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## Norris Cotton, Medical Miracle Man – Never A Doctor, Always A Statesman

By Robert Roudebush

I went down to Warren for OLD HOME DAYS a short while ago to be there when important people honored the man who was never a medical doctor but whose name will always be associated with helping to fight and conquer cancer. This “foot-stomping orator”, United States Senator Norris Cotton managed to build the first regional comprehensive cancer research center in this area. At the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, now in multiple locations, his pioneering efforts continue to benefit cancer fighters to this day and will for decades to come. During his productive lifetime (he’s been gone for 24 years), this hometown hero had asked and answered questions, and opened eyes and pocketbooks. He spearheaded efforts in many other areas as well, including the establishment of the Kancamangus hiway and the federal interstate hiway system.

**Above all, he went out and got the money to get the job done, to build that cancer center.**

Those speaking at the dedication on that hazy-hot 90ish Saturday in Warren recently included family members, home-town fathers, and those representing local, county and state offices. Also, some folks wishing to hold some of those offices. At the top of the speaker’s list was the most well-known and uniquely effective New Hampshire officeholder, Ray Burton, - Mr. Burton for a long time has been serving in the dual

capacities as member of the Governor’s Council, District One, and also Grafton County Commissioner. Arriving in his yellow convertible Olds Delta 88, Mr. Burton set the bright tone of the day in lauding Norris Cotton’s many achievements for his hometown state – accomplishments that go way beyond his push for cancer research and treatment.

**Also in attendance was a former Executive Assistant to Senator Cotton, Robert S. Mercer, a low-key quiet man with a sense of humor and a sense of history.** He himself is a former prominent New Hampshire state legislator. In addition to serving on Senator Cotton’s staff, he at one time also served, as Assistant Superintendent of the first U.S. Senate Radio and Television Gallery, an excellent position to view first-hand the politics making news of the day-1948-1952. He is a treasure trove of information, discreetly discussed, of Mr. Cotton’s personality, character and achievements. And speaking articulately and with a wry sense of humor was prolific author Roland Bixby who wrote a book about Mr. Cotton – “Standing Tall – The Life Story of New Hampshire Senator Norris Cotton”. Serving as MC for the ceremony was the man who made it all happen - a bluff dynamo of a character named George Bloom. He’s the history buff and pulsing heart of the 6 year effort to get the state-furnished metal plaque for the dedication and assemble the dignitaries, speakers and newshounds from far and wide for the event. Not a bashful man, Mr. Bloom is the only surviving member of an original committee of four to initiate the occasion honoring Sen. Cotton. – the others included Clifford Ball, Leona Foote, and Dot Tessman.

**It’s a catchy name, Norris Cotton, and I admit that**

**as an eight year resident of these parts, the name rang only some vague bells. No longer.** After Saturday’s well-attended dedication to this extraordinary Warren-born New Hampshire resident, and some research, I have no doubt now who this man was. United States Senator. United States Congressman. New Hampshire State Representative. Grafton County Attorney, Court Justice, Lawyer. Fundraiser and path pointer. He was a genuine statesman, maybe the Daniel Webster of his New Hampshire 1900’s generation. He often referred to himself as “only a country lawyer”.

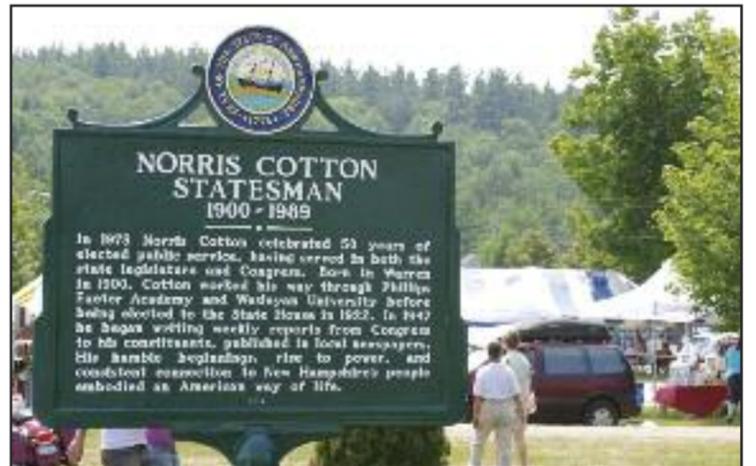
I first began paying attention to the Norris Cotton name when X-rays revealed a mass on my mother’s lung and our family went to the Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for some medical evaluation and counseling. It is difficult to appreciate Norris Cotton’s contribution to medical progress without understanding how he contributed and why.

**As the minority leader of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Health Education and Welfare Appropriations in 1962, he soon developed a reputation as a powerful advocate for improving health resources in rural areas.** That included encouraging physicians to move to areas with doctor shortages, sometimes with tax incentives, other times with fellowships for medical students who agreed to practice in underserved areas. Over the years, he helped Dartmouth to return to full medical degree-granting status in 1971. He also found out over time that although northern New England had one of the highest cancer mortality rates in the country, the region received practically no federal support for cancer-related activities.

He knew his region’s peo-



*Rick Ladd of Haverhill addresses the crowd as he thanks George Bloom. Other members of Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245 look on. Photo courtesy of Andrew Dorsett.*



*The unveiling of a historic marker in honor of the birth place of the Honorable Norris Cotton took place at 1:00 pm in front of the Warren Town Offices on July 14th during Warren’s Old Home Days. Norris Cotton is a former three term US Congressman, three term US Senator and founder of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth. Photo courtesy of Andrew Dorsett.*

ple - **For some of the poor, it’s a long way to Boston, and you know, they dread to go anyway, until it’s too late** he told friends. He determined to establish a regional cancer center in Hanover and often said that his work on its behalf was what he was most proud of. “Though you don’t brag about what you drag home for your district,” he shared with fellow lawmakers, “this is the single greatest satisfaction of all my 26 years in congress.” Working tirelessly Mr. Cotton assembled the clinical evidence and necessary facts and figures, and went after an endowment and got it – three million dollars to start in 1971, with another half-million a year for the next ten years. That was the start and the continuation of medical miracles today.

The town of Warren, just over 800 people, probably has the longest continuous

Old Home Days celebration in New Hampshire, George Bloom told me before the presentation and I believe it. It’s an easy town to spot at the juncture of highways 25 and 25C south and east of Haverhill. The unveiling of the green metal memorial plaque with raised white lettering, took place on the small front lawn just in front of the Warren Historical Society building. That building used to be a church and sports a tall white steeple, within feet of another tall pointed white-tipped object - a surplus Redstone Missile, now stripped of its engine, guidance control package, boldly on display since July 1971. As eye-catching as those two soaring structures are, there is no doubt about the most outstanding feature of Warren – his name is Norris Cotton, native son and medical miracle man. Thank you George Bloom.

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# Cottage Hospital Auxilliary Golf Results



1st Place Team

Charlie Ottina, Bob Powers, Hod Symes, Terry Gorham

The Tenth Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary took place on the last day of June this year. The day was similar to that of their First Annual Tournament in August of 2003. The sun was brilliant over the Blackmount Country Club Nine, but a welcome breeze and a few clouds relieved the slightly warmer temperature than experienced in 2003.

Among the players were some veterans of all ten tournaments, a couple teams sponsored regularly by local businesses or individuals, present and retired hospital employees and Board members, people who saw the ad or posters and came, and members of the auxiliary and/or their spouses. The winning teams and individual contest winners show the mix of participants.

The First Place Team of Charlie Ottina, Bob Powers, Hod Syme, and Terry Gorham won free rounds at The Mt. Washington Resort Golf Club. Tying for Second Place were Mark Johnson's team with Mark, Ken, and Phil Johnson and Matt Kean and Steve Ward's team with Steve, Mike Ackerman, Jaime Kingsbury, and Brian Mann. Owl's Nest Golf Course or St. Johnsbury Country Club will be where they will enjoy free rounds. Coming in Fourth Place was the team sponsored by Blackmount C.C. and Budget Lumber and consisting of Ed Chamberlain, Amanda Chamberlain, Brian Markee, and Lyle Quackenbush. Lake Morey Country Club donated the rounds they will enjoy for free.

Others to win free rounds were all twelve individual contest winners. The winners and

their prizes included: Putting Contest: Barbara Degnan – Hanover Country Club and Russ Robinson – Maplewood C. C.; Chipping Contest: Cathy Martin – Blackmount C.C. and Jason Fullerton – Bethlehem C.C.; Longest Putt on # 6 or 15: Pat Thayer – Bradford G.C. and Russ Robinson – Sunset Hill G.C.; Closest to the Pin on # 8 or 17: Harold Haskins – Highland Links and Phil Johnson – Jack O' Lantern G.C. (The ladies had trouble getting over the rock wall gully or missed the green.) Longest Drive on # 7 or 16: Sam Smith – Eastman G. Links and James Pike – Waterville Valley G.C.; Accuracy Contest held on the Driving Range: Connie Jones – Profile G.C. and Andy Thibealt – Colebrook C.C.

Linda and Robert Stoddard of Blackmount had all the pre-tournament arrangements covered including setting up a big tent and labeling all the carts with team names and starting locations. Jane Oakes and Bill Knehr from the course helped – Jane with the Chipping Contest and Bill keeping things moving, transporting contest staff for breaks, and in many other ways. Ken and Wayne Hunter, sons of Marion Hunter, one of the most beloved deceased auxiliary members, monitored the Accuracy Contest. Bag lunches were produced by members of the auxiliary, who also brought sweet treats or fruit for snacks, and staffed different contests.

A Notch Above Auto had a sharp-looking red Chevy Van on the grounds for a Hole-in-One prize, but that feat has eluded our golfers at tournament time. The Monroe Community Church delighted everyone again with their barbecued chicken dinner.

The auxiliary is grateful to the many businesses and individuals who sponsored Tees and Greens, donated gift certificates and other door prizes, or gave items to be included in the Silent Auction that was held in the Gazebo during the tournament. Special thanks go to the sixteen golf venues that made it possible for every winner to enjoy more golf somewhere and to everyone who helped in any way over the past ten tournaments.

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2nd Place Team - Steve Ward, Jaime Kingsbury (absent from photo), Mike Ackerman, Brian Mann

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# THE ADAMS FAMILY FARM

*Home Of Bryan's Custom Cutting & Sandi's Heirloom Specialty Foods & Crafts*

*By Marianne L. Kelly*

At first glance, Joe's Brook Road in Barnet seems a typical pastoral Vermont road slightly off the beaten path, but drive up that road and you will come to the Adams family farm, containing Bryan's Custom Cutting and Sandi's Specialty Heirloom Foods and Crafts.

Bryan Adams, owner of Bryan's Custom Cutting began his career in 1986 when he worked for his sister, owner of the Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop, as a meat cutter while simultaneously working part time at EHV Weidman. He moved his wild game cutting to his milk house when she decided to concentrate on the deli portion of the business.

After 19 years, Bryan left his employer, and he and wife, Sandi, built a custom cutting shop on the farm where he grew up and that has been in his family since 1800. "We built this shop six years ago, and are currently in the process of getting a Vermont State Inspection certificate so we can expand into the retail business," said Sandi.

Along the way, Bryan decided to cut back a bit on wild game cutting in favor of custom cutting lambs, sheep, goats, and of course, cows brought to him by area people. "They own the animals, tell us what they want, and we cut according to their wishes and specifications," said

Sandi. They take slabs of ham and bacon to Vermont Smoke and Cure in Hinesburg, where they are maple smoked, returned to Bryan, and sliced, vacuum-sealed in labeled packages for their customers to pick up. Bryan still custom cuts wild game in the fall.

Although they try to accommodate their customers, Bryan also expects them to meet his requirements. "We refused to cut a pig last fall, because it came in filthy and unprepared to place in the cooler," said Sandi. They require that people first make an appointment to bring their completely cleaned and skinned animals, and except for lambs and goats that can be processed whole, split in half before cutting takes place. Customers must personally bring their animals to Bryan and sign a certificate of ownership required by the state.

Bryan is currently pursuing state inspected and retail licenses respectively to add to his custom cutting license in order to accommodate a growing retail market. The State Inspected License includes a vigorous training program called HACCP (Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Point). Bryan is required to have one certified person on the premises who consistently checks temperatures of the meat, and must produce plans detailing the handling of meat that does not

meet temperature standards required by the state. Acquiring retail and state inspected licenses will allow Bryan and Sandi to retail their products directly to the public from their farm and at farmers markets.

Currently customers can purchase some meats directly from Bryan as well as several varieties of sausage including Regular breakfast (sage), Maple Breakfast, Spiced Apple Breakfast, Sweet Italian, Hot Italian or Garlic and Cheese. Sandi noted that they are expanding their sausage offerings, and with advanced notice can produce custom flavors such as Ranch, Sweet Onion, Jalapeno Cheddar, Garlic, Tomato and Onion. They plan to offer American style Bratwurst, Pepperoni, Kielbasa and possibly hot dogs.

As if this isn't enough, in addition to helping Bryan with his custom cutting business, Sandi also has her own popular specialty heirloom food and craft business that she started two years ago at the Peacham Farmers Market after a "garden malfunction."

"I needed something to offer the customers and the jams, jellies and pickles took off," she said. The recipes for her myriad selection of jams, jellies, salsa and pickles came from her great-grandmother's cookbooks. "I follow her original recipes," said Sandi, "with very little tweaking."

At any given time and de-



*The Adams Family Farm on display at one of the local farmers markets. Photo courtesy of Sandi Adams.*

pending on availability, customers, can purchase salsa, pickles, strawberry syrup, blackberry jam, Dutch apple, apple butter, apple cider jelly, chokecherry, raspberry, strawberry, piccalilli, cucumber relish, and much more. She sells her jams and jellies in pints, and pickles in quarts. "I make pumpkin butter in the fall, but quickly sell out," she said. To date, Sandi does not sell her products through retail outlets, but customers can buy them from the farm or at the Groton and Peacham farmers markets.

In addition to her specialty food business, Sandi, a talented quilter and seamstress showcases her quilted purses, children's hats, coasters, shopping bags, embroidered kitchen towels, and holiday ornaments and designs at the markets, and she accepts custom orders.

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# Diary Of A Fat Man

## Journal Entry 5: Suicide Solution



Written By "Mike Burton"

Last time I talked about suicide; this month, I want to touch base on how to counter those tendencies, if you suffer from them on a regular basis such as myself. If you do something that works for you that's not on this list, perfect, because if the medicine works, keep taking it. Here's some hinters:

1. Jokes. Blonde jokes are my favorite and no, I have nothing against blondes, because I'm one myself. I mostly laugh at the stories behind them. There's the classics such as "Three blondes went to Florida, but when they saw a sign that said, "Disney World Left", they turned around and went home." They say that laughter is the best natural cure for sadness, so laugh it up!
2. Movies. When I'm depressed, I tend to watch more family oriented movies only because they

rarely have offensive material in them. Call me sensitive, I just like to cover all basis.

3. Music. On a regular basis I tend to enjoy the fine arts of Metallica or Mudvayne. But on these depressed occasions, I tend to listen to more slower songs, sometimes ballads.
4. Talk It Out. I don't do this anymore, only for the strict purpose that people can't seem to keep their lips sealed to anyone else. I live in a small town, go figure. It's not a secret unless the whole town knows about it! But if you have a trustworthy friend, confide in them to hear you out. Tend to pick one who's been there or has had similar days as you, because I find that if you find someone who has no clue what you're going through, they tend to fall off base.

5. Write it out. Well, would you look at that. I'm doing it right now and I'm letting everyone else know about it. I'd say start a blog, but most of the time you'll get "trolls" (internet slag for disrespectful mutants who's goal in life is making someone else's they don't know worse---my definition, but it's close enough) who tell you to off yourself and that don't help. Maybe even keep a journal and just write it out. I find this helps too.

6. Pick up a hobby. Whatever it is, if it keeps your mind off of negative ideals, do it. Unless it has anything to do with harming people or yourself, then don't, but I figured that would be given.

Those work for me, so hopefully if you're in one of those moods, then by all means try them. What works for some, may work for others.

## Bath Library Book Club

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "A Girl Named Zippy" by Haven Kimmel on Thursday, August 9th at 7PM in the Bath Library. In this witty and lovingly told memoir, Kimmel takes readers back to a time when small town America was caught in the amber of the innocent postwar period – people helped their neighbors, went to church on Sunday, and kept barnyard animals in

their backyards. Books maybe picked up at the Bath Library, hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information please contact the library at 603 747-3372 or email bathlibrary@together.net.

## Haverhill Corner Library Schedules Discussion Of Mystery Stories

HAVERTHILL, NH — The Haverhill Corner Library will hold a Book Club for Writers discussion on Thursday, July 26 that will feature two classic mystery short stories: "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allan Poe and "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" by Arthur Conan Doyle.

The discussion will begin at 7:00 PM at the library, and will be free and open to the public. Copies of the stories are available from the library in advance.

Poe's "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" is often cited as the first detective story. Published in 1841 in Graham's Magazine, the tale introduces Auguste Dupin, a Parisian gentleman who solves a baffling double murder through observation and deduction. The story exhibits many of the characteristics that came to be associated with classic detective stories, including an

eccentric but brilliant protagonist; a friend who acts as the story's narrator; and the concluding revelation of the solution to the mystery. Poe wrote only two further stories featuring Dupin.

Arthur Conan Doyle created one of the most famous detectives in literature, Sherlock Holmes, and "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" is one of the most popular of the Holmes stories. Set during the Christmas season, the tale features many familiar elements of the Homes canon, including its London setting and the opening series of deductions by the "consulting detective." Conan Doyle wrote a total of fifty-six short stories featuring Sherlock Holmes, but only four novels. "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" was an early story, first appearing in Strand Magazine in January 1892.

Book Club for Writers is a fiction discussion program that meets four times a year. Discussions are open to all, and focus particularly on questions of craft and technique that will interest writers and aspiring writers. Created by the New Hampshire Writers' Project, Book Club for Writers is sponsored locally by a fiction writing group that meets weekly at the Haverhill Corner Library.

The next Book Club for Writers discussion will be held on Thursday, October 25 and will feature "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs and "Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl.

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# See Food At A Special Place

By Janice Scruton

Walking into J's Rainbow Seafood on Central Street in Woodsville reminds me of an old time diner. A bit small, a little noisy, filled with wonderful smells coming out of the kitchen. This is not a place where you are going to be served on your mother's best china, but you will get served up some great tasting food. Whether your taste buds are craving juicy scallops or a "melt in your mouth" basket of ribs, this is the place to go. Owners and chefs Richard & Marilyn Hastings enjoy cooking from scratch.

Gary & I were there for dinner recently and really enjoyed ourselves. We got there after the early dinner crowd rush and sat down at a table next to a friendly chatty couple (Susan & Gary) from Benton. My Gary ordered a Woodsville Burger which is two big patties served up with a little bit of everything including blue cheese and bacon French fries and coleslaw. I ordered the fried chicken which is always crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside. Susan had also ordered a Woodville Burger and her Gary had one of his favorites, a tuna melt. Chef Richard tries hard to sneak out of the kitchen and meet with his patrons whenever possible. When he came out to inquire of Susan how her burger was, her response was "perfect, it was going to require 2 hand washings, one before and one after eating it". (My Gary echoed her sentiments after eating his).

Another couple from Newbury came in and sat on our other side. They are avid seafood lovers and a lively discussion whether she should have the lobster bisque or the shrimp. The bisque is not on the menu but is offered occasionally as a "special". I think she settled on a bowl of the lobster bisque and the smaller sized portion of shrimp. Her husband George also settled on the shrimp.

Shortly before closing, two oversized vans pulled in filled with 20+ students and chaperones from Paris, France who were travelling through on a 3 week tour of New England. They had an approx. \$8.00 limit per person for their dinner. While their English was far better than my French ever thought to be, I'm sure it was a challenge to get that many orders straight. Many burgers and fries were ordered along with several baskets of the

pork ribs and many other goodies. They were delighted to find real dinners for their budgeted price. This group decided to eat at the tables outside. The first orders were being brought out to them as the waitress was finishing up taking orders. Gary (from Benton) noticed that they were going to need extra napkins, salt and ketchup for their large group and he just got up and started collecting these items off the inside tables and taking them outside and handing them out. He came back smiling saying it's not the first time he's lent a hand while dining there. Richard and Marilyn took this last minute rush in stride without missing a beat. Richard, of course, went outside and made sure that they had all enjoyed their meals.

The Hastings joined us and the other inside diners as we were finishing our dinners and we all shared our favorite J's foods and why we think it is a special place. We spent a good hour just

sitting around and chatting, much like catching up at a family gathering. I learned that Richard had always wanted an Ice Cream stand and when the opportunity arose, he gave up his Trucking job and started selling ice cream. From there it was a natural progression to add burgers and seafood at a takeout stand. That has now evolved into a full menu, a dining room, and ice cream. Richard does much of the cooking, but Marilyn is the chowder lady and makes the heavenly Strawberry shortcake. This restaurant is indeed family.

If you're a lobster lover, you won't want to miss July 27th's Lobster Fest with a 1 1/4 lb fresh lobster, potato salad and corn on the cob followed by ice cream for dessert. Make sure you give



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### OPEN GYM

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Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

## MONDAY/THURSDAY

### ADULT WATER AEROBICS

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A.P. Hill Community Pool, Woodsville

### NCYMCA WALKING CLUB

6:30 PM

Woodsville Elementary School

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## TUESDAYS

### BREAKFAST BY DONATION

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Horse Meadow Senior Center, North Haverhill

### UCC EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 802-584-3857

Wells River Congregational Church

## WEDNESDAYS

### BINGO

6:30 PM

Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245

North Haverhill

## THURSDAYS

### ONE-ON-ONE CRIBBAGE ROUND ROBIN

1:00 PM

Horse Meadow Senior Center, North Haverhill

### PEACHAM FARMERS' MARKET

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM 802-592-3161

Peacham Village

## SATURDAYS

### BAKED GOODS, CRAFTS, PRODUCE

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 802-563-3124

Creamery Street, Marshfield

### BRADFORD FARMERS MARKET

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Rt. 5 near Mr. Putz

### GROTON GROWERS FARMERS MARKET

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Rte 302, Groton Community Building

## WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY

### JULY 25 - 29

#### NORTH HAVERHILL FAIR

Rt 10, North Haverhill

*See ad on page 9*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

### NEK HEALTHY WATERS INITIATIVE:

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?

1:00 PM

Northwoods Stewardship Center

East Charleston, VT

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

### BOOK CLUB FOR WRITERS

7:00 PM

Haverhill Library

*See article on page 4*

## FRIDAY, JULY 27

### AS YOU LIKE IT

6:30 PM

Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall, Haverhill

## SATURDAY, JULY 28

### TECH TALK AT TEN

10:00 AM

Fairlee Public Library

### KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKING CONTEST

10:00 AM

North Haverhill Fair

### WHITE MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB

#### SYMPOSIUM & FAIR

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Littleton Community House, Main Street

## SUNDAY, JULY 29

### MILES & MILES OF MUSIC JAM SESSION

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Railroad Park, Woodsville

## MONDAY, JULY 30

### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BY IAN CLARK

1:00 PM

Horse Meadow Senior Center, North Haverhill

### HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD MEETING

6:00 PM

Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

## TUESDAY, JULY 31

### NATURE'S STORIES

#### WITH CLARE WALKER LESLIE

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Northwoods Stewardship Center

East Charleston, VT

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

### 3 RIVERS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

#### MONTHLY MEETING

8:00 AM

Wells River Savings Bank, Wells River

### WOODSVILLE/WELLS RIVER 4TH OF JULY

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM

Woodsville Emergency Services Building

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

### INTERACTIVE ROBIN HOODDD

6:30 PM

Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall, Haverhill

### LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III

7:30 PM

Colonial Theater, Bethlehem

*See article on page 12*

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### AUGUST 4 & 5

#### 36TH ANNUAL ORFORD FLEA MARKET

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

On the Common, Rt. 10, Orford

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

### BOW HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM 603-838-6084

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

### HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Ammonoosuc Fish & Game Club, Bath

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6

### GOOD OLE BOYS MEETING

12:00 Noon

Happy Hour Restaurant, Wells River

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

### NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL

#### REPRESENTATIVE

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Woodsville American Legion Post #20

### CONNECTICUT VALLEY SNOWMOBILE

#### CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

7:00 PM

Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

## THURSDAY – SUNDAY

### AUGUST 9 – 12

Cultivate Dance Festival

Bethlehem

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

### MONTHLY MEETING -

#### ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION

6:00 PM

American Legion Home, Woodsville

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

### CULTIVATE: EXTENDING THE DANCE MAP

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Bethlehem Town Hall

*See article on page 12*

### BATH LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM

Bath Library

*See article on page 4*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

### THE TEMPEST

6:30 PM

Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall, Haverhill

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

### OLD FASHIONED HAM & BEAN SUPPER

5:30 PM

St. Luke's Parish House, Central St, Woodsville

*See ad on page 5*

### STREET DANCE

6:00 PM

Bath Common

*See ad on page 8*

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# Did You Catch Caught In The Act(s)?

By Gary Scruton

A night of one act plays. Sounds simple enough. Choose the plays. Find someone to direct each one. Find actors for each play. Find sound and lights people (hopefully willing to do all four). Advertise and bring in an audience. Simple! Well, not really.

Old Church Theater in Bradford has done this before. And they have learned that any production that lasts an hour and a half or more is never a simple endeavor. Add in the fact that there are multiple productions, each with its own uniqueness. It all takes planning, talent, and some way to bring all of these stand alone, short stories into one enjoyable evening. That last part normally falls in the hands of the producer. A position that is not normally used at Old Church Theater, especially when doing one single play. But for the purpose of tying these four (originally five, but with no understudy and the loss of one actor, now four) shorts together OCT decided to tap John Hunt to play producer. Of course, John didn't stop there, but we'll get to that later.

Opening night began with some black shrouded stage hands running about and eventually escorting John to center stage for the normal welcome and "fire exits are here and there" speech. When he started out in Japanese it took a sharp slap to the head by one of

those stagehands to get him switched back to English and the evening was underway with a good chuckle.

The first play of the evening was also the premier of this play written by OCT actress/director/playwright Barbara Swantak. "Back In Ten" depicted a small town mother and daughter who discovered a way to sell that "last one" for a bit over retail price. Of course the unsuspecting "big city girl" had no idea that her buttons were being pushed. One of the neat twists to this play was that we still don't know just what was purchased! We simply know there was at least one more "last one" in the back room.

Next on the agenda for the evening was "She With a Capital Ess". The name tells you almost nothing about the play. You are really thrown off when the stagehands carry out and put in place a single lone actor. After the lights go down and rise again the actor starts talking to himself about "women problems". At least he thought he was talking to

himself, until a big booming voice responds to what he thought was a rhetorical question. And now he finds himself in a conversation with God about how best to deal with the fairer sex. Robert O'Leary seemed to have the facial expressions, hand movements and pacing all figured out as he continued a dialoged with that big booming voice. He even seemed to have his woman issues somewhat figured out, as evidenced by the much higher pitched voice making the final response.

Now is where we get into some of the repeats of the evening.

Up next was "Family 2.0". The best to say about this play is "be careful what you wish for!" Robert returned to the stage as a man looking to change families. Not just job,

or wife, or even kids, but a whole new family. Things start well, but as one might imagine, they went down hill from there. Anthony Helm not only directed this third one act play of the evening, but he also portrayed the first husband who came home to find a new man was trying to move in. Anthony's portrayal of a dog was nothing to growl about. And the chase scene was well orchestrated and carried out to the enjoyment of all those in attendance.

After the intermission (the cookies were great, as always) the longest of the one act plays took over on the stage. Barbara Swantak (remember she wrote the first play) was front and center with three parts in the hilarious, well known play "Chinaman". John Hunt, producer, also got on stage with

two parts. "Chinaman" does require the audience to use a bit of imagination. While all scenes take place in the formal dining room (which later becomes a large bare room) there is also plenty of action off stage left and stage right. The dinner party for friends of Jo & Stephen takes a tough turn when Bee and Barney, a recently separated couple, both get invited. And Bee brought her new bo, a young, long haired Alex. It gets even more fun when an intoxicated Barney thinks Alex is female not male. A broken chair, locked bathroom door, and other passed out guests later, all seems to end well for the hosts.

The night ended even better for the audience who once again were entertained by good local talent on the stage at Old Church Theater.

**July 24, 1943 Factoid**

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# A Walk In The Woods – July 2012

By David Falkenham, UNH Cooperative Extension Grafton County Forester

The early morning walks of summer are often the best walks of the year. With the temperatures most days reaching the 80's, I don't mind rising with the birds in an effort to get the dogs out during the coolest part of the day. As we drive to our destination the farm fields are lush with summer's green and so many farmers are working around

the clock and around summer's stubbornly unpredictable weather to get the hay cut and baled. Early morning fog drifts across the fields and the smell of cut hay gently blows through my open truck windows.

My destination this morning is the Kinder Memorial Forest, located on Briar Hill Road in North Haverhill. The trail departs from a gravel parking area at a sharp bend in the dirt road. After about a half mile of walking, the old woods road we are on tips down into a bowl in the forest, a spot that is surrounded on all sides by slight rises in the landscape. About 12,000 years ago the last glacier formed this spot in the landscape creating an area that acts as a natural catch basin for nutrients in the forest soil. This concentrating of nutrients makes a great place for trees to grow, and grow they do indeed. The forest is dominated by oak, pine and hemlock that stand like monarchs that tower between 75 and 100 feet over our heads.

The Kinder Forest begins in this place of towering trees. Each morning I leave the world behind and live only in the moment, trying to see the world through my dogs' eyes for the next hour of the day. Together we take in the smells of the farm and forestlands and relish each walk in the woods.

The trail winds south through the forest along rock outcrops; here the forest consists of dense layers of hemlock, beech and maple understory that reduce visibility. I hear Walker running through this jungle of hemlocks; at least I think it is him! It wouldn't be the first time I have been surprised by a bear or deer loping through the forest unaware of my presence. But indeed it is Walker, who bursts onto the trail with a grin on his face and hemlock needles covering his fur.

The trail continues through mature oak, pine and hemlock and up to the power line. Here there is an abrupt change in habitat from mature forest to dense shrublands.

There is a noticeable difference in the birds that are present out here compared to the forest interior. There is also an increase in wildlife activity which can be detected easily when you walk with a dog; their noses miss nothing, and the scent moves like electricity through their bodies. When October is here, the flush of a grouse and the boom of a shotgun will be their greatest reward.

Our walk continues through shrublands and mature forests, over stone walls and along woods roads; wildlife is abundant and the songs and smells of the Kinder Forest renew my senses. The trail rejoins itself at a kiosk containing the sign-in book and a Woods Prayer. A plaque in the ledge beyond presents the dedication to Rich Kinder. I believe there is no better place to start my day, and no better way to pay tribute to someone.

This Walk in the Woods is dedicated to anyone and everyone who has made a living working in the woods.

## Grafton County 4-H Leaders Association Announces The 2012 "Playing For Clover" Golf Tournament

\*The 16th annual tournament will be played at the Blackmount Country Club Golf Course on August 11, 2012 starting at 9:00 am. \*Each year local businesses throughout Grafton County sponsor teams of four to support 4-H programs such as 4-H camp, leadership conferences, project support

and teaching materials. \*As in the past, hundreds of people are donating their time, merchandise, and services to make this event the highlight of the 4-H year. \* Players will receive a bag of "goodies", golf balls, a raffle prize, 3 meals, and be entered into the hole-in-one events to include a car from

Littleton Chevrolet, a lawn tractor from Blackmount Equipment and other golf related prizes. \*If you are, or your business is interested in "Playing for Clover" but do not already have a team, please call Linda Stoddard at the Blackmount Country Club. The number is 603-787-6564.

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# North Haverhill FAIR

**WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY**  
**JULY 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31**  
**2012**  
 1299 Dartmouth College Highway,  
 North Haverhill, New Hampshire



Look who will be  
 "Comin' Around" on  
**Friday, July 27**  
**Josh Thompson**

when he makes his next NH stop  
 Show Time: 8:30 PM @ Thayer Stage

**Saturday, July 28**

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Show Time: 8:00 PM @ Thayer Stage



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**Sunday, July 29**

**4x4 Truck Pull**

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**Thursday 5-10 PM \$20**  
**Sunday Noon - 5 PM \$20**

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**Thursday, July 26**  
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 6:00 PM Preliminary Round  
 9:00 PM Finals

**Sunday, July 29**  
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From L to R: Jessica Simpson, Carew Magnus and Janet St. Onge prepare a hummus dip for local veggies.

Local teachers and food service staff from eight area schools plus community members and farmers recently gathered to participate in a two-day Local Foods professional development course. The course was taught by VT FEED (Food Education Every Day) and held at the St. Johnsbury school as part of the St. Johnsbury Farm to School program.

# Warren Old Home Days Parade

Photo courtesy of Andrew Dorsett.



## CVNLL (Connecticut Valley North Little League) 9/10 Year Olds Took 2nd Place For District 4

CVNLL (Connecticut Valley North Little League) 9/10 year olds took 2nd Place for District 4 on July 16th at Fisher Field in Lyndonville, VT. This is nothing to hang their heads about!! They played 6 games and lost only 2. To watch kids from five different towns come together as a Team and play with such camaraderie and sportsmanship was unbelievable! The commitment that the coaches made to teach and guide these boys was amazing and greatly appreciated.



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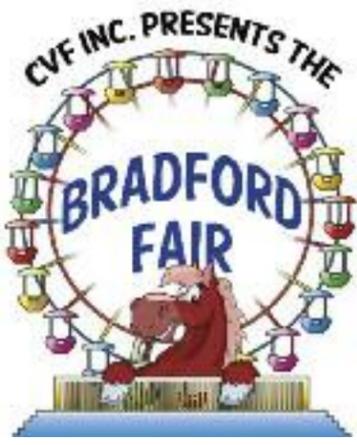
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# 2012 Bradford Fair

With plenty of new power, some new buildings, some moved buildings, and a whole slew of other changes, the newly renamed Bradford Fair enjoyed some wonderful weather for its run from July 19 to 22.

Even a new amusement company (Dreamland Amusements) was on hand with rides to satisfy most all ages. New President Paul Thurston reported that numbers were up significantly on opening day and hoped for the same result for the rest of the weekend.



One of many pair of oxen being led by a young teamster through the obstacle course. Just behind them is the motorized pulling track.



There was a show on the stage and one in front of the stage as line dancers stepped with the music. In the background new president Paul Thurston keeps an eye out.



A shot of just a portion of the newly reconfigured mid-way at the Bradford Fair. This was just one of many changes to the fairgrounds in 2012.



As the young 4-H'ers get ready for their dairy show another youngster tries perfecting her chosen endeavor. The newly finished cattle barn sits just off to one side.



Councilor Ray Burton led a tour with NH DOT Commissioner Chris Clement and staff to the Rt 10 Bridge in Haverhill Corner where they met up with Haverhill Town Manager Glenn English and Select Board member Lynn Wheeler.

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## Dance And Education Conference Is August 9 In Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM — Dancers, educators and community members are invited to attend Cultivate: Extending the Dance Map in Northern New England, a daylong dance and education conference that is being held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, at the Bethlehem Town Hall as part of the Cultivate dance festival.

The conference, for teachers, dancers, parents and school administrators interested in integrating dance and movement studies into education, includes workshops, a panel and group discussion.

Stephen Clapp of Dance Box Theater, Maryland, will present "Dance and Learning: An Integrated Partnership." Based on a Collaborative Integrated Cur-

riculum Model using both New Hampshire State Educational Curriculum Frameworks and National Dance Standards, this participatory workshop explores tools and strategies for integrating the arts with non-arts disciplines. Jeanne Limmer of North Conway, will offer a workshop on "Finding Empathy: Movement as a Tool for Teachers, Parents and Students," offering strategies for teachers and parents to address issues of bullying, and cultivate compassion and understanding.

The conference will also include a panel of dancers, educators and arts administrators discussing the challenges and opportunities of integrating dance into the curriculum, and networking and round-table discussion

opportunities.

"Cultivate: Extending the Dance Map" is presented in partnership with Cultivate by the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire and its collaborators in Extending the Dance Map, an initiative to bring more dance to rural northern New England schools, with support from the Dana Foundation and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

The conference cost is \$25 (\$15 for Arts Alliance members), and \$15 for high school and college students (\$10 for AANNH members). Lunch is included. Scholarships are available. Register online at [www.aannh.org](http://www.aannh.org) or contact Frumie Selchen at 323-7302 or [info@aannh.org](mailto:info@aannh.org) for additional information.

## Colonial Theatre Presents Loudon Wainwright III

The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH will present a solo performance by Loudon Wainwright III, or LW3 for short, a cherished icon of American folk music, Friday, August 3 at 7:30 PM. Loudon is a darkly witty and touchingly personal songwriter and storyteller. He started out in the folk clubs of New York and Boston before going on to a long career that's encompassed both music and acting. He has given birth to over 20 albums (as well as fathering some very successful musical offspring), written folk classics including "Dead Skunk" and "The Man Who Couldn't Cry," and created music for film and theater. The "Boardwalk Empire" soundtrack, including LW3 music, just won a Grammy. His songs have been recorded by Johnny Cash, Earl Scruggs, Big Star, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, and his son Rufus Wainwright. Loudon himself charted with "Dead Skunk." He also has many TV and film acting credits including M\*A\*S\*H, "Ally McBeal," "The 40 Year Old Virgin," and "Knocked Up" Wainwright

has also written for Ted Koppel's "Nightline," NPR's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" and was Letterman's original musician/sidekick. His meditative new album, "Older Than My Old Man Now," features four generations of Wainwrights including Loudon's son Rufus, daughter Martha, and grandson Arcangelo Albetta. At 65, Loudon Wainwright III is older than his father ever was, and it's got him thinking, and writing, and singing. As he puts it, the new album deals with "death 'n' decay" and he's approached the subject from all angles, with his customary insight, honesty, and rueful humor.

This evening of great folk music is sponsored by Woodsville Guaranty Savings bank with additional support from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, The Jane B. Cook 1992 Charitable Trust and Edward and Nancy Roberts. The Cold Mountain Café and The Wayside Inn the hospitality sponsors for the event and media support was provided by Vermont Public Radio, New Hampshire Public



Radio, The Point Independent Radio, The Notch.FM and Notchnet.com. Opening the evening will be local singer songwriter Rob Charles Thomas.

General Admission tickets for the 8 PM performance are \$36; Colonial, Catamount Arts and Kingdom County Productions members \$30; reserved Front & Center (available on-line only at Bethlehem Colonial.org or Catamountarts.org) are \$36. General Admission tickets are available in advance at Maia Papaya Cafe, Bethlehem, The Littleton Food Coop, or Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury. The doors open at 7 PM for the 7:30 PM performance with refreshments on the patio. For more information about this or upcoming live events find The Colonial on Facebook (Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial), follow The Colonial on twitter (@ColonialNH) or visit the Colonial on line at [www.BethlehemColonial.org](http://www.BethlehemColonial.org)



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I always thought a cat was just a cat until we got two.

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One summer we started noticing a stray cat at our camp. She was very skittish at first; then she would come closer and closer to us and we saw that she was quite skinny. She looked like she would be a nice cat to get to know, and we felt sorry for her. So one day when we were leaving for home, we put out some cat food. The next time we came to camp, the cat food was gone, and the minute she heard our car, she appeared in our driveway. We began to fall in love, but wondered what we would do when Fall came around. We continued to feed her, though.

Then several things happened. One day when she had eaten her fill, she dug a hole in the ground, placed the remaining cat food in it, and covered it with leaves. We were impressed. Soon after, she would come up on our deck and sit outside our sliding door, almost as if she was waiting to be invited in. When we got ready to go home, she would sit in the driveway and watch as we left, and we felt more and more guilty.

As the summer waned, we talked about the idea of owning 2 cats. We didn't know how Lilac would feel, and we didn't know if Ollie

(yes, we had named her Ollie) would ever be tame enough to live with us.

Of course, she came home with us on the hottest day of the year. She hid in our van and wailed pathetically for the whole 140 miles. Our granddaughter, who was with us, cried most of the way.

At home, we left Ollie in the garage and hoped she would get used to her new environment without interacting with Lilac. It was not to be. Lilac had a 6th sense that all was not as it used to be and bolted into the garage saying sounds we had never heard before. She was merciless! Poor Ollie tried to find places to hide, and we couldn't corral Lilac for love or money. It was very like chaos.

Things calmed down in the next few days. We took Ollie to the vet and discovered she was a "Lynx Point" Siamese, and that she was very healthy. We had her spayed. By the time she came home, Lilac was a little more receptive to her new housemate, and they both ate out of the same dish.

Whenever Ollie came into the room, people would say, "What a WONDERFUL cat!" And she was. Although we could never cuddle her, she would happily sit in our lap or beside us. She always acted grateful, and for that, we let her sleep on the table if she wanted.

Lilac never quite got over having Ollie around. They would chase each other up and down the stairs, and when Ollie was sleeping, Lilac would jump on her. But Ollie took it well, and I think they both were happy in their own cat-way to have each other.

They are both gone now and I am sure it is to Cat Heaven. And whenever we think about replacing them (which is quite often) we know that we will never find any cats as satisfactory as our Lilac and Ollie.

## OBITUARY PAULINE CHRISTIE BROOKS



Woodsville, NH – Pauline Christie Brooks, 78, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville.

She was born on March 20, 1934. Pauline was one of eighteen children born to Elmer and Christy (Williamsons) Sayers.

Growing up, Pauline worked on the family farm with her other brothers and sisters. She worked for 30 years at the Grafton County Nursing Home as a Dietary Aide. She played Bingo every chance she could, sometimes five nights a week. Pauline enjoyed baking, cooking, and supplying family, friends, and neighbors with special made treats. She loved attending

her grandchildren' sporting events and school activities. Pauline's enjoyment in life was spending time with her family. She volunteered at the Horse Meadow Senior Center and always helped out when she could with the Woodsville Fire Department. She was a member of the Ross Wood post # 20 American Legion Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by five sisters, Myrtle Davidson, Geraldine Storti, Ruby Erno, Kay Apovian, and Elvira Sayer; five brothers, Donald Sayers, Raymond Sayers, Neil Sayers, Everett Sayers, and Elmer Raymond Sayers.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Green and husband Robert of Brentwood, CA; two sons, Jeffrey Brooks and wife Rose of Woodsville and James Brooks of Littleton, NH; six grandchildren, Matthew, Nathaniel, Natasha, Parker, Robbie, and Chloe; one sister, Madeline McDermott of Northfield, VT; six brothers,

Elmer Sayers, Jr. and wife Linda of Stannard, VT, Alvin Sayers of Fair Haven, VT, Kenneth Sayers of Barre, VT, James Sayers and wife Greta of Plainfield, VT, Ethan Sayers of East Barre, VT, and Alan Sayers and wife Judy of Worcester, VT; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and an aunt.

There will be no calling hours.

A memorial service was held on Monday, July 16, at 2 PM at the Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Founders Affiliate, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02210 or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Ricker Funeral Home, Woodsville, NH was in charge of arrangements.

For more information or to offer an online condolence please go to [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

## OBITUARY EVERETT ARTHUR "CY" JESSEMAN



Piermont, NH – Everett Arthur "Cy" Jesseman, 85, died on Monday, July 16, 2012 at his home on Route 25C. Cy was born on January 10, 1927, in Haverhill, NH, to Arthur Frost and Gladys Isabell (Fields) Jesseman.

Cy joined the US Army on April 9, 1945 and served through December 2, 1946. He worked for many years at Blake Chevrolet in Bradford, VT. Then, he worked for 25 years for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the Orford District.

Cy was very proud of his military service and was one

of the two remaining charter members of Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245 in North Haverhill, NH. He was interested in Civil War history and visited many historical sites. Cy loved band music, parades, and social events. He attended the Bradford Senior Meals every day. He attended auctions and yard sales and, in return, he would give many of his treasures to friends. Cy enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Christopher Colby, a brother, Roger Jesseman and his wife Stella.

He is survived by his three daughters, Jane Deming of Charlottesville, VA, Doreen Moody and husband David of Pike, NH, and Cindy Locke and husband Kenneth of Hopkinton, NH; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and

nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There were no calling hours.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 20, at 1 PM at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH, with Rev. Jane Wilson officiating. Burial followed in South Lawn Cemetery, Piermont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #5245, c/o Mr. Dale Pierson, 3 Beech Street, Woodsville, NH 03785.

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A Roth IRA also offers other features that can help you build resources for retirement while possibly helping your surviving family members. For one thing, you can contribute to your Roth IRA for as long as you have some earned income, up to the contribution limits, and as long as you meet certain income limitations. Even if you've officially "retired," you might do some consulting or part-time work. So you could put some of your earnings into your Roth IRA. This ability to keep funding your Roth IRA virtually indefinitely can give you more flexibility in managing your retirement income — and, depending on how you do manage that income and what your other objectives may be, you may also end up with more money that could be left to your beneficiaries.

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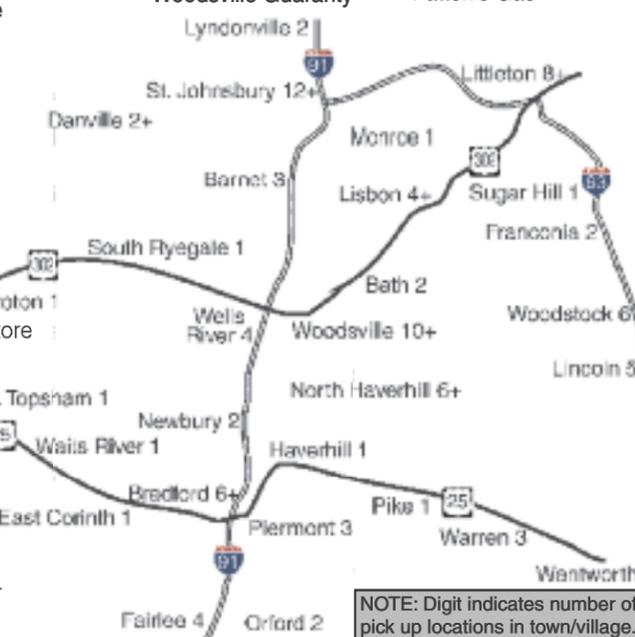
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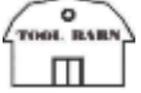
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# Hospice Announces Volunteer Training

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency is pleased to announce the annual Hospice Volunteer Training, scheduled in Littleton this fall. The agency enjoys a wonderful corps of volunteers, but new volunteers are needed to meet the growing number of patients and families.

Hospice is considered to be the model for quality, compassionate care for people who are facing a life-limiting illness which no longer responds to cure-oriented treatment. Patients' needs and wishes are met through a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management, emotional and spiritual support, and volunteer service.

The philosophy of hospice is based on the belief that pro-

viding support and comfort for individuals at the end of life protects dignity, allows patients to remain as active as possible, and to live a higher quality of life.

Volunteers provide important services to hospice families. They serve wherever patients reside, whether in their own homes, assisted living centers, nursing homes, or during a period of hospitalization. They offer emotional support and companionship, help with routine tasks, run errands, grocery shop, prepare meals, wash laundry and do light housekeeping, or reminisce and record life stories. Volunteers may also assist staff in the hospice office, or participate in community outreach and fundraising. Many share special talents such as

Reiki, massage, pet therapy, or music therapy and aromatherapy.

The six-evening, 18 hour training prepares volunteers by expanding their understanding of the hospice program, the needs of the dying, pain management and comfort care, grief and bereavement, and communication with the hospice family. There is no charge to participate in the training program which will be held at Littleton Regional Hospital on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 4th.

Preregistration is required. For additional information, contact Sue Buteau, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for North Country Home Health and Hospice, at 444-5317 or [sbuteau@nchha.com](mailto:sbuteau@nchha.com).

# Agency On Aging Seeks Senior Companion Volunteers

Do you have 20 hours a week or more to give in service to frail elders in your area of the Northeast Kingdom? Senior Companion Program volunteers do "what one good friend would do for another" when as-

sisting with simple activities of daily living.

Volunteers help with activities like visiting someone or taking them shopping, accompanying them to medical appointments or helping them get

"out and about" in the community to combat isolation and loneliness.

If you are of modest income, age 55 or older and looking for a way to give back to the community, consider joining the Senior Companion Program volunteer team sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont.

Program benefits include a non-taxable stipend, mileage reimbursement, and supplemental accident and liability insurance. Training is provided. Volunteers must pass a physical exam and a background check to enroll in the program.

Senior companions share their positive comments about the program: "I like being part of a team that loves our clients, gives them hope and encouragement, and makes their days nicer and memorable. Their 'thank you,' which comes in different ways, makes my day. Their happiness is mine," said one senior companion.

"I like being a Senior Companion because it keeps me busy. I like people and it gives me a chance to meet interesting people," said another volunteer. "Most of all, I can help someone in need. When I am the only one they see from day to day, it is rewarding to see the look on their face when they see me. I have a chance to speak a kind word to let them know that someone cares."

For more information about the Senior Companion Program or other volunteer opportunities call Carol at 802-748-5182 or email us at [info@nevaaa.org](mailto:info@nevaaa.org).

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## MYSTERY HILL

### America's Stonehenge, North Salem, NH

If you've never heard about Stonehenge, you've probably been living under a rock for many centuries. However, Mystery Hill, or "America's Stonehenge" is a different story. Deep inside the woods just above the Massachusetts border in North Salem lies an ancient stone like village that has become a popular New Hampshire tourist spot.

Nobody knows how old this village is exactly but using the Earth's rotation, scientists have agreed that the village looks to be some 3,500 years old. Some say it is a astronomical calendar because of the fact that the walls all aligned to observe celestial events such as Winter and Summer Solstice. It has twenty chambers with a primitive but effective drainage system and it also has a sac-

ificial stone table. This popular, but yet scary, location adds to the mystic nature of Mystery Hill, but was it to actually sacrifice people or was it something else? The table, which is actually a stone the length and width of a regular person, has a drainage system to catch the blood. Now, were they actually sacrificing people or were they using this table to embalm their dead like we do now? Because embalming was actually known back in the ancient Egyptian days, but who knows? History brings mysteries.

Paranormal at Mystery Hill? Oh yes, this is Scared Sheetless after all, folks. Strange lights and shapes have been witnessed. Photos of orbs and strange light forms have been recorded. Sensitive's feel that the people who created the site have re-

mained and their energy has stayed behind. Scientists are working to determine the mystery behind the hill, however, some are not in a rush as the mystery does give it its spooky, but yet delightful nature.

Want to go to Mystery Hill? It's open to the public and here's the directions: Take Interstate 93 to Exit 3, follow Route 111 East for 4.5 miles. There should be a sign for the site, take a right at the traffic lights. Follow for 1 mile and the entrance should be to the right.

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Further Reading/References: "Haunted New Hampshire" by Thomas D'Agostino

the weekend. She would never get a chance to read the latest Brombeck now. I felt terrible.

Would my visit to her prolong her life by even one hour? Probably not. Would it have given her a laugh and take her mind off her suffering for a little while? I think it would. I failed to do a good thing when I should have.

So let us remember the sins of omission too. Laugh at a joke you have heard a hundred times before. Do not fail to compliment a friend for a job well done. Write those thank you notes. Give only constructive criticism. Never mind the nit picking.

Gosh, for my entire obsession with sin this turned out to be high minded after all.

## SIN!!!

By Sheila Asselin

Let's all talk about sin. At last you are saying. Enough of this high minded crap she has been writing about. Finally for the fun stuff. The stuff we have been thinking about all along but were afraid to ask in case people would think we had small perverted twisted minds. Well we do but why alert everyone?

The Bible tells us there are seven deadly sins. Sins that can get you into big trouble without half trying. They are Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Lust, Anger, Greed, and Sloth. So take your pick of a favorite sin but be aware that Lust is already taken. Hey, this is my article so I get first dibbies! You will have to settle for something dull and unexciting like Sloth. Claim yours quick before they are all taken.

These are all what is called "sins of commission". When you do something bad that you should not have. I would like to talk now about "sins of omission" that occur when you fail to do something

good when you should have. Let me give you an example.

A few years ago I worked with a lady names Millie. Millie had major health problems but that did not keep her from showing up every morning at work with a smile on her face. Unfortunately she was a little slow on the uptake. When everyone sat around during break or lunch we would tell jokes. Poor Millie never got the jokes and could not understand why everyone else was laughing.

One day Millie had a real health crisis and ended up in the hospital in Laconia. This was in the middle of the week and I vowed to visit her on the weekend. When the weekend came around I found I had other things to do. Still I meant to visit her. I knew she loved to read Erma Brombeck and bought the latest Brombeck collection to take to her. Soon the week turned into a month. Still I had not visited her. One Monday morning the boss announced Millie had died over

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# There When We Need Them

*Op-Ed By NH Gubernatorial Candidate Jackie Cilley*

There are many jobs we don't give much thought to on a day-to-day basis. The local hospital only surfaces to our conscious mind when we drive by, visit someone we care about there or need it ourselves. The folks who plow our streets so that we can get up and go to work after a snow storm receive little attention unless a snow bank blocks our driveway. Public safety fits this frame

well. We simply don't think of first responders, police or firefighters until we need them.

On a cold, dark February evening last year that was just the case for my son and daughter-in-law. She had arrived before him to find their modest, well-tended first home had been robbed of its copper piping -- leaving them without heat or hot water. After calling my son, the first calls she made were to firefighters and police, one to investigate the lingering odor of gas and the other to try to catch the thieves.

On another cold winter day before the holidays, yet another family member was involved in an accident so horrendous it required cutting him out of the van he was driving. Having shattered his hip and sustaining other injuries, he was thankful for the loving care the paramedics provided. It was a lengthy healing process from which he never fully recovered, but they gave him the start he needed to get as far as he did.

These incidents pale in comparison to much more traumatic events such as those on 9/11 in which so many were lost -- including hundreds of firefighters and police. Nonetheless, even the seemingly most innocuous incident can turn deadly. Our public safety officials are and must always be prepared for that eventuality.

Our state has consistently been rated as one of the safest in the country in which to live. Our public

safety personnel work diligently to keep it that way. Our citizens expect no less from them. Business leaders choose a safe state and count on the protections afforded by well-trained and well-equipped public safety employees. Visitors arrive in the comfort of knowing we are a safe state to visit.

Our safety net, however, is stretching at the seams like a fire hose that's been dragged along the gravel too many times. State and local cuts to public safety budgets are placing substantial stress on already thinning ranks. Recently, Chief Jamie Sullivan of the Hampton Police Department was quoted as saying, "...we have been expected to do more with less and have done so. Now we are doing less with less."

Hampton thrives on its tourist industry. These visitors come, at least in part, because they believe it a safe place to visit. Yet, Chief Sullivan does not have the budget for a full complement of police for all shifts and locations. He must depend on back-up from equally stretched Sheriff's departments and State Police.

Areas of the nation that fail to invest in sound public safety pay the price through higher rates of crime, fewer middle class families who want to live there and fewer visitors who come with their tourist dollars. That is not the New Hampshire we have had and it is not the New Hampshire we want.

Over these past two years our Free State/Tea Party legislature has maligned public employees, including firefighters, police and first responders, at every opportunity. The adjectives and labels used to describe these hardworking men and women would have been unthinkable to utter in the halls of our Statehouse not so long ago. Regardless, these brave men and women have continued to go about their job -- sometimes at great personal risk -- to keep our citizens safe.

Protecting those who protect us is a primary motive for my decision to run for Governor. I will always remember that it is our police, firefighters and first responders who make New Hampshire a safe and inviting place for businesses, tourists, and growing families. Together, we'll change the way public employees are valued. We will preserve the quality of life that well-trained and well-equipped safety forces defend.

This week I was proud to receive the endorsements of the New England Police Benevolent Association and the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire. I am honored that they have seen in me someone who will fight to keep New Hampshire a beautiful and safe state Together with all of our citizens we will protect the traditions that have made New Hampshire the greatest state in the country in which to live and work.

## FAIRPOINT SAVES BIG WITH ANTI-IDLING PUSH Cuts In Idling Help Improve Air Quality & Saves Fuel Costs

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (July 19, 2012) -- FairPoint Communications has cut emissions and fuel use in the past year from efforts to curb idling in its fleet of work vehicles.

FairPoint partnered with the American Lung Association to hold presentations at company garages on the benefits of reducing idling. Those discussions spurred renewed interest in reducing the amount of time trucks idle.

For example, FairPoint saw its total idling time drop more than 42 percent from the first four months of 2011

as compared to same months this year. FairPoint operates 1,232 fleet trucks across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

"FairPoint has made a concerted effort across northern New England to reduce idling; it's the right thing to do for public health and to be a more energy-efficient company," said Karen Mead, senior vice president of operations and engineering. "This is a significant step toward reducing our carbon footprint in the region."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy's Center for Transportation

Research at the University of Chicago, idling of service utility trucks can account for up to 37 percent of total fuel used.

"This is a great effort by FairPoint," said Wayne Michaud, director of Idle-Free VT and former coordinator of the American Lung Association's Vermont Idle-Free Fleets program. "Less fuel used means better air quality and better health, particularly for children and the elderly. And, of course, this type of reduction really helps reduce the company's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions."

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We at the Above The Notch Humane Society have had dogs adopted from our shelter in the recent past and decided that we would like to "catch up" with them and their owners to see how they are doing, how their lives have been transformed and what new adventures they are experiencing. Here is one of the most heartwarming and successful adoptions that we can remember.

Tucker is a 3 year old yellow Labrador Retriever who had been adopted by Eugene not too long ago. He had been housed at the shelter for approximately two years and had what was thought to be aggression issues. However, Tucker's past history divulged that he had been passed along to six different owner's by the time he was 8 months old! No wonder he had issues! He wasn't aggressive, just nervous and unsure about people that he did not know or trust.

Knowing this, one of our Above The Notch Humane Society members took it upon himself to befriend Tucker. This took quite a while before he became comfortable and trusting of his new friend. It was also discovered that since he trusted his new friend, Tucker also accepted anybody that came in contact with this friend. This discovery led to the possibility of him being adopted into his forever home.

So, with an open mind and heart, and experience with dogs, Eugene decided to take Tucker home to Maine. Speaking with Eugene, I have found that as soon as Tucker was brought into the house, he felt at home, at peace! There was an immediate bonding with his new master and the family. Wherever Eugene went, there was Tucker right beside him. Eugene has advised me that he saw something very special about this animal and went on blind faith, trusting that this dog would do well in the care of himself and his family. There was a very short period of time where Tucker would utter a very low growl when he was not sure of something but Eugene set him straight the very first day and it never happened again.

In my conversation with Eugene, he told me of the many wondrous things that this dog has done! He lives to run after, find, and retrieve sticks. Sticks, sticks, and

more sticks! It is one of his favorite things in the whole world. This dog is very active, energetic and loves to catch Frisbees, as well. These activities have become a few of his many passions! Tucker also lives to go to the beach and jumps into the water to swim. He is also very good with children and has no problem with them petting him and spending time playing with him. He is very comfortable around other animals and there have not been any issues in this regard.

Tucker's aggression issues, according to Eugene, turned out to be more that this dog was fearful. He had shown that he was afraid of loud noises (thunder) and he also didn't like to be left alone. If there was a storm, Tucker would come up to his master and put his head under Eugene's arm or if they were lying down, he would try to squirm and get underneath Eugene so that he could feel protected.

It was related to me that Tucker had been crate trained and that anytime he imagined that he had done something wrong, he would go into the crate to feel safe. I have also been told that whenever Eugene and Tucker come upon other people, they are amazed that his dog is so sweet and well mannered. They cannot believe that there were ever any behavioral issues with him. Eugene has said there is no need for Tucker to be on leash as he stays by his side and obeys his commands. He has also commented this is one of the

'smartest' dogs that he has ever seen. This animal understands so many spoken words and responds logically to requests when they are made of him.

Tucker has a very keen sense about himself. He is so connected to Eugene for a few reasons, but one particular reason does stand out. Eugene suffers from periodic seizures and according to him, Tucker can sense the onset of one before it occurs which he indicates by putting his head under Eugene's arm. This premonition (if you will) allows Eugene to know that it is coming so it can be addressed. This talent was not trained and seems to have been an instinct that came out right after he was adopted into this family. Tucker also knows when Eugene has had enough playtime with him and that it is time to rest.

One recent new experience for Tucker was that they rescued two baby raccoons, which were locked in his cage for safekeeping. During the course of the day, he would nuzzle up against the outside of the cage with his face and you see the baby raccoons putting their hands outside the cage door to touch his nose. It was almost like he was 'adopting' and watching over them.

After a long day of activity, Tucker wants to rest. (I guess you could say he was plumb 'Tucker-ed' out!) As Eugene has mentioned to me, between 8 and 9 pm, Tucker will give Eugene the indication that he wants to go upstairs to bed and off they go, the two of them together.

All I can say is that Eugene and Tucker were both at the right place at the right time and providence took over. You do know the meaning of the word 'providence'... it means it was meant to be!

(Thank You Eugene for contributing to this article. And... thank you for taking

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By Ronda Marsh

## Aunt Marie's French Apple Tarts

Before I tell you about these amazing Apple Tarts, I must first tell you about the amazing woman who used to make them for me. Aunt Marie was actually my great-aunt; the wife of my dad's uncle Clifford. She came to the United States as a young war bride, having met and married her dough-boy husband during WWI in war-torn France. I can't even imagine the stamina and fortitude it required for her to brave an 8-day ocean voyage all alone to a strange country where she didn't speak the language, endure processing through Ellis Island, then a long trip by train before arriving in Littleton. When she finally reached her destination, rumor has it that Marie's new groom was not around, and his brother was sent to meet her. After a fashion, the absent spouse reappeared, and within a year, Marie had a son. It is a good thing that my aunt was a strong-willed and independent woman, as Clifford passed away a few years later, leaving Marie alone to support and raise their child, which she did very successfully, never asking for or accepting help from anyone.

Before she left France, Marie had worked as an usherette at a theater (I can remember her showing me a picture of her in her bright red military-type uniform, replete with a jaunty cap, gold epaulets and double rows of bright brass buttons down the front of the fitted jacket). Here in the U.S., she got a similar job, supplemented by waitressing and babysitting on the side. In addition, word spread of her ability to create elegant French pastries with foreign-sounding names, so she'd often be called upon to provide sweets

- 1 sheet Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry, thawed overnight in refrigerator
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored, quartered, and thinly sliced



for several of the wealthier families in town. As a child, I vividly recall my aunt (who was a teeny-tiny woman) in the teeny-tiny kitchen of her teeny-tiny apartment, wrestling with the largest rolling pin I've ever seen over a sheet of perfectly-formed, butter-pocked puff pastry dough, the effort causing tendrils of her usually neatly chignonned hair to fall in wisps around her face. Always a willing taste tester, I would have been perched nearby, sipping a cup of tea and "sampling" one of her twirly, lacy Tuille cookies. Those memories are priceless! Now, every time I pull a box of pre-made puff pastry out of my freezer, I have to smile and think of how much easier that one, modern convenience food would have made her life!

Take a few minutes and whip up these tarts. If you have some kids around, let them give you a hand, maybe sample a cookie and sip some tea. Who knows? Maybe 50 years from now, they'll be remembering and treasuring the memories!

- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons cold butter
- 1/4 cup Apricot jam
- 2 Tablespoons hot water

Preheat oven to 400°F. Unfold the pastry sheet. Cut it in half vertically, and then cut each half horizontally, so you have 4 pastry squares of equal size. Transfer the pastry squares to a parchment covered baking sheet.

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## George D. Kidder Scholarship Awarded To Rachel Butler

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Rachel Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Butler of North Haverhill, is the 2012 recipient of the George D. Kidder Scholarship. Rachel, a 2012 graduate of Woodsville High School, has been a 4-H member in Grafton County, New Hampshire, for nine years.

Rachel has been a member of the Haverhill Corner Clovers 4-H Club and the Grafton County 4-H Teen Club. Through her tenure as a 4-H'er, Rachel has helped at numerous 4-H county events, working as a workshop assistant, helping with Cloverbuds and with general event management of behind the scenes activities. Rachel has become a competent Master of Ceremonies at events, adding to her skills as a public speaker. She has represented the county at State Activities Day at the University of New Hampshire in Durham as well as at Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, in Fashion Review and Action Exhibits.

Rachel's project areas have included: clothing and textiles, aerospace and rocketry, woodworking, arts and crafts, small engines, vegetable gardening, child care, photography, food and nutrition, robotics, shooting sports and forestry. As a yearly requirement, all 4-H members complete community service projects with their club. Rachel's club has done roadside cleanup, childcare at events, food baskets for holidays and the Kids to Kids Quilt project.

Rachel has been the kind of 4-H member George Kidder would be proud to know.

George Kidder passed away June 30, 1959, leaving behind a rich heritage of selfless devotion and a large number of men that knew him as 4-H leader and friend. With his interest in youth, Mr. Kidder became leader of the Mt. Stinson Boy's 4-H Club



in 1927. He continued as a leader of the club until 1952, when failing health and advancing years forced him to retire.

George D. Kidder was born in Groton, N.H. August 15, 1881, moving to Rumney with his parents in 1894. He was educated in the local schools of Dorchester and Rumney Depot.

Mr. Kidder entered the insurance field, working from an office in his home in Rumney Depot. On January 1, 1907 he married Amy L. Fletcher, beginning a long and devoted relationship. During the years he was very active in town and church affairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kidder had a great fondness for children, although they had none of their own.

Before Mrs. Kidder's death in 1966, arrangements were made to insure a lasting memorial to her husband in the form of a scholarship for educational assistance to 4-H youth.

Grafton County 4-H Youth Development is proud of Rachel Butler and her 4-H and community accomplishments as she heads to Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, to pursue a career in elementary education. We know the Kidder's would be proud of her too as she goes forth in the world "To Make the Best Better". Congratulations, Rachel!

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