substance use. They advocated for more resources in their community and school, so that people with a substance misuse problem can get the help they need, when they need it. Students also spoke out for more education about substances, both in the school and community, and ways to help students realize their potential without resorting to drugs. Wrapping up the UP Granite Youth Conference, Rapper GeNreal, closed with two inspirational performances that reinforced previous messages.

Funding for this event was provided in part by the NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services.

The North Country Health Consortium is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers serving northern New Hampshire. To learn more about the UP Granite Youth Conference and how your school can get involved next year, contact NCHC's Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, Greg Williams: gwilliams@NCHCNH.org.

For more information about NCHC, visit: www.NCHCNH.org or call: (603)259-3700.

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not be accepted. People depositing medications at drop box sites must keep medicines in their original container and also be the prescription holder.

Twice a year the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) declares National Drug Take Back Day. Police departments across the country offer a convenient point-of-collection for the safe and anonymous disposal of unused, expired, and unwanted prescription medications to

avoid accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse, as well as contamination of the water supply, if .ushed.

During Drug Take Back Day this past April, the North Country brought in 815 pounds of potentially harmful medications. Together, North Country Police are challenging community members to help surpass last year's total by making their way down to their closest participating station—on Saturday, October 27th from 10 AM – 2 PM—to deposit their expired, unused, and unwanted medicines!

North Country Health Consortium is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers in northern New Hampshire. For more information about participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, acquiring a permanent prescription drug drop box in your local community, or other Substance Misuse Prevention efforts, contact: gwilliams@NCHCNH.org or (603)259-3700, x295.

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MOORE OUTDOORS

By Gary W. Moore



A NICE HIKE BUT NO VIEW

Last Tuesday was the one day I would have been free in a three week period and I was determined to make the best of it. My hiking partner, Don Kollisch, had been hobbling around all summer with a broken ankle and fibula so he was not able to hike, something he found very frustrating as did I. Now healed, he was anxious to get out and see how his ankle could handle a hike. We chose to hike Spruce Mountain in Plainfield as it is a relatively easy hike of 4.5 miles that would offer great views of central Vermont at peak foliage. I had climbed the mountain a few times in the past but Don had not. I told him how much we would see on a day so warm we hiked in short sleeve shirts. There was only one car in the parking lot when we arrived at nine. Half way up the trail we encountered a man coming down who told us he lives nearby and hikes the mountain nearly every day. He warned us the summit was socked in but we relied on the weather report that it would clear by late morning.

It did not. We got to the summit to find the visibility limited to about 100 feet. We climbed the fire tower and stood in the wet cloud buffeted by wind as I told Don what it was we were supposed to be seeing in every direction. Spruce Mountain is a popular hike and we met so many others while on the summit and on the trail that I lost count. When we left, the parking lot was full. By the time we reached my truck the sun was shining brightly and the sky a beautiful blue. We envied those who had started hiking late morning as they would have seen the great views and brilliant fall colors I had promised Don.

Despite not being able to see anything but the dense cloud, the hike was enjoyable and Don's ankle held up which means he will be able to do longer, more difficult hikes this fall.

BITS AND PIECES

Steam Mill Brook Wildlife Management Area in the towns of Walden, Stannard, Wheelock and Danville, has expanded by 225 acres as the result of a recent land acquisition. The WMA is one of the state's largest and comprises

roughly 11,000-acres that are permanently conserved and managed to enhance wildlife habitat as well as public access for wildlife-based recreation such as hunting, fishing, wildlife-watching, photography, or gathering wild edibles. Considered a high priority for conservation by the Department and Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, as evidenced by the recently completed Vermont Conservation Design project, the Steam Mill Brook area contains a large expanse of unbroken forests and provides an important corridor for wildlife moving between the Worcester Mountain Range and the Northeast Kingdom. We are very lucky that the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department owns and manages 93 wildlife management areas throughout the state, comprising nearly 140,000 acres, for fish and wildlife habitat and public access.

*** Vermont State Game Wardens are appealing for help in curtailing poaching activities. They are asking for people who witness or believe they have knowledge of poaching to contact them quickly. "If you hear a shot in the night, see lights in a field or have any information about a poaching incident, please contact us right away," said Col. Jason Batchelder, Vermont's chief game warden. "The quickest way to reach a warden is by calling your nearest State Police office so the radio dispatcher can give the information to a warden in the area." "Details such as names, vehicle descriptions, vehicle plate information, and direction of travel all can help. We often can discover evidence and piece together a case if we can investigate the situation rapidly," added Batchelder. If you have information about any illegal activity relating to Vermont's wildlife, you also can anonymously call Operation Game Thief at 1-800-75ALERT. Rewards are paid for information leading to arrests.

*** Vermont's bear population is increasingly coming into conflict with people as they raid people's bird feeders, often leading the bear to continue to seek food sources in residential areas. As a result, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges Vermonters to hold off on putting bird feeders out until snow is well-established. With plenty of seeds and berries on the

landscape, birds have enough native foods to tide them over until bears are hibernating. "Nature provides birds with ample natural food options, from flowers to seeds to fruits and insects," says John Buck, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's migratory bird biologist. "Vermonters can plant a variety of native plants and provide other resources that will naturally attract birds from spring through fall. These natural food sources are healthy for birds and provide bird-lovers with a safe alternative to putting out bird feeders. Providing natural food sources also helps prevent a concentration of birds in one place around a feeder, reducing the likelihood of disease transmission and unnatural predation rates."

*** New Hampshire's youth deer weekend takes place Saturday and Sunday, October 27-28 and is the perfect time to take a young person hunting. The special weekend gives young people age 15 and younger the opportunity to go deer hunting with an adult mentor, without the pressure of competing with thousands of adult hunters. accompanying adults must be licensed hunters and are not allowed to carry a firearm. New Hampshire has offered a special youth deer hunt since 1999. Nonresident youth may participate in New Hampshire's youth deer weekend only if their state of residence allows New Hampshire youth to participate in its youth deer hunt. For more about New Hampshire's youth hunting weekends, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/youth.html. To learn more about deer hunting in New Hampshire, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/deer.html.

*** New Hampshire's pheasant season continues through December 31 and hunters are reminded that the pheasant season is closed statewide until noon on stocking days. In-season stocking dates are October 11-12, and October 18-19.

*** New Hampshire Fish and Game reminds turkey hunters that there has been a regulation change. Wildlife Management Unit D1 is closed. This means there is no legal fall shotgun turkey hunting allowed in Coos County.

*** Snowmobile education classes are underway across New Hampshire. To operate a snowmobile or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle in New Hampshire, any person age 12 or older must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved OHRV/

Snowmobile Safety Education class taught by volunteer instructors and staff trained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Additionally, all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snowmobile or OHRV, unless they are on property belonging to their parents, grandparents, or guardians. There is no charge for traditional classes, which are completed in a single day. For a current class schedule, visit www.wildnh.com/ohrv/education.html. New classes are added as they become available. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

PARTING SHOTS

A Tale of Three Rivers is a most enjoyable read for any angler. Written by Mathew Dickerson, a Vermont resident, Middlebury College professor and Dartmouth College graduate, the book chronicles his experiences on three rivers, two of which are in our region. Those of us who have fished the Mad River in Vermont and the Androscoggin in New Hampshire and Maine can appreciate his observations.

The third river is a trout stream in western North Carolina. Although we may not know it, we can picture what he found and lament what happened to it. The thread that connects the essays in this little book is the search for wild trout, an ever harder to find fish. However, that does not stop us from searching and doing all we can to enhance and protect the waters that hold them.

There is much to regret about the loss of habitat caused by humans but not all is lost. Dicker-

son writes about the dramatic improvement of the fishery in the once nearly dead Androscoggin in the area between Bethel, Maine and Gorham, N.H. It is a section of river I have written about many times and can attest to what he says. Growing up in Bryant Pond, Maine, Dickerson saw the river at its worse. He fished other nearby streams that fed into the Andro not yet ruined by development but not the polluted Andro. A Tale of Tree Rivers, subtitled Of Woolly Buggers, Bowling Balls, Cigarette Butts, and the Future of Appalachian Brook Trout is thought provoking and sure to cause readers to search for answers. The book can be ordered from www.ipgbook.com or by emailing wing-spesspublishing@gmail.com.

*** One could think summer had returned last week when temperature rose to the 80s in Burlington and high 70s in much of this area. We slept with the doors and windows open Tuesday and Wednesday nights. That was certainly unusual.

*** VT-ALERT is a great way to let Vermonters know of emergencies which is why I signed up when it was first offered. At the time I picked what I wanted to be notified about from a long menu and picked the geographic area of interest. For instance I don't have a big interest in being contacted about flooding in Burlington but I

do care about flooding in eastern Orange County and southern Caledonia County. Saturday morning at 3:29 our phone rang and my cell phone vibrated. I jumped out of bed to take the call expecting some emergency as that is the type of call I usually get at that hour. It was not an emergency although VT-ALERT thought it was. It was a "Freeze Warning." It said, "The National Weather Service in Burlington has issued a freeze warning, which is in effect from midnight tonight to 8 AM EDT Sunday." It ended with the following, "A freeze warning is issued when freezing temperatures are forecasted to threaten outdoor plants. Those with agricultural interests in the warning area are advised to harvest or protect tender vegetation. Also potted plants normally left outdoors should be covered or brought indoors." I will make it my mission this week to find who the depraved person was who felt I and others needed to be awakened at 3:29 a.m. to be told to bring in the plants and who they thought would get out of bed to harvest any crop. Talk about crying wolf! It is what will cause me and others to delete VT-ALERT and thus not receive real emergency notifications.

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A Dose of Dwayna

Dwayna M. Covey, M. Ed.

The car horn is such a diverse tool; a driver might get confused regarding the purpose behind its creation, which roots in courtesy. Many moons ago, the root of the horn began with horseless carriages in an era when the roads were shared among horses and the early vehicles. It was an expectation that you would sound the horn as a means to warn pedestrians that you were coming. All rooted in safety's sake. Today's horn beeping has taken on a life of its own, where the rule is more like – "Beep your horn at least once a day at another driver, even if there is no reason to do so."

I like to use my horn in two ways, in a very rare case a third, 1). To beep hello at friends or family as they walk down the road or are in their yards as I cruise by. It's like a little fun "beep, beep" or even a long, "beeeeepppppp", if I am feeling really excited!!!! Sort of in the lines of breaking the rules a bit, like the use of more than one exclamation point. 2). To beep "at" another driver who may have inadvertently ended up in my traveling lane and is paying attention to something else besides the fact that his/her pile of metal is about to land into mine. 3). To beep, just to beep, because the other driver was rude or flung a hand gesture my way; which I am sure was for no reason!

I believe that I was the victim of my third horn honking reason recently while in a line at McDonald's awaiting a morning breakfast sandwich (that I was so looking forward to). There

was not a soul in front or in back of me in line while I ordered my request from the pleasant young man on the other end of the speaker. After I heard the words, "Pay at the first window." I pulled my car forward. I stopped a couple of feet before the window to be sure my cash was exact (which took a miniscule of time). As I prepared to move forward, I heard, "HONK, HONK" – it was not a "Beep, Beep."

My first thought regarding the horn beeper was, where did this person come from, and the second was, what a pill! I took a quick look in my mirror to see if it was someone I knew (it was not), and I pulled up to the window, and said, smirking - "What was that all about?" The young man laughed, and made a comment about it being hard to know, giving me a look that it is all in a day's work. In response, to speed up the caffeine intake for the horn beeper, and with the hope to save the poor unsuspecting souls on the road, I paid for her coffee. Hakuna matada!

Dwayna M. Covey, coach, speaker, and humorist, seeks the funny, lightness and laughter in daily tasks and rituals to support well-being and the happier side of life. Join Dwayna for A Dose of Heart on Monday mornings from 6:30AM-6:45AM on Facebook Live, <https://www.facebook.com/dwaynamcovey/>. She can be reached at 802-522-7496 or by email at vtpeace-girl@gmail.com



Bernie's Beat

Comments and observations on our local scene

THE EMERALD ASH BORER HAS BEEN IN THE NH AREA SINCE 2013 AND HAS RAISED HAVOC WITH THE LOCAL ASH TREES. WE ARE CHECKING OUR FAMILY FOREST AND FOUND ONLY ONE ASH TREE ON THE PROPERTY SO FAR. THIS 60-FOOT MATURE TREE IS INFESTED WITH THE EMERALD ASH BORER AND NOW DEAD.

During a very recent cruise of our family forest of just a bit more than five acres in Piermont, we have so far found one ash tree. She was a beautiful tree, about 60 feet high and mature. Our last view of this tree was two years ago this past spring, as the late winter had warmed and the buds were preparing to pop.

Whether this happened or not we are not sure. On our most recent cruise last weekend, this tree towers amongst the majority of the oak forest, but now stands out in its starkness of being nothing more than a bony skeleton that was killed off by the now ever-present Emerald Ash Borer.

We were very surprised that a little bug, unheard of a few years back, could create this kind of savage destruction of the ash trees in the area, now including Canada and beyond. The bug was discovered in Michigan in 2002. They found then that the adult bug nibbles on foliage and causes little damage to the tree.

The larvae feed on the inner bark of the tree and kills off



The Emerald Ash Borer is killing off ash trees in New Hampshire and Vermont and in most other states including Canada. Courtesy photo

the hosts ability to maintain a balance of water and nutrition. Authorities believe the Emerald Ash Borer probably arrived from Asia aboard packing crates or materials on cargo ships or planes and at this point, it is found in 35 states and in Canada.

According to the emerald ash wood network, the little bugs have killed off hundreds of millions of trees in North America, including the one we found in an isolated part of our property. The infestation has caused authorities to enforce, then abandon, wood quarantines and fines to prevent contaminated ash trees and firewood from moving into the states from infected areas. The costs to forest owners, nurs-

ery owners, municipalities, and the forest product industry are now inestimable. Since it was discovered in New Hampshire five years ago, the regulators have pursued the quarantine program by each county by restricting the transporting of ash wood into various counties.

The efforts, as fast as they were enacted and as tough as they tried to be, slowed, for the pest won and there is no longer a state prohibition of transport of ash logs, ash products or ash fire wood. The quarantine efforts decreased the numbers, but it was impossible to prevent.

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Rural Matters

By Michael T. Hahn

TOMATOES

When my friend Donna shared some dehydrated cherry tomatoes with me, I couldn't believe how sweet and delicious they tasted. I became excited about dehydrating our own tomatoes, because we had a bumper crop this year. We previously owned a dehydrator, which I used to make venison jerky, but when I searched the house, I couldn't find the dehydrator. Apparently we had discarded it during one of my wife's periodic purges of household goods. Fortunately, Robin's coworker, Joan, loaned us her dehydrator. Following

Donna's simple instructions, I washed the tomatoes, removed the stems and sliced the cherry tomatoes in half. I placed the halved tomatoes on the plastic shelves of the dehydrator, which has five circular, plastic shelves that stack between the heated base and the vented top. When I had filled all five shelves and put on the top, I plugged in the dehydrator, which doesn't get tremendously hot, just warm enough to get the job done.

I asked Donna how long it took, and she said at least 12 hours, but with Joan's dehydrator, it took 2 days or more. My first batch was good. I over-dried

the second batch, and they came out hard. You want them leathery, but my second batch was crunchy. It wasn't until the third batch that I realized that some pieces dry quicker than others, so you want to remove the drier pieces while letting the still-juicy pieces take longer than thin pieces. I dried paste tomatoes as well as cherry tomatoes, cutting off the bottom into a hemisphere, then cutting off and discarding the top before splitting the remaining section lengthwise. You want to prevent juice and seeds from dripping down the dehydrator, so try to keep the juicy sections contained within skin or membrane.

When your tomatoes are leathery, place them in a container that isn't metal or plastic. I put them into a glass bowl with no cover in the re-

frigerator for a day or two before sealing them in a plastic bag. Donna says that they'll last for months in a refrigerated plastic bag. Dried tomatoes become sweeter and smaller; a large bowlful shrinks to fit inside a quart baggie. This makes a bumper crop easier to store. You can eat dried tomatoes plain, in a trail mix, in salads, in omelettes or on a sandwich. They're versatile, convenient and delicious.

Michael T. Hahn is the author of five 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.

Rep. Rick Ladd, R-Haverhill NH House of Rep - Grafton 4

FIX IT!

Some are advocating that the only way to resolve NH's school funding issue is to move forward with another funding disparity lawsuit similar to Claremont I and 2; however, we should be cautious in taking that path. Others believe, and perhaps rightfully so, that another round of Claremont-like lawsuits might be the first step toward either a statewide sales tax or income tax.

For better or worse, meaningful education reform hinges on a state's school funding system, and it is the legislature's responsibility to understand not only the cost of the new reform, but to identify how that cost can be accommodated by an equitable education funding formula. I have been asked, "How are you going to fix the formula so towns like Haverhill can offer students education equity similar to that received in wealthier

communities while keeping the foundation formula affordable?"

For starters and until the full formula has a meaningful, lasting revision, the 4% stabilization deduct must be stopped. Haverhill's annual 4% reduction is \$84,391. To end stabilization, I introduced a bill (LSR36) this week that will require the "department of education to distribute a total education grant to each municipality in an amount equal to the total education grant for the fiscal year plus the amount of the fiscal year 2018 stabilization grant, if any, distributed to the municipality." This, if passed, will stop some of the bleeding. Long-term resolution must also include a requirement that property poor towns having low equalized property valuation per student will receive financial assistance from the state. For example, all communities are now required to assess a statewide

education property tax called the SWEPT. The equalized SWEPT tax rate set at 2.26 raises \$609,398 per student in Haverhill while the same rate generates \$7,008,235 per student in Moultonborough.

There is also a relationship between student achievement and the state's funding system. Of the 26 municipalities that raise less than \$660,000 per student as required by SWEPT, 85% or 22 districts fall in the bottom two achievement quartiles. Of the 122 municipalities that raise more than \$1,000,000 per student from the SWEPT, 60% or 73 of the districts fall in the top two performance quartiles. The wealthy communities are also allowed to keep all SWEPT revenue above that necessary for base adequacy. Statewide, this annually produces approximately \$30M. This is not the case, however, in property poor municipalities where additional taxes

are often necessary just to maintain basic services.

The funding formula should be revised and needs to be changed by the legislature. Even with a costly, length court lawsuit, as occurred with the Claremont decisions, the court will ultimately, kick the can back to the legislature to fix as occurred 20 years ago. To fix the formula, all legislators must work together and not be split by partisan politics or haggle over the donor verse non-donor town issue that will most likely surface. A meaningful education funding formula is about providing our children the best education possible in order that NH's future workforce is a strong, vibrant economic contributor to our Nation and NH remains a place where young and old can afford to live.

Rep Rick Ladd
Chair, House Education

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OBITUARIES



John Eugene Emerson

Topsham, VT- John Eugene Emerson born March 2, 1932 to Charles and Luvia Emerson of Topsham, VT the youngest of nine and proud to be called the "spoiled little brat" that his older sisters made him into, and has continued this tradition to this last day of October 9, 2018 which only one remaining sibling, Irene Darling, of South Ryegate, can deny or confirm this rumor. Johnny admits that he has lived longer than anyone ever expected him to and has only passed on today because his body has come to an end. Johnny once claimed, after multiple operations, after multiple years, losing multiple parts of his body: "I'm a stubborn S.O.B. and I'm gonna make God take me one piece at a time" and indeed he did. His Emerson tough spirit and heart is always with us.

He was married November 29, 1958 to his gorgeous and faithful wife of 58 years, Deanne Adeline Roy/Emerson and who continues to be by his side even today. He is the proud father of 10 exceptionally handsome and beautiful children, Cynthia Jean Emerson of Winterport, ME; Anita Eileen Glass of Austin, TX; Brian Roy Emerson, of Wells River, VT; Rose Marie Burnett, of Topsham, VT; Darren Eugene Emerson, Chelsea, VT; Sandra Dee Wagner, of Monroe, NH; Wanda Lee LaFlamme, of Berlin, NH; Dennis Scott Emerson, of Topsham, VT; Jason Paul Emerson, of Topsham, VT; and Adam John Emerson of South Ryegate, VT.

Johnny regrets not having the other two that would have made an even dozen, but his wife put a quick end to that notion after Adam was born at her ripe young age of 40. He was extremely saddened at the death of his son Darren Eugene Emerson who predeceased him in 2003. He is thankful to all the wonderful spouses and significant others to his children, his multiple grandchild-

dren and their spouses and/or significant others, and great grandchildren and the support they have all provided to him and Deanne over these past years of difficulty due to his declining health. He would not have smiled so much at the end had Kara and Larkyn not visited frequently and put on some foolishness just to make him feel better. He found great comfort in Darren's daughter Jodi's blanket that she left that kept him warm in his last days. He also wants to thank all his immediate relatives and friends for the ongoing support to his family in time of need.

In lieu of flowers, he would like for people to donate money to the Town of Topsham tax bill so "Mother" will not have to be worried about that "GD" tax bill this year. He will be remembered as an ornery husband and father that showed his love through non-verbal ways and through subtle nuances in the Vermont tradition. He was known to friends and many people in the community that knew him as "Johnny" and was referred to by extended family members as "Uncle Johnny". He was also known for enjoying watching out the window with those huge deep shining blue eyes at his birds and nature that brought inner peace when he could no longer get around much. For us hunters he will be remembered as one of the few men that could drop a deer at 200 yards straight through the neck (maybe or maybe not in deer season). May he rest in peace.

Johnny did not want a big funeral as that was a bunch of "foolishness". The only service will be at his graveside at the Lime Kiln Cemetery, Newbury, VT on Saturday, October 13th at 11 AM with Brian Emerson, his oldest son, officiating.

Following the service, there will be a "pot luck" gathering at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway, Groton, VT. We ask that Johnny's old friends show up mostly sober and, as Johnny would say; "Not put on any PERFORMANCES".

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

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Marilyn Elizabeth-Georgia Stevenson

Barnet, VT- 61, of Anderson Street, died at her home on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

She was born on December 13, 1956, to Gayten and Barbara (Lodge) Verge, in Montreal, Canada and was raised by Milton and Rena (Begin) Percy, of St. Johnsbury, VT.

For many years, Marilyn worked for the State of Vermont providing information at Vermont Rest Areas in Northern Vermont.

In her spare time, she enjoyed fishing, yard saling, crocheting, and sewing.

She was predeceased by her birth parents, Gayten and Barbara Verge; her father, Milton Percy; a brother, Alan Percy; a step-brother, Roger Goodell; a brother-in-law Timothy Douse.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 46 years, David Stevenson, Sr. of Barnet; two children, David Stevenson, Jr. of Barnet, VT and Tammy (Stevenson) Mello and husband Jay of West Danville, VT; six grandchildren, Gabrielle Willey and fiancé Brady Coburn of Mercer, ME, Hunter Hannon of West Danville, VT, Taylor Quinton and partner Riley Hartshorn of Whitefield, NH, Savannah Stevenson of Peacham, VT, Phillip Stevenson of Barnet, VT, and Stefani Hannon of Barre, VT; and four great grandchildren, Charleigh Coburn of Mercer, ME, Skylar Hartshorn of Whitefield, NH, Lily Hartshorn of Whitefield, NH, and Kennedi Coburn, expected December 2018. She is also survived by her brothers, Gayten Verge, Jr. of North Troy, VT, Leo and Norma Verge of Brownington, VT, Timothy Percy and partner Susan Lebel of Lyndonville, VT, Kevin Percy and partner Alice Davis of Concord, VT; Dale Percy of St. Johnsbury, VT, and Burt Goodell and wife Laurie, Newport Center, VT, and sisters, Susan Roberge and husband Gary of Stansted, Quebec, Brenda and Doug Sherlaw of Derby, VT; ; sisters-in-law, Donna Percy Richardson, Lyndonville, VT and Cricket Goodell, Coventry,

VT; Cheryl Slayton and husband David, East Ryegate, VT, Virginia Douse, East Ryegate, VT, Janice Page and her husband Frank, Groton, VT; ; brothers-in-law, Richard Stevenson and wife Paula, West Barnet, VT, Norman Stevenson and wife Penelope, West Barnet, VT, Fredrick Stevenson and wife Cheryl, Peacham, VT; and many nieces and nephews, and her special fishing buddy, Ruth Bristol.

There are no services being planned.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2019. Information will be provided at that time.

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Deni Ann Clogston

Bradford, VT- Deni Ann Clogston, 73, of Cross Road, died on Friday, October 12, 2018, at Cottage Hospital, Woodsville, NH.

Deni was born on January 24, 1945, in Burlington, VT and was adopted at 10 months of age by her parents, Glen and Doris (Kittredge) Lowery. She was a graduate of Montpelier High School.

Deni was the constant caregiver to her two sons, Christopher and Sean. She was very close to her aunt, Beatrice Pierce, whom she lovingly called "Aunt Bea," who was like a mother to her.

In her free time, she enjoyed cats, doing crossword puzzles, going to the beach and dancing, and ice cream.

She was predeceased by her two sons, Christopher Lloyd Clogston in 1981 and Sean Slayton Clogston in 2011, and her former husband, Lynn Clogston in 1991.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Cottrell and partner Tyson Brammell of Bradford; two grandchildren, Emalee Sprague and Paige Brammell; and two step grandchildren, Shaelyn and Mason Brammell.

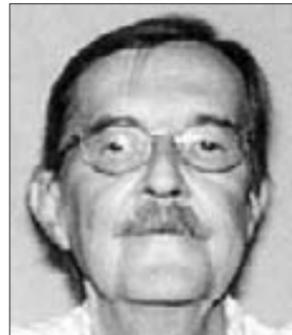
There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be on Thursday, October 18th at 11 AM in Sawyer Cemetery, Upper Plain, Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, One Sundial Avenue # 208N, Manchester, NH 03103.

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Douglas D. Duckett

Douglas D. Duckett, 73, of Groton, VT and Daytona Beach Shores, FL passed away on October 9, 2018, at the home of his daughter Jennifer Duckett and Rade Vukmir in South Woodstock, VT. Doug struggled with pancreatic cancer for the past 15 months.

Doug was born in Quincy, Mass. the son of Douglas and Mary Duckett. The family moved to Montpelier when Doug was eight years old. Doug graduated from St. Michaels grade school, St Michaels High School in 1964 and St Michaels College in 1971.

He married Jacquelyn Desilets of Barre in 1965. He worked for 28 years for Shaw's Supermarkets in several different management positions. Doug loved the outdoors. He spent many hours working in his vegetable garden and perfecting his beach on Groton Pond. He was an avid fisherman both in Florida and on Cape Cod especially with his three brothers. He also loved deer hunting in Connecticut with best friends Mike and Mark Breen. Most of all he loved camp on Groton Pond and anxiously waited for Winter to end in Florida and drive back to Vermont.

Doug sadly leaves behind his wife Jacky, daughters Kathy and Jack Wright of Hanson, MA; Cindy Fahey of Franklin, MA; and Jennifer Duckett and Rade Vukmir of South Woodstock, VT; Brothers Dennis Duckett of Plymouth, MA and Vero Beach FL; Bill Duckett of Harvard, MA; Jack Duckett of McIndoes Falls, VT; Sisters Barbara Galanek of Wilbraham, MA; and Anne Radigan of Kenosha, WI; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In-laws Jon and Sandy Desilets of Daytona Beach and Groton, VT; Janet and Tom Page of Groton, VT and Janice and Gaspor Badeau of Barre, VT.

Doug volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and on many projects in Florida, and in Groton, VT. He volunteered for several years helping with the Chicken Pie Supper held in Groton every October. Monies from the supper would go to students from Groton entering college. If you'd like to make a contribution in Doug's name to the scholarship fund please send to Groton Community Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Groton Community Club, 848 West Shore Drive, Groton, Vt. 05046

A celebration of Doug's life will be held in the summer of 2019 at his home on Groton Pond.

Messages of condolence may be expressed with the family through an online guestbook by visiting www.rickerfuneralhome.com.

Connecticut River Valley Beekeepers Association meets every third Thursday 7-9 PM at the Grafton County Extension Of. ce Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, North Haverhill, NH. CRVBA17@gmail.com

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An obituary is placed free of charge in The Bridge Weekly. The obituary, including a photo, may be emailed to news@thebridgeweekly.com or dropped off at our office, 50 Smith St., Woodsville, NH

AT THE DEAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

By Dennis Cunningham,
Airport Manager

North Haverhill, NH - It's hard to believe that the summer has passed. Airport Awareness Day was another success this year. The weather cleared up to become a beautiful day and we were able to start flying the Young Eagle Flights just before noon. We only had one local pilot to fly this year as our other aircraft had prior commitments, however another pilot came up from Claremont to help us out. Thanks Cliff and Steve for a job well done. Sorry we had to turn away some kids, but there is always next year. The Blackhawk helicopter was a big hit at the event and the Otes Air's helicopter was keeping busy flying folks around the local area. The commission and I also want to thank our sponsors, Woodsville Guaranty Bank, Blackmount Equipment and Huntington's Agway for their donations. All in all, it was a great day and we look forward to next year.

The Airport Beacon was also on display that day at the airport. A number of residents had questions about its operation and how it would affect the local area. The beacon is designed to be noticed by airplanes and does not operate under the same premise as a lighthouse which beams a light horizontally. The beam of an airport beacon can



be adjusted vertically up to 10 degrees from the horizon. The intensity of the beam can be seen for many miles so a pilot can safely navigate to the airport at night or in reduced visibility. It's really that simple, and I wish it were that simple to go forward and install this safety navigational beacon at the airport. However, I understand that a committee has been (or apparently has been) setup to evaluate the beacon. It

is unclear who is on this committee, when they meet, where they meet, and whether the meetings are open to the public. There should be representation on this committee to provide specific aeronautical knowledge and not just a group of disgruntled citizens looking for a reason to prevent this important safety project. The selectmen approved the grant and its assurances that would fund this project two years ago; not only

for aviators, but also for safety of the community surrounding the airport and it is still in limbo. In an effort to alleviate concerns about the beacon, it was placed on the airport property on October 6th for two weeks. Almost immediately an angry resident left a sign at the rear entrance of the airport expressing their annoyance of the beacon in anything but polite terms. This one person does not represent our 4,600+ resident taxpayers, but it was signed, "Haverhill Taxpayers". Due to the crude and vulgar nature of this sign, I will not post its contents in this article. Since then, there has been a second anonymous sign that denigrated the airport, the schools and our leadership. I am a firm believer in our first amendment rights and everyone's right of expression, but manners come from social appropriateness.

Prior to the test trial of the beacon's location, the selectboard has instructed the commission to have the beacon viewed at different times of the year. The commission has rented a lift from a local vendor to move the beacon to different locations on the airport. One of the most important concerns that we have for the beacon is to make sure that it does not beam into any resident's house. We have consistently conveyed to the public that this will not happen. There are ways to deflect the beam from any obstruction, including houses. During this trial time there will be a night flight check to impress upon some skeptics that this important beacon can be seen at distant locations from the airport.

This beacon project will not only provide your airport an added safety benefit but it will open the doors for added funding for projects that will enhance our airport and community. Haverhill is not a wealthy town. In order to make the improvements we all hope for, it is necessary to utilize the resources available to us. Yes, this means government funding which is in place to prevent added burden to the taxpayer. Keep in mind, government funding means 95% of the project cost. The remaining 5% comes from the already established aero fund. Lets not let our town languish due to apathy and personal interests. It's also a win, win, position for the town. An improvement to your airport improves our exposure to the flying public and also adds value to the town. Let's not forget, we are a public service airport and owe it to all stakeholders, the residents and the flying public, to maintain our airport to a safe standard. It's an asset, plain and simple and does not cost our resident taxpayers a dime.

I am asking and reaching out to all of our precincts, Woodsville, Mountain Lakes, Center Haverhill, East Haverhill, North Haverhill, Haverhill, Haverhill Corner and Pike not to let this important project be sabotaged by a few. Let your voice be heard to the selectmen and our town manager by a per-

sonal visit or by mail. There are those people that do not want change, progress and any kind of government intervention. They are satisfied with the status quo. We are fortunate to have many wonderful, "forward looking" people in our area who are actively making an effort to improve things for the future. The HEEC (Haverhill Entrepreneurial Encouragement Committee) meetings are a positive start in creating a vision and plan for the future. Our airport should be a key component of this plan with its ability to provide essential access to the area for business interests, tourism and recreation. It is an absolute gem in our midst. Let's utilize its value and not lose it to those who wish to remain stagnant. As I mentioned before, there is an air of apathy in our town that has to be rejected and there are very responsible people that want our town to succeed. The town does have a vision for it's future. The two-day forum in April "Creating A Greater Haverhill" showed to me that the town has this vision to make change and improve our community and I feel that your airport should be a part of this venture.

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Aloft,
William Langewiesche

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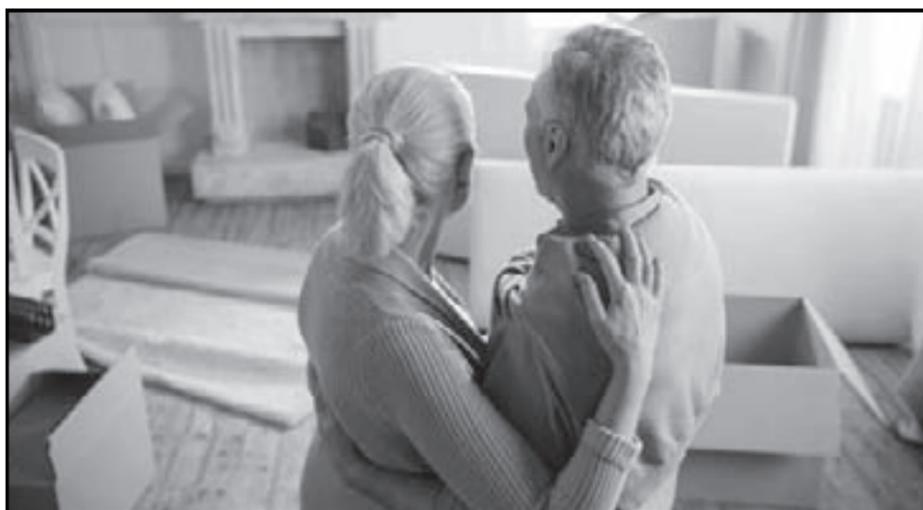
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OP-ED

BY FORMER NH STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUG TESCHNER

Former NH State Representative Doug Teschner explains Haverhill school funding issues as they exist today

Citing a recent article in the New Hampshire Business Review Magazine, Haverhill resident Doug Teschner circulated the article published herein to a group of his associates and friends to read.

He also gave permission for The Bridge Weekly to publish it so that an even wider range of readers could read it. Main subject of the article is school funding for Haverhill schools and some of Dr. Teschner's thoughts on the present situation of local taxation as it relates to funding school operations.

He said he felt it more up-front to tell people that signi. cant new state revenue is required even if they do not want to propose specifics.

In case you missed it, I wanted to be sure you saw this article in the NH Business Review that cites Haverhill as one of the state's 19 "property-poor" cities and towns with more than 1,000 residents where the assessed property value per capita is less than 65 percent of the statewide median."https://www.nhbr.com/September-28-2018/The-other-New-Hampshire/.

I am very sympathetic to Haverhill taxpayers who struggle to pay their taxes. Haverhill incomes are low and taxes are high. With the poor tax base, we don't raise that much money even with high taxes, which puts tremendous stress on town government and especially the schools to provide a quality education. As the data show, there are many towns with higher incomes and lower taxes that live on relative "easy street" because, even with a lower tax rate, they raise a lot more money.

Of course, spending money doesn't necessarily equate to having quality town services or schools, and maximizing efficiencies is absolutely required. But any reasonable study will show that the towns that spend more generally have the better schools, and towns that spend too little suffer. The poor Haverhill tax base means that the school board is under constant pressure to make cuts, but these cuts can come at a cost.

Haverhill is well-situated to be a bedroom community for people who work in the Hanover-Lebanon area where housing is so expensive. Yet the people who work down there won't come to Haverhill unless they are confident that their children will get a quality education.

So how do we break out of this vicious cycle?

First, we need to expand our tax base including better market the industrial park. I think the airport can be an asset. I joined the Haverhill Entrepreneurial

Encouragement Committee to help do my part. I don't know what all the answers are, but strategic planning to grow the tax base needs to be a top priority for the town.

Second, we need more state aid. This starts with improvements to the formula, but this is an uphill battle because (1) any formula has to be voted by the legislature and little towns like Haverhill don't have that much political clout and (2) the state doesn't really have the money to give.

When I represented Haverhill in the state legislature (from 1988-1998 and 2000-2002), I served several terms on the Ways and Means Committee that deals with taxation. In the 1990s, our committee commissioned a study of state revenues which found that they were very "inelastic" which means that they don't increase at the same rate as the economy. We have seen this play out in subsequent years as the state has been squeezed to meet its obligations,

including state aid to cities and towns and school aid.

towns like Haverhill, have really felt the hit.

Many cuts to local governments have resulted which ultimately increases property taxes. It wasn't a big surprise that revenue went down during the recession, but there is still not enough during the current booming economy. Cities and towns, especially property-poor

I am sorry I missed the recent forum on school funding as I was out of state implementing a leadership training. I did read Bernie Marvin's account in *The*

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SOUTH RYEGATE SENIOR MEALS

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Bridge Weekly. Pressure on the state could help improve the formula, but this will only provide marginal relief for Haverhill in my view. Despite the two Claremont lawsuits in the past, how much help have we really gotten?

Any serious change in state aid will require new state revenue, such as a sales or income tax. Did they mention this at the recent forum? I didn't see anything in the news report and, if so, that might be a bit disingenuous.

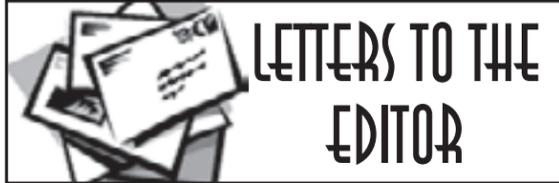
NH has always been a beacon against sales and income taxes. I don't like them either and never supported them when I was in the legislature. (I was also one of the few Republican votes against creating the new business enterprise tax.) But any serious attempt to increase aid to schools will require new

revenue. If Haverhill wants to join the lawsuit it should be with the understanding that a positive result will require more taxes. Maybe the proponents don't want to say that, but I think it is the honest approach.

The bottom line is that managing school budgets and property taxes comes down to three, all unpleasant, choices: (1) cut the budget and erode the quality of the schools, (2) increased state taxes, such as a sales or income tax, or (3) maintain or increase school quality by raising property taxes. Yes, we can help ourselves on number 3 by increasing the tax base but this is a long-term strategy that, however important, will probably only go so far.

Just my perspective FYI.

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Dear Editor,

On November 6, 2018, Linda Lauer's name will be on the ballot for County Commissioner in District 1 of Grafton County. I'm voting for her. Here are . ve reasons why.

She doesn't want the job. No one who wants to be a politician should be allowed to hold office. It's a hard and mostly thankless way to make a living; if you're not smart enough to see that, you should do something easier. Be a rocket scientist, for example. Linda was ready to retire from politics at the end of her current term as County Commissioner. But she feels the county still needs her. And she doesn't see anyone else on the horizon who can do a better job. Vanity? Maybe, but maybe it's just clear-eyed common sense. She's had enough experience in business, politics, and life that I suspect the latter.

She's smart. Linda was an actual rocket scientist, having directed multiple aerospace research projects during her 26 years at Lockheed Martin. Her PhD in Chemistry and her stint as instructor at the US Naval Academy are more evidence supporting the idea that this is a person with enough analytical ability and intellectual firepower to weigh conflicting interests and reach reasonable conclusions.

She's experienced. Linda has served New Hampshire and Grafton County in elected positions since 2012. She's been a Grafton County Commissioner for five years; she knows how things work, has a realistic understanding of what's needed, and knows what she can do better. She also knows what won't work and what can't be done, no matter how rosy a picture might be painted by enthusiastic and sincerely well-intentioned sup-

porters. And she's not afraid to express her opinion.

She wants to focus on what the county needs. She speaks of balancing fiscal interests of taxpayers with social, educational, and infrastructural issues facing the county. She's aware of the challenges presented by our aging population and has specific, implementable ideas to address them. And yes, she knows Grafton County, like the rest of the country, has a drug crisis; one that goes far beyond opioids, and she has specific, implementable ideas on how to address that crisis as well.

Finally, I like her. We're not "friends" but my wife and I see her at breakfast from time to time (she starts her day early, as we do) and we enjoy chatting with her. She has an actual sense of humor and a good head on her shoulders.

So I'm voting for her. I think she'll continue to do a good job for Grafton County.

Philip Mirchin
Haverhill, NH

Dear Editor,

My name is Travis Austin and I am the Police Chief of Hebron. Some of you may already know I was a candidate for Grafton County Sheriff this year. The result of the primary election was victory for my challenger, Jeff Stiegler. Throughout the campaign season I witnessed first-hand Jeff's dedication to hard work, his exceptional listening skills, sanguine demeanor, remarkable leadership traits, and an obvious abundance of true experience and knowledge. I say "true" because as Jeff taught me during down time, "experience isn't the amount of time spent doing something but how you have spent that time".

As we all know, most of Grafton County is composed of small rural communities. As a Chief of one of these communities I have an intimate knowledge of its needs and challenges. I am confident that Jeff Steigler will not only go above and beyond in carrying out the statutory mandated requirements of

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the Sheriff's Office, but will also build and improve upon current relations and partnerships with all of the communities.

Travis Austin
Hebron, NH

Dear Editor,

Is this the kind of government that you want?

Protesters disrupting Congress; Protesters preventing government officials who disagree with them to even dine in a restaurant with their family; Preventing invited guests and politicians from exercising their right of free speech; Organizing opposition to nominees before a person has even been named as a candidate; Manipulating student organizers and scripting their speeches to the point where the students refuse to read the speech; Whining and protesting everything that they don't agree with; Threatening politicians with bodily harm; Opposing every single thing

that the other party proposes instead of trying to compromise; Undermining the Constitution; Trying to repeal parts of the Bill of Rights; Unprecedented attempts at character assassination of our President and his family; Expanding welfare to the point where several states have more people collecting from the government than there are people working; A country that has trivialized and disrespected our police through Black Lives Matter (I thought that ALL lives mattered) to the point where cops have become targets for assassination, and are reluctant to make arrests in some areas of our country; Putting any civic minded person that is a candidate for public office through such hell that it discourages good people from even running; Attempting to transform our government from a Republic to Socialism or/and anarchism; A political party that has gone so far to the extreme that compromise is not in their repertoire; Accept kneeling for our flag, not saluting it; In bed with a biased press that has taken fake news and negativity to new heights; Central control of education, healthcare, etc.;

Open borders; Non-residents having the right to vote?

I could go on, but you get the idea. Obama promised on the eve of his election to fundamentally transform the USA. Is there any question that this is happening? If this is what you want our country to be, then vote Democratic. The Democratic party has been hijacked by the radical left. It has become the party of protests and disruption. Moderate Democrats have been pushed aside.

It is incomprehensible to me that our country could go so far in the wrong direction, so fast. If you agree that our government is under attack from within, vote Republican!

Is President Trump a great leader? Hardly, but the platform is on the right track. Keep in mind that when Obama was President, Republicans had to endure him, but they did not whine at every move and resort to deplorable tactics that undermine our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Ron Willoughby
North Haverhill, NH

Dear Editor,

Recently I invited District 2 County Commissioner Linda Lauer for coffee and a chat. I know her as a "can do" person and a vibrant volunteer, but I was curious. Why does she want to run again? What concerns her the most? What's her modus operandus? Here's what I learned.

Civic responsibility and community service are in her DNA. "I joined the Navy to give back to my country." She went on to teach at the U.S. Naval Academy and work as a high level project director managing budgets and people in the defense industry. Why run for office? "I like challenges. I dig for the facts, listen to all points of view, and solve problems."

The biggest challenges she sees facing Grafton County are helping a growing senior population age in their own homes; balancing county needs with taxpayers' needs; and breaking the cycle of drug addiction.

Listening to what she's done to make progress in those areas, my strong impression is that she is non-partisan, open-minded. She doesn't apply "D"

or "R" labels to problems; rather, applying her scientific/managerial skills and competencies, she explores all facets of issues with the Commissioners, weighs the pros and cons, and collaborates with her colleagues to craft reasonable solutions.

We are fortunate that Linda Lauer is willing to serve as District 2 County Commissioner. She has all the right stuff for the office. I urge my fellow citizens to join me in voting for her on November 6.

Patricia A. Brady
Woodsville, NH

Dear Editor,

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The office of the Register of Deeds represents a cornerstone of our economy. In the 8 years that I have served as your Grafton County Register of Deeds, I have witnessed a very strong recovery of our real estate market. As I took office, the country and the county were still feeling the effects of the financial

crisis. Foreclosure rates peaked at 170 per year down now to 50 per year. Simultaneously, the threat of further reduction in property values was almost inevitable when faced with the widespread destruction that would have been inflicted by Northern Pass. Many good and dedicated people of vision came together to help our county thrive.

I speak my mind, I am independent and not beholden to any industry, commission or party. I do not solicit political donations and have a long history of speaking out on campaign finance reform. I garner my base of sup-

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BETTIE LAVETTE SINGS DYLAN IN ST. JAY, OCT. 26

St. Johnsbury, VT - Three-time Grammy nominee Bettie LaVette returns to St. Johnsbury this month as part of the 10th anniversary KCP Presents Performing Arts Series, produced by Catamount Arts. LaVette will be accompanied by blues guitar legend James "Blood" Ulmer at St. Johnsbury Academy's Fuller Hall on Friday, October 26, at 7pm.



"Soul singing doesn't get any better," raves the New York Times about LaVette, a living icon and song interpreter of the highest order. Called "truly a singer's singer," by the late great George Jones, LaVette's been performing since the birth of '60s soul music and has been refining and rec-

reating popular music ever since.

LaVette recorded her first hit at 15 ("Let Me Down Easy") and toured with soul pioneers Otis Redding, Ben

E. King, and James Brown. Although the recording industry proved fickle, LaVette has performed consistently during the past half-century, gaining cult followings in Europe and across the U.S.

LaVette's popularity exploded after an iconic Kennedy Center performance of The Who's "Love Reign O'er Me" during an honors tribute to the band. She brought the house down and suddenly found a whole new audience for her unparalleled style of blues and soul singing. In 2009 she performed a show-stopping rendition of Sam Cooke's "A Change Is Gonna Come" with Jon Bon Jovi for President-elect Obama's kick-off Inaugural concert. In April of that year, she shared the stage with Paul McCartney & Ringo Starr at Radio City Music Hall.

In late 2016, her friend, photographer Carol Friedman, pitched LaVette the idea of doing an album of Bob Dylan songs with Grammy Award-winning producer,

Steve Jordan. The resulting Verve Records album "Things Have Changed" was born, prompting LaVette's current tour. "This album is more hers," says Rolling Stone, "more personal and reflective of her wicked ways, sly humor, and battle-tested wisdom than any (other) she's made."

Opening for LaVette on the Dylan songs tour is jazz, blues, and free funk guitarist James "Blood" Ulmer, known as much for his collaboration with jazz saxophone pioneer, Ornette Coleman, as for his raucous guitar and leathery vocals, evocative of his deep Southern roots. "Mr Ulmer's guitar tone," reports the New York Times, "a gasping metallic cry, expresses everything from out-in-the-woods loneliness

to nail-chewing urban anxiety...mixing country licks, be-bop, and blues."

Tickets for LaVette's October 26 appearance with James "Blood" Ulmer at Fuller Hall in St. Johnsbury are available online at www.kcprepresents.org or by calling 802-748-2600.

The KCP Presents Performing Arts Series is produced by Catamount Arts working in association with Kingdom Country Productions and is supported by generous local sponsors with grant funding from The National Endowment for the Arts and the Vermont Arts Council.

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Students and staff from River Bend Career and Technical Center are preparing their float for the Groton Foliage Festival Parade. The Auto Technology program, Construction Technology program, Fire/EMS program, Criminal Justice program, Cosmetology program, and the Culinary Arts program (handing out cookies and goodies) all participated! Everyone at River Bend wanted to give a positive "Shout Out" to the Blue Mountain Community for all of their support and help for River Bend over the years. Photo by Bob Jones

NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTH CARE INTRODUCES NEW LOGO

St. Johnsbury, VT – Northern Counties Health Care, an area non-profit organization serving the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont with a rural network of five community health centers, three dental practices, and a home care and hospice division, is introducing a new corporate logo.



The logo, designed by Earthlogic, a branding and design firm located in Essex, VT, is part of a new marketing initiative that will include a new website for the organization, also being designed by Earthlogic.

"Our old logo has been in use since 1976. As we started planning for the new website, we realized that this was a great opportunity to update our corporate logo, one that better reflects the scope and mission of NCHC as it operates today," said Shawn Tester, CEO. "We serve a diverse audience of people, offering compassionate care in our community health centers or in the privacy of our patient's homes."

The process to develop the new logo included several design phases and a company-wide survey to choose the final version. The new logo was introduced during NCHC's Annual Meeting on October 11 and will start to be incorporated across the entire NCHC system.

"We still offer the same compassionate care, but with a new look," said Tester. The new NCHC website is scheduled to be introduced in early 2019.

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BARNET CHEF DISHES UP SUPERB PHOTO ART

By Sally Cook

Barnet, VT - Weekdays, she's an inspired chef at the Barnet School. At home in Barnet near McIndoes Falls, she nurtures her seven pet rabbits and has a view of her grandparent's farm in Monroe, NH.

But, rural life and traveling abroad on Woodsville Guaranty Bank sponsored trips have fueled Belinda Emmons passion for photography and sharpened her artful eye. The combination led to her Rabbit Run Photography Studio at 733 Garland Hill Road, where hundreds of her photos are on display, many in creative frames.

"Originally this was going to be a home for my rabbits," said Emmons looking around the tidy, freshly painted studio her dad, William Dimick, built. So, her seven pet bunnies got a 40 by 12 foot bunny condo or rabbit warren with glassed in rooms and lots of outdoor space to freely hop around in.

"My friends who admired my photographs said I really should do something with them," she said of the high quality photographs she's taken. "And my bunnies



Old Monroe school chums Belinda Emmons and Aimee Loranger from Lincoln, NH meet again at Rabbit Run Studio in Barnet after 30 years. The Bridge Weekly/Sally Cook

really like it out there."

Photographs of barns, moons, horses, fall foliage, farm implements, loons, pileated woodpeckers, and an eagle line the walls, while racks hold greeting cards, calendars, and small matted photos. With her camera, she captured close-ups of a loon and an eagle at Harvey's Lake the week before. Many other photos are from around New England and from far away where her journeys have taken her and led to further inspiration.

"I always took photos since I was in high

school; then I traveled to Italy and my real passion for photography began," she said, pointing to a collage of photos taken in Italy. A trip to Niagara Falls inspired a calendar with many unusual views, a series of moon shots filled a circular frame, and barns are collectively framed by an old window.

"My favorite is this one of the Lower Falls in Yellowstone National Park," she said of the largest photograph that looks like a painting with its long waterfall and streamed framed by old pines. Before winter sets in, Emmons said

she'll be taking her art work inside, explaining that it is also on display in various places such as WREN in Bethlehem. Call her at 1-802-272-1974 or email Belinda. emmons69@gmail.com for details.

Rattling off the names of places she's been with the bank sponsored tours, she said she's enjoyed traveling with the friendly group she had gotten to know. But, she enjoys living in rural Barnet in view of Monroe, where she grew up with family around.

Her grandparents Donald and Elsie (Bur-



Rabbit Run Photography Studio owner and photographer Belinda Emmons stands outside of her studio in Barnet. The Bridge Weekly/Sally Cook



Belinda Emmons is shown with her favorite photo of Lower Falls in Yellowstone National Park. The Bridge Weekly/Sally Cook

roughs) Hall had a farm there, where her parents William and Sally (Hall) Dimick met. Her great Grandfather George Washington Hall helped build the Mount

Washington Hotel, and her great Uncle Rob Burroughs was photographed by Richard Brown (Peacham) and wound up on the cover of *Vermont Life*.

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The Lisbon Regional Panthers (11-2-1) and the Woodsville Engineer (6-6-1) boy's varsity soccer teams played to a 3-3 tie after two overtimes at Woodsville Community Field last Saturday. (Above) Two defensive players each wearing their school's number 19 jerseys congratulate each other after the hard fought battle - Engineer Patrick Reardon-Estes, at left and Panther, Ethan Riggie. (Below) First year WHS Coach Matt Taylor (L) and 30-plus year Lisbon Coach, Les Poore shake hands after the contest. The Bridge Weekly/Peter Kimball



The Ryegate Youth Fall 12U Baseball Team captured the 12U Fall Baseball Tournament Championship held last weekend in Montpelier, VT. The team, which played a fall schedule with home field at Murray Field in East Ryegate is made up of boys from a number of Connecticut Valley Little League towns. The Ryegate team defeated Lyndon 7-6 on Saturday; defeated Dresden 6-4 in the semifinals Sunday and beat Barre 9-3 in the Championship game on Sunday. Team members include: Front, Kris Fennimore and Kason Blood. First Row, Connor Houston, Jacob Putnam, Hayden Carle and Will Eaton. Back: Coach Greg Kimball, Manager Mike Murray, Mike Hogan, Monty Foster, Brian Somers, Ethan Kimball, Keegan Frigon, Owen Murray and Coach Brandon Flood.

Photo by Cowan Kimball

The Lisbon Fire Department visited Lisbon Regional School students in grades K-6 last Friday. Fire Chief Greg Hartwell, Lieutenants Dave Combs and Matt Champagne, and firefighters Cody Hubbard and Kevin DeFosse presented fire safety at home to the students. Students got the opportunity to go into the Fire Marshal's trailer to see what to do in case of a fire. After exploring the trailer, they got to check out the ladder truck and Engine 2. Students were also given bags of goodies from the fire department to take home and share with parents, along with their newly achieved fire safety strategies. Students in Ms. Kirkland's 2nd grade stopped for a picture after climbing out of the window of the fire safety trailer. Front (L-R) Damian Aldrich, Mason Colby, Jake Lafond, Tyler Hubbard, Summer Wehr, Zoe Yeramian, Deklin Nuffer, and Timothy Carrier; Back: Leon Darling, Gunner Livingston, Vaughn Curtis, Madison Tattersall, Desmond Blake, Elliott Stratton, Finn Chartier, and Emmalynn Daniels.

The Bridge Weekly/Nikki Woods



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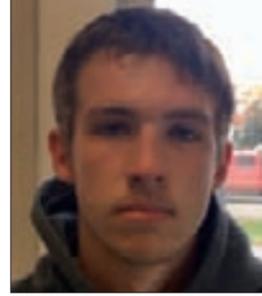
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SPORTS Spotlight

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Woodsville High School - Varsity Soccer



Billy Green

A senior who plays center back for us, Billy is one of the toughest kids on our team. He is also one of the fastest kids on our team, which helps on defense. He is an entertaining player to watch and is very coachable; he helps with our attack and steps up to fill that center mid position at times. Billy is a vital part of our defense which will be crucial as we prepare for playoffs.

Coach Matt Taylor



Mckenzie Dennis

Mckenzie, a junior, has been our starting keeper since her freshman year. She has done a good job in net. With the support of her defensive team had six shutouts for the 2016 season, ten shutouts last year and has six so far this season. She has become more vocal with each game which makes a huge difference for the team. Letting them know where the opposing players are and who needs to be marked. Mckenzie had an excellent game Tuesday against Littleton. She made some really nice saves, kept up the talk with her teammates. Her knowledge of the rules and being on her toes made the difference on a Littleton pk that could very likely been the game winning goal for Littleton.

Coach Ann Loud

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Butler's Bus Service in North Haverhill held their monthly safety meeting last week, which was attended by Colleen Steele, River Bend Career and Technical Center instructor, and her students in the Emergency Services and Fire Fighting class. The students discussed the steps in an emergency bus situation and basic first aid skills. They also showed bus drivers how to do safe drag techniques. Butlers Bus service schedules monthly safety meetings to keep their drivers informed. Instructor Colleen Steele says, "Our class has been working on project based learning activities. The class discussed (with Butler Bus Drivers) the importance of staying calm should an accident occur, how to stop bleeding, moving injured people after an accident, how to stay safe around blood, common allergens, and Epi Pen usage." (L-R): Kailey Blake - Rivendell Academy; Laura Beckley - Woodsville; Alex Boozan - Oxbow; Haylee Dumais - BMU; Cody Burroughs - Woodsville; Jackson Schramm - Oxbow And Colleen Steele RBC&TC Instructor. Courtesy Photo

Students from River Bend Career and Technical Center in Bradford, Vermont recently joined hundreds of female high school and tech students from around the state at the 20th annual "Women Can Do" conference held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, Vermont. In this photo, students are working with game wardens and biologists from the Vermont Department of Fish and Game to solve a mock poaching crime scene investigation using science and technology. Some of the other workshop topics ranged from robotics, to green energy careers, to respiratory therapy, to dairy management, and diesel mechanics. Every session was "hands on" and the overall opinion of the students was that this was a great and eye-opening day!



Photo by Bob Jones



The Space on Main founder Monique Priestley welcomes crowd during a grand opening celebration of her business held last Friday morning at 11AM in Bradford Village. About 100 people came to the location to participate in grand opening events. Photo Courtesy of Gary Moore

SPACE ON MAIN IN BRADFORD OPENS

Bradford, VT - Monique Priestley's long awaited Space On Main opened on Friday, October 12 with about 100 people and officials participating. The unique downtown Bradford business enterprise is the first of its kind in the area. Mission of The Space on Main is to foster entrepreneurship, innovation, the arts, education, health and recreation in order to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in the Co-hase Region of Vermont and New Hampshire.

This mission is to be done by providing a creative facility with access to affordable equipment, work spaces, and classes. It is The Space on Main's goal to ensure prosperity of the community by leveraging talent in the region by creating pathways to outside individuals, services and technologies.

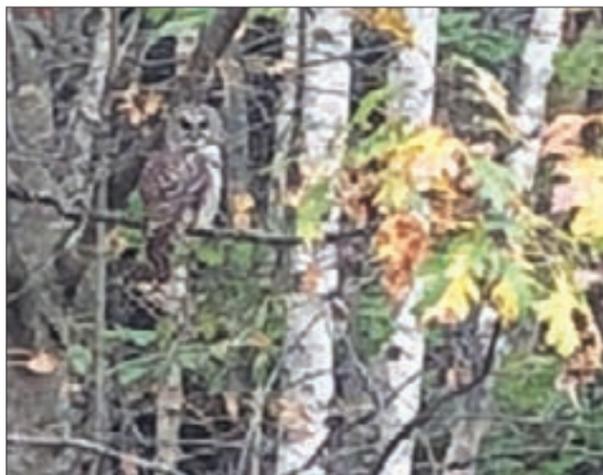
It was a full day of exciting opening activities that treated first day visitors. They saw and participated in the ribbon cutting and grand opening that took place at the front of the business at 11AM, then they enjoyed an art gallery opening and showing, a chair massage by Abby Copeland and at 6:30PM, Monique launched her "Space Party."

Priestley explained that The Space on Main will maintain enclosed shared offices, a wellness office, multi-purpose classroom, large conference room, dedicated makerspaces, kitchenette and an artist's gallery. A wide variety of seating, internal and external digital online directories and a host of other amenities and equipment for entrepreneurs are available to use.

More information is available at www.thespaceonmain.org.

The Bridge Weekly/Bernie Marvin contributed to this report.

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A Barred Owl became part of this fall landscape in Littleton last week. The Bridge Weekly/Ariana Kimball

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Local women take advantage of extended season at Haverhill tennis courts.

The Bridge Weekly Photo [September 27, 2018]

TENNIS IS ALIVE AND WELL IN HAVERHILL CORNER!

By Claire Mead

Haverhill, NH - The two courts behind Alumni Hall on Court St are still in good shape after nearly 40 years. Use of this community resource, which includes two basketball backboards, has always been free and open

to the public. Tennis nets are usually installed in April and removed in late October, depending on the weather.

The courts were built in 1980 on land owned by the Haverhill School District, when the large brick building to the west was the Middle School,

and Alumni Hall was used as its gymnasium. Donations by private individuals and local businesses were matched by a federal grant. Haverhill Recreation Association (HRA) was created to receive the funds that made the project possible. After the middle school moved to

its new location in North Haverhill, the land and buildings were purchased by Haverhill Heritage, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to preserving historic buildings in the Historic District.

Players themselves (many of whom live outside of Haver-

hill) have always funded improvements and volunteered labor and materials to sustain the facility. No public funding is involved in maintaining the courts. HRA asks that the courts be used only for basketball and tennis and that only rubber-soled shoes be worn (no skates, bicycles or skateboards).

A group of women typically

play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information email Claire Mead at cmeadteach@gmail.com, or phone her at 603-989-6623. A group of mostly men play on Sunday mornings, and often other days. Contact Scott Magrath for details (sfmagrath@gmail.com). Play is informal and friendly. Newcomers are always welcome.

"RING" WILL OFFER DRAMA, ENCHANTMENT

BRADFORD, VT- "With This Ring" by Joe Simonelli is Old Church Theater's final production of the 2018 season, opening October 19th for two weekends and playing at the group's 176 Waits River Road theater in Bradford. Shows are 7:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays (October

19, 20, 26, 27) and Sundays (October 21, 28) at 4pm. "With This Ring" is an enchanting drama that follows a wedding ring's journey through four couples' lives over almost 100 years. It is loved, cherished, lost then found, stolen, and in a remarkable and unexpected ending comes full

circle in a heart-warming and satisfying conclusion. The four couples of the four scenes are played by Anne Foldeak, Paul Hunt, Jake O'Neil, Carrie Anne Quinn, Heather Doane, Miles Conklin, Beth Button, Chris Leary and Meghan Bullard. Directed by Sheila Kaplow.

Reservations for the best available seats may be made by email at reservations@oldchurchtheater.org, or by calling anytime to 802-222-3322. Admission is \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 children.

The playwright travels across the country in support of theaters who present his plays,

and was last at Old Church Theater in 2016 for their production of "The Ghost in the Meadow". Mr Simonelli has announced he will attend the Friday and Saturday performances on October 26 and 27 and hold a talkback with the audience about the play, its origins and dramatic techniques used.

Old Church Theater continues to raise funds for the restoration of Bradford's historic "old church" located at 137 North Main Street. Coming up on November 10th will be its "Creative Harvest" event with entertainment, music, refreshment, auctions and more. The group's annual meeting is scheduled for November 18th.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT STREET
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Grafton County Nursing Home
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TRICK OR TREAT STREET
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from 6:30-7:30 PM

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port one phone call at a time, one frustrated property owner at a time. You can read more about me and my accomplishments at KelleyMonahan.com. You may question the reasons for my actions as an elected official, but please, never question my patriotism. I spent a great deal of time last year working on family genealogy and hope to soon be admitted to the Plymouth chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. My family has fought for our country since the beginning.

I testified to the NH House on the

actions that sovereign citizens were taking by filing false liens on the property of unsuspecting citizens and public officials. My testimony helped convince the committee to draft law making our state the first in the nation where this action is considered a felony on the first offense.

I strove to achieve balance between access to the Official Public Record and privacy concerns in the age of the internet.

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Kelley Monahan
Orford, NH

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the one written by Adrian Otterman concerning the Orville Gibson case.

First, I welcome the opportunity to say a few words about Bud Otterman. We were both graduates of George Washington University School of Law and we were long-time contemporaries in the practice of law. He was an admirable and honorable advocate, and the citizens of Orange County were well served during his long career. I held him in the highest regard.

Now a few comments about Adrian's letter. First, Gibson did not struggle financially, though he certainly struggled emotionally. Secondly, Bud did discuss an attempt to bribe Ozzie Welch with William Bradford Huie, a southern racist and freelance journalist from Hartselle, Alabama. (See Huie letter to Attorney General Reed on page 81 of my book) And finally, in opposition to Adrian's viewpoint, the idea that Gibson was killed by local vigilantes resides in the "realm of historical" fact.

The Gibson case came upon Bud early in his career, when he was the States Attorney for Orange County, a part-time position. From the very beginning, he had two strikes against him. When Gibson's body was removed from the Connecticut River on

March 26, 1958, the residents of Newbury had already convinced themselves that Gibson had been killed by local vigilantes. Bud was caught between a rock and a hard place.

Someone "higher up" was not convinced it was a vigilante killing because, a few weeks later, two investigators were dispatched to Philadelphia to confer with Dr. Joseph Spelman, a forensic pathologist and Vermont's former medical examiner. When shown the photograph of Gibson's tied up body (See photo, Journal Opinion, September 5, 2018, page 7), Dr. Spelman told the investigators that Gibson had committed suicide. A few weeks later, the investigators and Dr. Woodruff went to Boston to confer with Dr. Richard Ford, another forensic pathologist. Not only did Dr. Ford agree with Dr. Spelman, he gave the Vermont officials a demonstration of how Gibson did it.

The rest is history. The case against Ozzie Welch was summarily dismissed. The testimony of Dr. Spelman and Dr. Ford was not necessary. I don't know of any other first degree murder charge ever being thrown out of court on a directed verdict. Wisely, Bud did not take part in the

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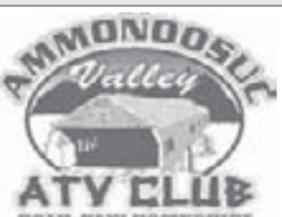
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Carrie Brown
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"High-Tech" in the Connecticut Valley, 1795-1900



**Tuesday, October 23, 2018
7:00 PM**

**Vestry, United Church of Christ
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Long before FDR called America "the Arsenal of Democracy," gunmakers of the Connecticut River Valley were figuring out how to produce rifles and pistols in large quantities, using complex new machinery. In this illustrated lecture, historian and museum curator Carrie Brown explores the role of the Connecticut Valley, with an emphasis on Vermont, in developing technology that changed American life.

A Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau event
hosted by Bradford Historical Society.

This event is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information contact Larry Coffin at (802) 222-4423 or lccoffin@charter.net.

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9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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**Saturday, October 27, 2018
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Carpenter trial.

Bud made his worst mistake early on. On March 26, 1958, when all of the appropriate officials from Vermont and New Hampshire were gathered by the Connecticut River to decide the fate of Orville Gibson, Bud could have and should have relinquished jurisdiction to New Hampshire.

Stephen B. Martin
Barre, VT

P.S. I respectfully disagree with the Journal Opinion's headline, "The judge was wrong."

Dear Editor,

Starr for NH State Senate, District 1

Don't let Jeff Woodburn deceive you. He has failed the people of the North Country.

Jeff talks a big game, but when it comes down to it, he isn't delivering the results the people of the North Country need.

When the State sent money to our towns and schools to make infrastructure improvements in the last year, it wasn't because of Jeff Woodburn. In fact, it was Republican leadership in Concord that delivered those resources to the North Country. Senator Woodburn voted against the very

cuts that grew our economy and expanded our revenues to enable that investment.

Jeff's Party, when he was still leading it, tried a last-minute halt to the school infrastructure investments. This was a ploy to get a political win against the Republican majority, and it's clear that sort of approach has no place in our state government.

Jeff views himself as a resistance soldier, fighting against President Trump as a New Hampshire Senator. That's not the way things should be done in New Hampshire, nor is it something he can really achieve.

We need someone in Concord who is focused on our streets in the cities and towns of the North Country, not on Pennsylvania Avenue.

David Starr, a former captain in the US Air Force and a Vietnam veteran, knows how to lead, and will work with the successful Republican leadership team in Concord to get the job done for the people and businesses of the North Country.

On November 6th, I'm asking you to vote for the candidate with integrity and honor in the North Country. Please join me in voting for David Starr for the position of Senator of District 1 in the New Hampshire State Senate.

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH

WOODSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

By James Ross Principal

Principal Notes

My boys, Greg and Brian, are now 26 and 23-year-old young men, respectively. I'm not sure where the time went because just yesterday they were 8 and 5 year old boys! Time flies. One of my fondest memories was reading to them before they went to sleep. In fact, we made a commitment to read to each of the boys, or both together, every night of every week as they grew through the grades. When Greg started reading the Harry Potter series in 2nd grade, he still joined us when we read to Brian. I have clear memories of Greg twirling his curly locks in his fingers while he listened intently to the story being read. Brian, too, would be glued to the events of the story often pointing at and explaining how the pictures helped tell the story. Their favorite book was "A Fly Went By" by Mike McClintock. As they grew older and had other obligations such as sport teams, we still made sure we read to them every night. Eventually they developed such a love of reading that they would often, and still do, end the day with some nighttime reading.

Reading to your child has many benefits. When you read to your child, early and often, s/he develops enhanced concentration and self-discipline. More logical thinking skills are developed as children who are read to have an increased ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, and to recognize cause and effect. When

children are read to in their toddler years, they acquire a better understanding of the fundamentals of language. By listening to you read, you are reinforcing the basic sounds that form language for your child to hear. There are numerous studies which all indicate that children who are exposed to reading in their early years are more likely to do well in all areas of academics. After all, if a student struggles to put together words and sentences, how can s/he be expected to grasp the math, science, and social concepts that will be presented throughout their school experience? The fear that the computer and internet would reduce the desire to read has proven unfounded. In fact, the necessity to read has actually become more valuable as the ability to learn about new subjects and find helpful information on anything from health problems and consumer protection to more academic research into science or the arts depends on the ability to read.

So if you aren't already reading to your child, how about an early New Year's Resolution to increase the amount of time you read to your child or grandchildren? Make a resolution that won't dwindle with time, but will help make an impact that lasts a lifetime – for your child.

**Classroom Corner
Preschool Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4-year-olds.**

The Preschool 4-year-olds have also been working hard

since the beginning of school. We are working on spelling our names and writing our names using appropriate upper and lower case letters. We have begun to learn about how to recognize and name numerals. We are practicing using 1-1 pointing when we count and learning about patterns. We are practicing holding and using our pencils, other writing tools, and scissors in the correct and safe way. In September, the Preschool 4-year-olds had a field trip to Windy Ridge Orchard. We had a wonderful time learning about the life cycle of apples and apple trees. We sang some apple songs and then walked into the orchard to pick an apple. We had to be gentle when we picked the apple because we didn't want to hurt the tree. Boy did the apples taste delicious! Mrs. Fabrizio was great at teaching us about apples and telling us the story about "The Little Red House."

For the remainder of October, we will be focused on Pumpkins. Preschool children will be participating in a variety of activities about pumpkins. One activity will be finding a pumpkin in a pumpkin patch that is at our WES campus, instead of traveling to the County Farm. Other activities include carving the class pumpkin, counting and roasting seeds, Life Cycle of the Pumpkin, "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown", and other fun things. We will culminate with our Halloween Parties on October 30 and 31 during the class activities

On October 24th, Dr. Erica Griffin and technicians from Woodsville Eye Care will be performing vision screenings for all interested students at WES. The screening is cost free and open to all students in grades K-3. Permission slips were sent home on October 10. For more information, please contact school nurse Heidi Fulford. Thank you to Dr. Griffin and technicians of Woodsville Eye Care for volunteering their time in support of our students!

Fire Prevention Day

Woodsville Firefighters Kevin Van Norden and Chris Rhoads visited WES on Wednesday, October 10th. Students were treated to an assembly featuring how a firefighter dresses to battle a fire. Ms. White volunteered to be a "guest firefighter" and dressed up in the equipment that weighed over 100 lbs! The students were also reminded of fire safety rules, listened to a quick talk about some of the equipment found on the fire engines and were even allowed to sit in one of the cabs of the engines. Special thanks to the Woodsville Fire Department for spending time at WES!

Bus Safety Drills

On Thursday, October 11th, WES held the first of 2 state mandated bus safety drills. Each class boarded a school bus where students listened to a presentation on bus safety. Topics coverage included how important it is to behave safely so the bus driver does not become distracted. The students were also instructed on how to evacuate a bus safely in the event of an emergency. The 2nd drill will be held in the spring.

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NOTICE

Town of Benton, NH

The Supervisors of the checklist shall be in session for the correction of the checklist at the Benton Town Hall, **October 30th** Tuesday evening from **7:00 - 7:30**. Last day to accept voter registration applications until election day. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session, until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. RSA 654:8,11.

Stephanie Saffo
Elena Chevalier
Margarite Christopher

NOTICE

Town of Benton, NH Public Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 31:95b the Town of Benton Selectboard will be holding a public hearing on November 5, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, to discuss expending unanticipated revenue received from FEMA for the July and October 2017 storms.

NOTICE

Residents in the Town of Landaff, NH

The supervisors of the checklist will meet **Thursday, October 25** from **7:00-7:30 PM** for any additions to the checklist.

Richard Bronson
Brenda Dodge
Rita Poland

NOTICE

Residents of the Town of Bath, NH

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 7:00-7:30 PM at the Town Clerk's Office for corrections to the Checklist. This is the last day to accept voter registration applications. No additions or corrections shall be made to the Checklist after this session until Election Day, November 6, 2018, except as provided in RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8, 11.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Catherine Armstrong
Sarah Rickey
Joyce Roye

NOTICE

Residents in the Town of Piermont, NH

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet (per RSA 654:27) on **Saturday, October 27, 2018** at **11:00-11:30 PM** at The Old Church Building 131 Dartmouth College Highway, Piermont, NH for voter registration, party changes and corrections to the checklist (RSA654:34) for the General Election to be held **November 6, 2018**.

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Supervisors:
Arline Cochrane
A George Mertz
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**BILLY MENARD
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United States.

He did that in 1982, working for awhile in Connecticut as a chemist at Proctor and Gamble. He said during the late 1980's, he "personally liberated Eastern Europe", meaning that he visited every Communist county in Eastern Europe at the time and interestingly, it happened just two weeks prior to them all rejected their Communist domination.

He said the collapse of the Soviet Union was rapid and seemed, among the population at the time, an impossible feat. All of a sudden,

he and the world witnessed the collapse.

He then went into teaching for the next 25 years, working for some of his teaching years at the camp. He joined Camp Walt Whitman in 1989 full time summers and has been there since.

Geoff said the camp has a comprehensive hiking and camping program and he leads that effort. He said he has seen a lot of kids go through the camp each year and that it is a marvelous place to work.

He is a resident of Piermont and has been friendly with the Menard family for many years, meeting

young Billy at the camp and being a trekking associate for the past five years. Geoff was originally hired by the present Camp Walt Whitman owner Jed Dorfman's great uncle, Chick Soloway. He said he works full time at the camp year round and when not on trips, works at maintenance and other tasks at the camp complex off Cape Moonshine Road.

Billy and his friends know Geoff not only at the camp, but in the classroom, as well. Geoff is also a substitute teacher in area schools and is well known in the circuit. He teaches any subject that needs teaching and as a man of the world, he said he loves working

at the schools and meeting new people on a regular basis.

Billy helps Geoff with the firewood and grass cutting projects and as a family friend, does some babysitting and dog walking when needed. He said he has known Billy since the day he was born and has known Billy's dad for 33 years.

Billy is enthusiastic about climbing those mountains and he said that he not only climbs mountains, but he is a writer. Last year he competed in the Patriot's Pen competition and won honors with his composition on "America's Greatest Generation."

This year's writing, Billy said, will be entitled "Why Do I Honor the American Flag." He said he likes to write and climb mountains. He said his best trip was his last one, where they reached the summit of Mount Carrigain and they could see the summits of 45 of the 48 other 4,000 foot peaks.

Billy said there were other people on the summit at the time and he and Geoff hauled out their home made "48" peak sign, signifying they had reached their 48th peak of 48.

Billy said the people cheered and clapped to honor their feat of completing those high peaks.

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

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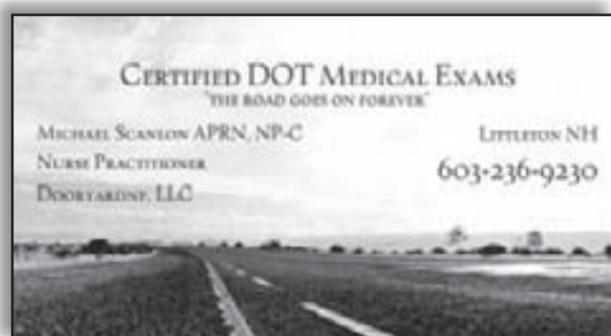
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