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## Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Celebration is On!

The Woodsville Wells river Fourth of July Committee is happy to announce that we are moving forward with, at the very least, a partial celebration of our nation's birthday on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

That partial celebration will include the Gigantic Fireworks display that has been

the finale to so many celebrations of the past. The display will again be shot from an area at the south end of Wells River Village. As in the past the best place to watch this display will be from the Woodsville Community field. Volunteers will be present to assist with parking of cars in the field south of the Community Field. Patrons then can remain in their cars, or take blankets or chairs to the Community Field to find a spot to watch. Of course at this point we do not know just what the regulations will be come July 4 so many details are still to

be worked out.

A second portion of this annual celebration is also high on our hope list for completion in 2021. That is the parade thru the streets of Woodsville and Wells River. On the sad side we have already heard from one organization that will not be able to participate this year, but there are hopes that others will take up the slack and we can proceed. One thing that is desperately needed is volunteers to help organize the parade on the morning of the Fourth. Volunteers are needed to register parade participants as well as direct traffic. Most, if not all, of these volunteers will be able

to watch the entire parade.

The third portion of this annual event is the field activities on the Community field in Woodsville. To date no decision has been made regarding this portion of the event.

We will soon send fundraising letters to area businesses. Please help support this annual event.

To get updates or to volunteer check out our website, [www4th.org](http://www4th.org), or contact us thru Facebook. You can also



send an email to [president@wwr4th.org](mailto:president@wwr4th.org) or call 603-747-2887. Please do what you can to make sure this celebration takes place in 2021. either volunteer, make a monetary donation, or participate. We Want You!



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The good news is that all of these establishments have managed to survive. The other good news is that in both New Hampshire and

Vermont rules and regulations are beginning to loosen up ... a bit.

While we are certainly not back to "normal" there is more and more opportunity to take advantage of some great eateries and the treats they offer.

At this writing I have had my second COVID-19 shot and Janice is set to receive hers very soon. This should mean that we will be back to dining out, and telling our

readers all about our experience. I certainly look forward to that time.



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## Sandcastles Anyone?

by Maggie Anderson

Earlier this week I had a conversation with a friend who said she was talking with one of her daughters last week and they were astonished when they realized it had been a whole year since all this viral chaos began. She couldn't believe how fast her year had flown.

My experience has been different from hers. My losses have created days so different from the ones before, as well as those that followed, the year seems to have been trolling while dragging an anchor much bigger than the size my boat demands. My year seems to have lasted for three.

Even worse, I feel as though I've spent the year with my head in a paper sack like the one the "Unknown Comic" used to wear. I wonder if I'll even remember to put earrings on again. Pre-covid (now at least I finally know what PC means) I never left the house without donning a pair to match whatever I was wearing and I

never went so far as the driveway's end without a dab of my favorite lipstick and a splash of my favorite perfume.

Seriously, what would have been the point this past year? But now, with normal life looming ever-closer to the horizon, I wonder if any of us will recognize ourselves when we rip the masks off. How much time will we waste wondering if we actually accomplished anything having spent a whole year with our heads in a paper sack?

The problem is the old saying "So much to do, so little time" doesn't really apply and many of us will be left groping for the reason an entire year has passed us by and we have absolutely nothing to show for it.

I for one have decided to simply do the whole year over, just pretend it never happened, pretend I'm still the age I was when this colossal nightmare began and get myself down to the beach while the sun shines.

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# 2021 HAVERHILL SCHOOL & TOWN MEETING BALLOT RESULTS

## HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Article 01 - Approve Optional Meeting Procedures  
Yes X No
- Article 02 - School Budget  
Fourteen million, seven hundred ten thousand, six hundred sixty dollars (\$14,710,660)  
Yes X No
- Article 03 - Special Education Expendable Trust  
Yes X No
- Article 04 - Collective Bargaining Agreement with Support Staff  
Yes X No
- Article 05 - Convey Wilson Avenue property  
Yes X No
- Article 06 - Adoption of RSA 198:20-b  
Yes X No
- Article 07 - Capital Reserve Funds  
Vehicle Replacement up to \$5,000  
Building Maintenance up to \$50,000  
Special Education up to \$50,000  
Library/ Media up to \$15,000  
Yes X No

*As indicated above all articles passed by a majority vote.  
All candidates running for office were unopposed and won election.*

## TOWN OF HAVERHILL

- Article 01 - Election of Officers  
**Darwin Clogston 186**  
**Michael Graham 514**

*All of the other candidates running for office were unopposed and won election.*

- Article 02 - Approve Optional Meeting Procedures  
**Yes 263 No 409**

*Due to the result of Article 02 (defeated) all other articles were also deemed to have been defeated per HB 1129.*

*The Select Board will now have three options. 1) They may elect to proceed during 2021 using the budget passed for 2020. 2) They may call for a second ballot to vote only on the budget, or 3) They may petition the Superior Court for the opportunity to bring back the entire warrant at a meeting to be held before September 1, 2021.*

- Article 03 - Acceptance of Annual Reports  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 04 - Appointment of Advisory Budget Committee  
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint an Advisory Budget Committee to review the Town Manager's preliminary budget and to present to the Select Board their recommendations as to any modifications thereto.  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 05 - Operating Budget 2021  
Four Million Six Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$4,605,319.00) for general municipal operations. .  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 06 - Appointment of Treasurer  
To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint a town treasurer, rather than electing a treasurer. Yes No
- Article 07 - Buildings CRF  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 08 - Fire Vehicle CRF  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 09 - Road Construction/Reconstruction CRF  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 10 - Create Parks & Recreation Facility Development CRF  
Raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 11 - Lease/Purchase Highway Grader  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 12 - Lease/Purchase Highway Dump Truck  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 13 - Lease/Purchase Haverhill Police Cruiser  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 14 - Safety Scoping Study & Aviation Safety Easement  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand dollars (\$230,000) for the purpose of per-

forming a safety study at the Dean Memorial Airport and removing safety obstructions. However, no funds will be expended without a public hearing unless they are for the safety study. Two Hundred Thirty Thousand dollars (\$230,000) to come from Airport Improvement Grant Funds and no funds to come from general taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the safety study at the Dean Memorial Airport has been completed or by December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner.

- VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 15 - Form Secession Committee  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 16 - Woodsville Fire Department  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 17 - Petitioned Article-Court Street Arts  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 18 - Petitioned Article - Bridge House Inc.  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 19 - Petitioned Article - White Mountain Mental Health  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 20 - Petitioned Article-North Country Home Health & Hospice  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 21 - Petitioned Article - Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 22 - Petitioned Article - Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 23 - Petitioned Article- Horse Meadow Senior Center & Service-Link  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 24 - Petitioned Article - Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 25 - Petitioned Article - Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 26 - Petitioned Article - Second Chance Animal Rescue of Littleton, NH  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 27 - Petitioned Article - Haverhill Corner Fire Department (Non-budgeted funding)  
To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of (\$0.00), as recommended by the budget advisory committee, to fund the Fire Department of the precinct of Haverhill Corner. The intent is to make certain the Select Board and Town Manager do not withhold or cut funding for the Haverhill Corner Fire Department. The Select Board does not recommend this article (4-1) (Majority Vote Required)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 28 - Petitioned Article - Woodsville Fire Department (Non-budgeted funding)  
To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of (\$0.00) as recommended by the budget advisory committee, to fund the Fire Department of the Precinct of Woodsville. The intent is to make certain the Select Board and town manager do not withhold or cut funding for the Woodsville Fire Department. The Select Board does not recommend this article (4-0-1 abstained) (Majority Vote Required)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 29 - Petitioned Article - North Haverhill Fire Department (Non-budgeted funding)  
To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of (\$0.00) as recommended by the budget advisory committee, to fund the Fire Department of the precinct of North Haverhill. The intent is to make certain the Select Board and town manager do not withhold or cut funding for the North Haverhill Fire Department. The Select Board does not recommend this article (5-0) (Majority Vote Required)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 30 - Petitioned Article - Rescind 2020 Vote Regarding Town control (Advisory Only)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 31 - Confirm the Organizational Structure of the Town Fire Department  
To see if the Town will vote to confirm the organizational structure for the Town Fire Department to include one volunteer Fire Chief to be elected by the membership and approved by the Town Manager; one volunteer Assistant Fire Chief for each station of the Town Fire Department to be appointed by the Fire Chief; and volunteer fire fighters. This structure has been recommended by the Fire Department Committee as a result of the work they did all year studying fire service in Haverhill. The Select Board recommends this article (4-1) (Majority Vote Required)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 32 - Petitioned Article - Town Manager Question (Advisory Only)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**
- Article 33 - Petition Article-Woodsville Rescue Ambulance (Advisory Only)  
**VOTED NO due to failure of Article 02**



## HB 1129 – How A Bill Becomes Law!

During the past few weeks, I have been asked to explain HB 1129, as I am one of the original sponsors of the bill. How this bill became law is yet another good example demonstrating how a bill becomes law.

When Representative Coursin and four other representatives including me, introduced HB 1129, this bill only changed notice requirements for certain municipal public zoning hearings by noticing said meetings using municipal websites. Communities had notified sponsors that costs associated with posting notices in public papers is expensive. Towns asked, "could posting notice of hearings on the town's website in a prominent location suffice for the requirement of placing notice in a local paper." The request seemed reasonable, as long as notice continued to follow required timelines while also maintaining posting in two other public places. Aside from one clarifying amendment made by the House Municipal and County Government Committee, the bill was submitted to the House floor with a 19-0 recommendation for passage. The bill passed the House in the consent calendar by a unanimous vote. It should also be noted, that HB1129 as introduced, was submitted on December 2, 2019, prior to the COVID pandemic outbreak.

From the NH House of Representatives, HB1129 was forwarded to the Senate and assigned to that body's Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee. The bill remained in the Senate from March 12, 2020 through June 16, 2020, a period of time impacted by COVID. Throughout this timeframe, the legislature, as did all aspects of daily life and work, had to move into remote and hybrid work scheduling. In an effort to find solutions to better assist municipalities in addressing upcoming issues such as how to conduct town meetings, the Senate used HB 1129 as a vehicle to offer assistance to selectboards. The Senate amended HB 1129 with amendments 1480s and 1524s. HB 1129 became "An act to notice requirements for certain municipal hearings (the bill as introduced in the House) and also included new provisions providing for optional town meeting procedures during the state of emergency declared in response to the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19), plus language relative to online reporting of CARES Act disbursements.

This is how legislation often occurs. Introduced legislation, is often high-jacked and amended with both germane and non-germane components. In the case of HB 1129, this was the only bill available to ad-

dress necessary options and procedures for the conduct of upcoming town meetings during the pandemic. It should be noted, however, that HB 1129 is not the only option available for resolving how these meetings might be conducted. The Governor, through the issuance of an emergency order, has also provided towns the ability to conduct annual meetings as late as September 1, 2021. It is the Governor's hope, that by this summer and with increased vaccination among the public, in-person meetings might be held outdoors or in larger spaces during the summer months. This process would be in keeping with NH's strong tradition of open, transparent town meetings. This is just another option. There are other options as well. One includes voting Article 2 either up or down and following procedures outlined in law. There are still other available options within current municipal law that might be considered such as using allowable overages of approved budget expenditures.

In summary, bills as introduced are often drastically modified throughout the legislative process and it is sometimes very misleading to assume that the original title of a bill is the actual outcome.

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[Bradford, VT]: The Bradford Teen Center's Hub will reopen Wednesday, March 24, after having been closed since November in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. "We are excited to be reopening, following guidance from the Vermont Health Department," said Patrick Peters, the Hub's Director. "Our closure over the winter gave us all a chance to plan upcoming activities, and the teens are eager to come back and pick up where we left off."

The Hub serves youth in grades 7-12 from Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, Corinth, Waits River, Topsham, and nearby towns, and is located at 9 Barton Street (at the corner of Main Street) in Bradford, VT. Hours are Wed. 3-6 pm, Thurs. 3-6, Fri. 3-9 pm, Sat. 2-9 pm.

The Hub offers a safe and fun place for youth in our community to spend time. There is quiet space to socialize, do school work (with help available), with board games, video games, air hockey, pool, and ping pong, laptops to use, a piano, arts and crafts supplies, and other activities that teens may request.

For everyone's safety, all visitors must follow COVID-19 guidelines. The Hub can only accommodate 10 teens at a time, so it's recommended to call ahead for availability: 802-449-3046. Please visit our website ([www.bradfordteencenter.org](http://www.bradfordteencenter.org)) or our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BradfordTeenCenter](http://www.facebook.com/BradfordTeenCenter)) for more information. Phone: 802-449-3046, email: [director.the-hub@gmail.com](mailto:director.the-hub@gmail.com).

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# Tom Thomson of Orford Joins The Forestry Committee at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

CONCORD, N.H. (March 4, 2021)— The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests recently welcomed Tom Thomson of Orford to its Forestry Committee. The committee is responsible for advising the Board of Trustees on the art and science of managing the natural resources of the forests on the Forest Society's fee-owned reservations. The Forestry Committee also advises the Forest Society on issues related to advancing sustainable forestry as a conservation tool, recommends policies regarding forest management, and advises staff on matters of long-term planning, annual forest management work, and budgeting.

"We are fortunate to have Tom as a member of our Forestry Committee, as we seek to set a standard for forest stewardship and advocacy throughout New Hampshire," said Jack Savage, president of The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. "Tom's experience as a Tree Farmer and lifetime of advocacy on behalf of forests and forest landowners will be invaluable."

Thomson, along with his wife, Sheila, runs and operates Thomson Family Tree Farm in Orford, New Hampshire. The Thomsons have been managing their 2,800-acre forest land with an emphasis on demonstrating to others the true meaning of a "working sustainable forest," working the land together, learning a good work ethic, and passing on good land stewardship practices.

Thomson acquired his first woodlot of 125 acres with his two older brothers in



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1956. Following service in the National Guard and years in the publishing industry, including becoming president of the family's Law Book Publishing Company, Thomson turned his focused to promoting good forest stewardship. He has advocated for sustainable forestry on the local, state, national, and international levels through tours of his Tree Farm to school kids, elected officials, forestry students, and other organizations. He has written articles and has testified before the New Hampshire State legislature and U.S. Senate sharing stories of good land stewardship and advocating for sound forest management policies.

Thomson has served the forest community as past vice-chair of the Tree Farm National Operating Committee and Chair of the Tree Farm National Policy Committee, and has served six years on the National Sustainable Forestry Initiative Resource Committee representing Family Forest Landowners throughout the United States. He also served as regional Vice President for National

Woodland Owners Association. Thomson has received numerous state and national forestry awards, including most recently the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association 2020 President's Award, the 2006 National Arbor Day Foundation Good Steward Award, and the Forest Landowner Association 2005 Forest Landowner of the Year Award.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 12 -  
SATURDAY, APRIL 24**  
ALICE KITCHEL. EXHIBIT  
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM Tuesday - Saturday  
430 Railroad Street. St. Johnsbury  
See Article on Page 7

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**  
WELLS RIVER VILLAGE MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**  
VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING  
7:00 PM  
VFW Hall, North Haverhill

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**  
BRADFORD TEEN CENTER HUB  
Reopening  
See Article on Page 4

WOODSVILLE PRECINCT MEETING  
7:00 PM  
Woodsville Community Building

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**  
ACCOUSTIC MUSIC JAM  
12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM  
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

**MONDAY MARCH 29**  
HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING  
6:00 PM  
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM See Ad on Page 8  
American Legion Home, Woodsville

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
EASTER EGG DROP  
9:15 AM INFANT - 5 YEARS  
11:00 AM AGES 6-12  
Haverhill Commons, Haverhill corner  
See Ad on Page 9

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**  
ACCOUSTIC MUSIC JAM  
12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM  
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

**MONDAY, APRIL 12**  
ROSS-WOOD UNIT #20 AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING  
6:00 PM  
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**  
ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION  
MONTHLY MEETING 7 NOMINATIONS  
6:00 PM  
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11:00 am - 12:00 noon  
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## Bradford Teen Center's Hub Receives Mergens Foundation Grant

[Bradford, VT]: The Bradford Teen Center has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from The George W. Mergens Foundation of Milton, Vermont in support of its ongoing

programs to benefit youth from Bradford and surrounding Vermont towns.

"We are grateful for the Mergens Foundation's recognition and support of the

important work we do with local youth," said Patrick Peters, Director of The Hub, the home of the teen center. "We look forward to our March 24 reopening, after being closed for the winter because of Covid concerns. The Mergens Foundation grant will help us make a strong re-entry into the community, providing a constructive outlet for the enthusiasm of our teen members."

The Hub's mission is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment where teenage youth are heard, encouraged, and empowered. Its after-school and out of school programs are designed to stimulate creativity, enhance self-esteem, and develop social and educational skills; to encourage community awareness through community service projects; to foster leadership skills; and to provide a safe location for social and recreational activities.

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## Oh! The Places We've Been!

by Elinor P. Mawson

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Our first apartment was a 3-room barn makeover with high ceilings, huge windows, and the biggest bathtub I ever saw before or since. It was furnished by a truckful of donations by my grandmother which included a living room set from the 1920's and a Easy Spindryer washing machine (almost that old), along with odds and ends of other furniture. The price was \$60 a month which included heat and electricity but not gas for the stove (about \$4 a month). We had to move in January because I had to do my student teaching. I hired a mover which cost \$52.

Our next apartment consisted of 4 rooms, one of which we used for storage. It was \$45 a month, including heat and electricity, but there was no stove or refrigerator. We used the windowsill to keep things cold (and boy, did it!), and an electric coffee pot and electric frying pan to cook with. It was several months before we could afford second hand appliances. In the bathroom was the smallest bathtub I have ever seen before or since. The landlady didn't give us a key, she didn't want us to have company after 9 PM and announced that she would need to use our bathtub when the weather got warmer. She "policed" our house for what was in our wastebaskets ("I don't want mice in my house!") so we brought our trash elsewhere

every day. We moved on the fourth of July, happy to get away from that busybody.

Our third place had 5 rooms: kitchen, living room, "library" and bath on the first floor, and 2 huge bedrooms upstairs. The place was heated by a "pot burner" which sent heat upstairs through vents in the ceiling. It had been lived in by a single Mom with 7 kids and our landlord had to "do" the whole place over "with formaldehyde and Dirtex". To most everyone it was "rustic" but to us it was heaven. The bathroom had a shower, and to use it, we had to turn on the hot water heater which was run by gas. When we lit it, it would go "whooooosh" and I was scared to death of it. In the winter we bought oil for the pot burner; it was 19 cents a gallon (the rest of the time it was 15 cents) and my father-in-law was horrified at the price.

Every so often the drainpipe in the kitchen sink would freeze; to thaw it out, we would heat water in the teakettle and pour it on the exposed pipe out the back door. By this time we had welcomed our son, and the Easy Spindriver was put into good use for his diapers. De-

spite its limitations, we loved that place.

The next rental was on Canobie Lake--a summer cottage with a huge oil barrel outside the door. Water came from the lake into the cellar where there was a water pump inside a refrigerator box with a bulb suspended over it. These two objects should have had red flags over them because they were bones of contention as soon as the weather turned cold. All winter my husband repaired burst pipes. We kept the kitchen faucet dripping to keep the pump from freezing, and I kept water in the bathtub in case we needed it to flush the toilet. One morning there was ice in the tub. As to the oil barrel, it was filled regularly at great consternation to our checkbook. It was the winter from hell!

My mother called one day and asked if we would be interested in buying their rental house in a town about 40 miles away. Knowing what we'd been through, we jumped at the chance to have a place with town water (among other things). It was a wise move, and we were there for the next 36 years.



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Alice grew up on a farm in Northeast Kingdom, loving the fields, woods, brooks and ponds, the sight, feel and colors, in all weather, at all hours, and in all seasons.

After college with a degree in art history, Alice began working in tapestry and handloom weaving, and working for a drapery and upholstery company in New York City. Working with textiles sensitized Alice to the

power of color and the eloquence of proportion and pattern. She then went on to become an art therapist and mental health counselor.

Alice has returned to her first love, taking up the brush to become that painter she had dreamed of being as a child, a hunter of beauty in the natural world. Come in and join the celebration of the enchanted Kingdom we are proud to call home.

The works are on display in our Back Room Gallery at Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild located at 430 Rail Road Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. The Back Room is open Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:00. The display will continue until April 24, 2021.

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# 2020 Annual Report of The Morrison Communities Dedicated to Staff

**WHITEFIELD** — The Board of Trustees of The Morrison Communities has dedicated its 2020 Annual Report to the organization's staff for meeting the multiple challenges of COVID-19 head-on with "compassion, dedication, grit, creativity, and resourcefulness."

"Last year was tough for everyone on so many levels, so we are especially proud of our staff in providing exceptional care to our residents each and every day," says Doug Shearer, President of the Board of Trustees. "Their unwavering dedication to our organization, our residents and their families, and to each other, was tested on a daily basis. But they never faltered, finding numerous ways to sustain and improve the quality of life for our residents."

Shearer also praised the residents who faced "extraordinary adjustments and limitations," yet proved resilient and graceful in the face



of the many restrictions that were implemented to keep them safe. Families and community members were also recognized for their "support, encouragement, and random acts of kindness" that lifted everyone's spirits throughout the year.

The Annual Report recaps the year's accomplishments and highlights two initiatives that The Morrison will maintain and expand in 2021. The organization has recommitted to building a fund to support continuing education for its employees; the fund will provide financial support to employees wishing to advance their job skills through education. The Morrison also intends to redesign existing outdoor spaces and add others so that residents always have the option to enjoy all of the benefits of being outdoors for visits and other activities.

"Through all the changes that this year brought, we continued to make our communities home for our residents, and indeed became extended family members

during the many months when the facilities were closed to visitors" says Shearer. "As we head into a new year, we will continue each day to seek ways to improve the quality of life for our residents."

To read the 2020 Annual Report and to learn more about The Morrison Communities, please visit [www.themorrisoncommunities.org](http://www.themorrisoncommunities.org).

The Morrison Communities is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable community that has been providing quality healthcare to residents of New Hampshire's North Country since 1903. It offers options for independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, and long- and short-term rehabilitation, on its two campuses in Whitefield. The organization employs more than 175 North Country residents and offers competitive wages, health insurance, and retirement planning. Learn more at [www.themorrisoncommunities.org](http://www.themorrisoncommunities.org).

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# Weathervane Theatre's Windsock Summer Theatre Camp Returns Under New Leadership

WHITEFIELD, NH - March 5, 2021 - New Hampshire's award-winning Weathervane Theatre is pleased to announce its summer theatre day camp - Windsock - will return this August for its 24th season.

For over 20 years, Windsock Camp has brought campers from across the White Mountain range to the Weathervane and introduced them to the building blocks of theatre. Thanks to a grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund, Weathervane will be able to provide an even more extensive theatrical education with all the fun of the typical summer day camp experience.

Spearheading Windsock Camp this summer will be Miles Burns, Taryn Herman, and Grace Livingston Kramer. Collectively, the three have decades of experience cultivating and enriching young people through arts education throughout the country and the world.

Burns, the co-founder of Portsmouth's Upside Arts, is a playwright, composer, musician, and musical director whose work has previously been seen with Weathervane's Patchwork Players (Life on a Plate, Pinocchio). Herman, Owner/Director of Exeter's Musical Arts, is a choreographer, director, and teacher with degrees in early childhood education and theater. 2021 marks Herman's eighth season at the Weathervane. In addition to Windsock, Herman will direct and choreograph The Addams Family. Rounding out the camp leadership is Grace Livingston Kramer, a Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) director with international credits, who returns to Weathervane for her third season as company manager, Patchwork guest director, and resident acting company member.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share our love for theatre with the Windsock Campers," said Burns and Herman. "We



have always worked to establish an environment where campers can be creative, be supportive, be themselves, can play and have fun, and leave feeling confident and proud of the work they have done together."

Running August 2 - 14, 2021, Windsock will offer two one-week camps for ages 6-11 and one two-week camp for ages 12-17. Running 9-4, the camp day will be divided into blocks of rehearsal for the camp show and blocks of instruction from Weathervane guest and resident artists covering all aspects of theatre (dance, music, Shakespeare, tech, etc.), strengthening the connection between the campers and the Weathervane resident company.

The final camp show on August 14, 2021 will feature a title written by Burns, a TYA playwright with over 30 TYA musicals to his name.

The third week of Windsock is available to theatre enthusiasts ages 12 and up. Running 8AM - 1PM, the 5 hour day includes a masterclass with a guest instructor as well as a workshop where participants will create their own production to be performed and live streamed at the end of the week. Week 3 masterclasses are available a la carte for \$30 a piece while spots remain.

Camp registration is now open. Camp pricing ranges from \$195 - \$600. Family discounts and scholarship opportunities available. Book by March 14th and save an additional \$25-\$50. Included with camp registration is the classic Windsock Camp t-shirt tie dye experience and complimentary tickets to a Patchwork Players performance at the Weathervane.

For more information and to register, visit [weathervanenh.org/windsock-camp](http://weathervanenh.org/windsock-camp). Additional inquiries can be directed via email ([info@weathervanenh.org](mailto:info@weathervanenh.org)) or phone (603-837-9322).



Mikella Eichen's fourth grade students at the Atkinson Academy in Atkinson, N.H. delivered hand-made mittens to Morrison Skilled Nursing Facility as part of their Kindness Project. Residents and staff were touched and appreciative of this sweet act of kindness.

Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission Presents

## Easter Egg Drop

Saturday, April 3, 2021  
Historic Haverhill Commons, Haverhill, NH!  
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11:00 AM (Sharp) Ages 6-12  
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Please bring your own basket!

The Easter Bunny will be there and we will have the "Guess The Jelly Bean" jar and decorate a cookie too!

If you have more than one child you can choose which "drop" to attend. It does not matter how many eggs you "turn in" as EVERYONE gets a trip to the prize table but please remember we only have enough "gifts" for 1 per child.

When it is time for the drop, children will gather on the inside of the fence and after a short countdown, the Woodsville Fire Departments' ladder truck will drop colored eggs on the common to be collected by the waiting children! Once all the eggs have been collected, the kiddos will be "exchanging" their collected eggs for a one-time trip to the prize table!

Many thanks to the Haverhill Corner Precinct for your support in making this happen and to the Woodsville Fire Department for helping us with this event!

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## Letter to the Editor: Trump's Teachings on Tyranny - Part Two

To the Editor,

I'm pleased to respond to a letter writer who disagrees with one of my letters-to-the editor, especially when I am singled out by name, as was the case recently from Barbara West, of Fairlee, Vermont.

To be clear, my letter in this publication, and others, was headlined - TRUMP'S TEACHINGS ON TYRANNY - February 16, 2021. A portion of what I said was, "Ex-President Trump is gone but not forgotten, nor should he be because he taught us how tyranny works, how it has always worked, and how it will work again, if we enable it." I added, "Trump is the unhappy little boy-old man who reveres the clenched-fist and camouflage crowd of mobocracy and who tried to drag America into tyranny, most of us kicking and screaming, and sadly, some few cheering."

And writer West wrote, March 2 2021 "...he provided no examples. What exactly is he talking about? Perhaps Mr. Roudebush will be kind enough to be specific in his next letter."

You betcha I'll perhaps be kind enough. Read on. Gotta say, however, if writer West and others in her same boat are so unaware of how tiny-minded Trump has attempted to turn our democratic republic into a tyranny then it appears that they may be suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome. This illness is a country-wide sickness that addle-brained Trump initiated and spread. The major symptom is a lack of acknowledgement of facts, a belief system based on lies and self-delusion.

Writer West may want us to believe that for the past four years she has been residing on some planet several billion light years away from earth, and so not reading this planet's newspapers, or watching its TV. Or, if she has been reading and watching, she has not believed what she read or saw. Or if she has been informed about Trump's demented words and actions, and she did believe it, then

she may not care. Which is even worse. Such a condition is existing in a reason-free zone where disinformation and misinformation are repeated without let-up, and believed. Such narrow-mindedness are beyond any help that may come from clear-eyed observers and reporters. Writer West was honest enough to ask for examples, and for that I respect her, because she may really want to be educated.

So, how did Trump tempt tyranny? Lesson number one - abandon truth. Muddy it, confuse it, deny it. If you are liar-in-chief Trump, you lie about everything, large and small, all the time, no matter if your lies may be easily refuted by your own words on audio or video recordings. To abandon facts, truth, is to abandon freedom. If nothing is true, then no one can criticize anyone in power. So cloudy the waters of national discussion. Repeat and re-tweet unhinged conspiracy theories with no basis in truth. Lie about the size of your inauguration crowds, lie about your wealth, about your taxes. Lie about the hush money you pay to silence numerous women who accuse you of sexual assault.

Spread unproven and unbalanced thinking about the Covid 19 virus, and what stupid treatments will cure it - "Just inject bleach into your arm". Deny science and medical research - "Look, we've only got one case, or maybe 15 cases here, and it will just disappear in a month or two". The count of the dead at this writing is over 500,000. Catch the virus yourself, happen to get through it, and then afterwards, go ahead and take your vaccination shots, but hide from the public that you took them. Secrecy and lies. He started lying long ago, even doubting President Obama's birthright to be president. He lied about building a southern border wall, and who was going to pay for it. Lie, lie, lie.

Next, after you establish disinformation as the norm, then you attack our national

institutions. Erode and diminish freedom of the press - "Fake news, fake news, fake news". Encourage certain right leaning broadcast networks to be your echo chambers. At your rallies, point to the back of the venue where the TV cameras are and tell screaming hordes what liars they are. Diminish freedom of speech too - call news conference reporters "dummies, irresponsible, and stupid". Applaud a Republican Congressman who physically attacks a reporter who dares to ask him a question the congressman does not like. Prevent corona virus experts from giving on-camera interviews to provide science-based guidelines on how not to die from the virus. This anti-science tactic works best with the other tactic, "lie about everything."

Erode our Department of Justice, politicize it - appoint Attorneys General Sessions and Barre and instruct them to act as Trump's personal lawyers - to not serve the whole country as it's chief law enforcement officer. Instruct your AG to investigate and arrest your political opponent shortly before a national election. While you are at it, lie about not trying to bribe a foreign country to dig up non-existent dirt on the family of that opponent - then go ahead and apply pressure on that small country by withholding the military funds it needs to combat Russian landgrabbing, by your close pal tyrant Putin. Instruct the Director of the FBI to "go-easy" on a high official in the Trump administration, a three-star general who is under criminal investigation.

Attack our military - calling any service member who served, and specifically those who died in service, "losers and suckers". On national TV, demean and offend the Gold-Star parents

Robert, ,  
*You are correct that this Letter to the Editor is extremely long. I will tell you that the only reason it appears in its entirety in this issue is the fact that I happened to have room.*

*Even though many businesses are beginning to reopen in New Hampshire and Vermont there is still a hesitancy for most organizations to get started with their spring or summer programs.*

of one who paid the ultimate price. Create a mysterious military-uniformed secret force, with no identifying insignia, to haul folks off the streets of big cities for some kind of "interrogation". Have that high-ranking general who serves you at some level of "advisor" advise you to "declare martial law" if you happen to lose the national presidential election.

Attack our national intelligence agencies, repeatedly declaring that you believe foreign advisarys over them, assuring you have trust in foreign dictators in China, Russia and North Korea because they told you "strongly and powerfully" that they know nothing, they did nothing.

Foment violence, at your rallies, and in any of your rambling TV tirades - tell your fans how you would like to attack some of the protesters and then offer to pay the legal fees of anyone out there who does. Defend and encourage racist, violence-prone right-wing extremist groups, and watch the incidents of violence against oriental and Jewish skyrocket during your term in office. Lie to 'em, divide 'em, make 'em mad and madder.

Demean women too, boasting on national TV that you have the right to grab a women's genitals because you are "famous", and laugh about it. Demean black and brown minorities, the already underserved and underrepresented, and do it by encouraging Republican governors and state legislatures to install voter suppression tactics - do it because you know most folks in those demographics vote Democratic.

Invent non-existing emergency threats to our country and announce that you are the only one who can solve the crisis. Remember the imaginary caravan hordes

of disease-ridden latin-american border-crashers, coming by the hundreds of thousands? Never happened. Good made up excuse for building that never-built wall.

The list is never-ending but this letter has to. Last but not at all least, tear down our system of free and fair elections, lying about not losing in 2020. Put pressure - personal phone calls and White House private meetings - on state and local officials, pushing them to "re-think", or "re-count" electoral votes to throw the election to you. And in case writer West, or anyone else, has forgotten, recall not long ago on January 6 of this year, our then president incited a violent mob riot that resulted in death and destruction in our nation's capital, disruption of a constitutionally required congressional process of certifying electoral college votes, and trying to shred our peaceful transition of power. That's called tyranny.

Finally a quick word about over-long letters, and this is one. This one is roughly 3 to 4 times or more longer than most letters-to-the editor I write. Actually Barbara West's letter, as ill-informed as it is, is much more the correct length to submit, short and to the point. This publication, and others in the region, regularly print letters that are way too long, in my view. If a letter is too long, most folks will not go to the trouble to read them through, which pretty much voids the value of writing the letter at all. It's just human nature - Americans mostly do not have patience with overlong letters.

That said, I'll be grateful when this unusual one from me gets published.

Robert Roudebush  
North Haverhill, NH

*We are all waiting for the time when "normalcy" can return.*

*In regards to the political squabbles I am looking forward there as well to the time when both sides can set aside at least some differences and work together for the good of the all the people.*

Gary Scruton, Editor

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## Time for some financial spring cleaning

In just a few days, we will experience the vernal equinox - one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator. Apart from this astronomical anomaly, though, the equinox is mostly known as the beginning of spring - a fresh beginning and the time to spruce things up. This year, as you tidy up your home and surroundings, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are a few ideas for getting your financial house in order:

- "De-clutter" your portfolio

Over the years, many of us tend to pick up duplicate items that find their way into the nooks and crannies of our homes, gathering dust and remaining unused. Over time, your investment portfolio can also accumulate redundancies - that is, you might own several investments that are essentially similar. It might be appropriate to replace some of these and broaden your holdings.

- Own your investments purposefully

You own certain things for certain reasons - a

broom to sweep the floors, a microwave to heat the food and so on. As an investor, you should be following a goal-based strategy that includes the matching of certain investments with certain objectives. For example, you might own stocks or mutual funds to eventually provide the capital appreciation potential you'll need to retire comfortably. But you might also own other vehicles, such as bonds or other fixed-income investments, to provide you with a source of regular income.

- "Dust off" your investment strategy

Over a long winter, your windows can get dirty and grimy, so, when spring arrives, you may want to get out the glass cleaner - and when you're done, you'll be able to see out more clearly. Over time, your investment strategy may get somewhat "dusty," too, especially if you've experienced significant changes in your life, such as a new job, a new child or even a new plan for retirement. By periodically reviewing your investment strategy, you'll be able to clarify your vision for the future.

- Protect yourself from hidden dangers

If you poke around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects - gardening tools, paint thinners and engine fluids,

leaning ladders and so on - that could be dangerous, either because they aren't stored properly or they're hard to see and can cause trips and falls. As part of your spring cleaning, you'd want to get these objects out of harm's way to safeguard yourself and your family. But when you think of your financial situation, are you also exposing yourself and your loved ones to risk? If something were to happen to you, could your family members stay in their home? Could your children still go to college? To help keep their lifestyle intact if you weren't around, you'll need adequate life insurance. And to avoid burdening your grown children with potentially huge expenses should you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, you may want to talk to a financial advisor about protection strategies.

By taking some spring cleaning measures, you can brighten your living space for the seasons ahead. And by applying some of the same principles to your financial environment, you can help improve the prospects for meeting your important goals.

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### Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

After Joe Biden was inaugurated 46th President on Jan. 20, 2021, we took down the Dump Trump signs from in front of our home, but after the behavior of Republican leaders and millions of Republican voters during the past two months I felt compelled to create a new sign, "Republicans are liars and traitors," because of the invidious level of lying by national and state Republican leaders and their followers about the legitimate election victory of President Biden and their denials of the January 6th attempted insurrection of the U.S. capitol by violent Trump supporters, who were goaded into it by Trump's lies and attempts since Nov. 6th to overthrow the election.

We erected the sign on Feb. 28th, the day these Republicans honored the criminal insurrectionist Donald Trump at their

CPAC meeting, at which they scheduled a full day of speeches directed at continuing to spread the lie that the 2020 presidential election was "stolen" from Trump through nonexistent "election fraud" in several swing states and planning how to suppress the votes of Democrats in future elections.

The Republicans are aided and abetted in their lies by right-wing media outlets such as Fox television and its broadcasters Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson, Lou Dobbs, and Laura Ingraham who, along with their guests, spread the lies and deny the fact that Joe Biden won the presidential election. Lies are denials of facts and are not expressions of "conservative opinion," as so many Republicans claim, seeming unable to distinguish between the two entities.

Alice Morrison  
Newbury, VT

Alice,

*Let me caution you about making generalized statements about the Republican, or Democratic party. To say all members of any group believe a certain fact or series of facts can, on occasion, cause as much harm as the fact or facts themselves.*

*We all need to be independent thinkers and believers. None of us should believe something simply because a leader or anyone else tells us so, unless it can be proved. If a statement is made simply ask for the proof to back it up. And conversely, if you make a statement of what you believe to be fact, be ready and able to back it up with proof.*

Gary Scruton, Editor

### Howard "Howdy" Thayer: OBITUARY

North Haverhill, NH - Howard "Howdy" Thayer, 73, of French Pond Road, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Cottage Hospital, Woodsville.

Howard was born in Haverhill, NH on January 12, 1948 to Orman Mann "Red" and Isabelle R. (Moulton) Thayer, Sr. On July 4, 1980, he married Barbara Jean Townsley.

In his younger years, Howard drove milk truck for his uncle. Then, for over 40 years he worked for Morrill Construction in North Haverhill.

Howard served the community as a cemetery commissioner for 18 years, was a member of the North Haverhill Fire Department for 20 years, and was a Director of the North Haverhill Fair Association for over 20 years.

Howard enjoyed camping with family and friends at Pasture Campground in Orford, NH. Along with all the Thayer family, Howard supported all the local fairs, especially the horse-pulling events. He was a financial supporter of 4-H activities and young college bound students. He made countless trips with his brother, Ray-

mond, and others to Lancaster County, PA and would bring produce and other Amish goods back home for family and friends. He was proud of his annual display of Christmas lights. In his spare time, he also enjoyed woodworking projects.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Jean Thayer on November 28, 2009; his father, Orman Mann "Red" Thayer on October 30, 2006; his mother, Isabelle R. Thayer on August 15, 2013; three brothers, Orman Mann Thayer, Jr. on December 6, 2010, Raymond Max Thayer on January 17, 2018, and Wayne F. "Wink" Thayer on August 8, 2019; an uncle, Irving W. "Irk" Thayer on November 15, 2014; and an aunt, Dorothy Moulton on March 8, 2021.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Annie Boutin of North Haverhill; a sister, Barbara Thayer Norcross of Haverhill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held in the spring in Center Haverhill Cemetery



with Melissa Gould serving as Funeral Celebrant. The date and time will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Little Rascals 4-H Club, c/o Theresa Paige, 1140 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774.

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### Letter to the Editor

How can any American who loves and respects the rule of law not know that Trump is guilty of sending the most slime gross type to the United State Capital to stop the certification of the election!

Trump, the Dictator has committed the worst crime against American, that anyone ever has.

This is an example of just what type of President he was. No good, a total disaster, in it for his own benefit. He should go live elsewhere outside the United States of America.

I for one was heart broken over what Trump did to our US Capital. He did this because he couldn't ac-

cept the fact and truth that he, Trump, lost, lost the election.

He will stop at nothing. He needs to be stopped, from ever doing any more damage to Aemericia.

What kind of people are the Republicans. How could they have been in the Capital and witnessed first hand the mob that Trump sent to the Capital, then found him Not guilty???

Trump was guilty for the riot of the Capital. He arranged for them to come to Washington, January 6th, 2021, then sent them to the Capital. He said he will be with them, but that was another one of his lies, that the mobsters believed!

What else did the Republicans need to know, they were there, they witnessed the mob, first hand!

This was most sickening. How could they. What have the Republicans become?

Mltch McConnell knew Trump was guilty, so WHY, why did he vote NOT GUILTY?

This shows who puts the country and our freedom from Dictators first.

What a very sad day for America.

Brace yourself, the worst is to come, Trump is an evil, moron, ignorant lunatic!

He has spread the hatred all over our country.

Betty Nickles  
Benton, NH

Betty,

*America is such a great place to live and work. One of the first reasons is our freedom of speech. You can say, or write, whatever you wish about our elected, or past elected, officials without the fear of any retribution. A second reason this country is so great is the wide range of viewpoints and opinions on almost any matter. It is that diversity that sets us apart from*

many others.

*So I will not comment on why any Republican voted as they did, or any Democrat for that matter. They will all face voters in an upcoming election and at that time the decision will be made whether or not to keep them as elected representatives, or add them to the list of past elected representatives.*

Gary Scruton, Editor

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# What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

## All About The Scam

Surviving 2020 included social distancing, becoming familiar with face coverings, avoiding strangers, washing your hands and avoiding scams. Avoiding scams? The thieves and criminals that make annoying “robo-calls” and send fake letters did not stop during the pandemic, they got worse.

“This video shows you how to report scams, fraud, and bad business practices to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://Report-Fraud.ftc.gov> and why it’s important to do it.” [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov), The Federal Trade Commission has a consumer website that publishes alerts and videos about current known scams. With so many people home due to the pandemic, the calls have been worse than ever. There are fraudulent websites and fake letters that have been going out as well.

With everyone looking for the opportunity to get the

COVID-19 vaccine, frauds have been calling people and tricking them into paying “a fee” to be put on “the vaccine list”. There is no cost for the Vaccine and no fee for getting signed up. Currently, [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov) covid19 will get you current help for New Hampshire residents and [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov) will help Vermont residents. Trust only the actual State agency that you have contacted yourself.

Facebook, Amazon and Apple are not calling you. Avoid clicking on any links on Facebook. The Scam artists have found ways of copying your friends accounts and sending fake private messages. Avoid any videos that come through your “private” messenger that are “Youtube”. If you get a message, “Is this you?” and a link to a “Youtube” video - either delete it or ignore it. BECAUSE, the next thing you will see is “there is a problem with your connec-

tion...” and they will proceed to ask for passwords and other private information. Do not give out your passwords or any other private information to “pop up” trouble shooters.

Another scam is about your Stimulus check or taxes owed, the IRS will never call you. Nobody is coming to arrest you for a tax bill that you had never known about. The IRS does not take credit card payments or expect you to release bank information over the phone. The IRS will not ask for gift cards or Western Union payments. Do not give information over the telephone. Also, due to expanded technology, caller I.D. is not fool-proof. Scammers have figured out how to make a call look like it is from a neighbor or the local police department.

Slowly, life is getting better. We need to make sure we protect ourselves from the pandemic and the thieves who are working to take what little we have left. Remember, if your phone rings and it is a “survey” or some other stranger, just hang up. If you have a cell phone, turn it off when you are home and ready to retire. Be safe.

## Letter to the Editor:

### Haverhill Voters Embrace Change

To the Editor:

With the overwhelming votes on Saturday for a new selectman and “no” on article two, Haverhill voters have sent a clear message of “no confidence” to our select board and town manager, demanding major changes and better leadership. Discontent with our town government didn’t happen overnight. For example, in a letter I sent to town manager and the select board last August (in regard to our decision to disband the Haverhill Entrepreneurial Encouragement Committee), I noted a lack of collaboration and transparency, negativity from the board chair, and a general disregard for the work of volunteers.

I added, “Sadly, similar issues are negatively impacting our town in ways that go way beyond the HEEC. While I personally support the concept of unifying our town’s road crews and fire departments, these initiatives have been implemented so poorly that our town is divided beyond anything I have seen in my many years in Haverhill.” I went on to suggest that, “a little humility and willingness to admit some mistakes could go a long way toward getting Haverhill back on a positive path.”

Sadly, that never happened. But now we have a new opportunity, and I offer a few thoughts.

To the newly elected select board member Mike Graham, I urge you to step up and fully embrace your campaign message of healing and bringing people together. It won’t be easy, but we are counting on you.

To the returning board members, this is a time to pause and regroup. Slash-and-burn tactics, including pitting our firefighters against each other and changing petitioned warrant articles, have been destructive for our town. Working with Mike, we are counting on you to do better, starting with finding a way to hold an open town meeting to discuss and vote on the town budget and warrant articles.

To our town manager Brigitte Codling, I appreciate your hard work and many

talents, but leadership is first and foremost about how you treat people. The citizens of Haverhill demand more trust, transparency and teamwork. My bet is that, if you are willing to dig deep within yourself, you can change in ways that can benefit both yourself and our town. But if you are unwilling to make that commitment, I respectfully request that you resign.

To Darwin Clouston, thank you for your service. Those who have never put their name on a ballot cannot understand the courage it takes. When I served as Haverhill’s state representative I was blessed to win six terms, but I had a strong sense of how painful it must have been for those who lost. Darwin, we need people like you who are willing to help make Haverhill a better town. With some self-reflection, you can hopefully come back stronger.

To the people of Haverhill, thank you for demonstrating the power of democracy -- what Winston Churchill famously called the worst form of government except for all the others. Yes, it can be pretty messy sometimes. And, sadly, we live in times when too many people are quick to use social media and the internet to disparage others. While we may disagree about politics, everyone is entitled to dignity and respect. Let’s all do our part to treat each other better.

I also want to give a shout out to our moderator Jay Holden, the supervisors of the checklist, town clerk, and the other election officials. A bedrock of democracy is people stepping up to manage the election process, and you have done your part with grace and dignity.

Lastly, I want to emphasize that, despite our problems and challenges, Haverhill has many outstanding qualities and wonderful people. By working together, we can build on these positives to create a better future for our children and future generations.

Sincerely  
Douglass Teschner  
Pike, NH 03780

Doug,

Let me thank you for your past service to the residents of this area.

I have also lived in Haverhill for most of my life and see divisions in the town that I have not remembered witnessing in the past. So let me echo your thoughts about bringing the Town of Haverhill back together. We have more in common than we have differences. The results of this election may be the beginning of a new era in Haverhill.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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## NVRH and Umbrella Announce Request for Applications: Sub-awards Will Go Towards Local Partners' Missions to Reduce Substance Misuse

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT – Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) and Umbrella, Inc. are pleased to announce a Request for Applications as part of the NEK Prevention Center of Excellence Grant (NEK-PCE) program. Sub-awards will be granted to local partners whose missions support substance misuse prevention.

Organizations that utilize evidence-based and promising primary and secondary prevention strategies are invited to apply for funding with the goal of reducing one or more of the following in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont: underage drinking; high risk alcohol consumption; marijuana and tobacco misuse; prescription drug including prescription opioid and stimulant misuse; illicit stimulant use (including cocaine) and illicit opioid use (including heroin).

"Substance misuse has impacted most of us in some way," NVRH Substance Misuse Prevention Director Cheryl Chandler said. "We expect that by increasing the capacity of the Northeast Kingdom to address substance misuse will result in a comprehensive approach to the problem, resulting in a reduction of substance misuse rates and improving the

overall health of our region." Organizations with a goal of building substance use prevention capacity and infrastructure at the community, and regional levels will be considered.

"The NEK-PCE grant program will provide the opportunity within our region for organizations and individuals to gain knowledge and expertise around substance-misuse prevention which will enhance the sustainability of this important work in the coming years," Umbrella's Executive Director Amanda Cochrane said.

Anticipated total funds available through the NEK Prevention Center of Excellence Grant contracts and sub-awards are \$200,000. Project activities must primarily impact the individuals or communities of one or more of the town listed below:

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## Acceptance

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by Cyndy Wellman



### Being Responsible with Money

Part of Acceptance is learning to be responsible with Money!

Children receive money for their birthdays, holidays, or they earn it doing chores.

Rewarding feeling: Save it towards something you really want that is more money than you received or gift for someone.

Put it in your Savings Account, or open one up if you don't have one.

Towards Charity: Spend it wisely by deciding what you can afford in the store. (More than 1. item add up, including tax. Notice each state is different.)

Time to pay for it - make sure you get the right amount of change back if any.

Guardian or parents of a child age 13. (Hopefully act responsible) Good to teach them about checking accounts until age 18.

Lastly don't encourage Credit Cards and Big Box store cards!

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# Classic Chili

Hello hello my fellow chefs. How are you all doing today? Spring will be here shortly and I can't wait. The warm weather lately is a tease but before you know it we will enjoy warmth regularly, again I can't wait.

Today's recipe is a classic chili and is easy peasy and "Delicioso". It comes together quickly and the aroma is phenomenal. My friend Jane and I shared dinner together and we both enjoyed it and I'm sure that your family will too. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

**Ingredients**

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 yellow onion chopped
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 1/2 Tbsp chili powder
- 2 Tbsp ground cumin
- 2 Tbsp white sugar
- 3 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 can 15 oz stewed tomatoes
- 1 can 19 oz red kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 1 can 8 oz tomato sauce
- Sour cream
- Shredded cheddar cheese

In large soup pot over medium heat put olive oil in and heat 2 minutes then add chopped onion and fry 5 minutes. Add ground beef and fry breaking up with a wooden spoon until browned. Add spices, the chili powder, ground cumin, white sugar, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and optional cayenne pepper. Mix well. Add



the tomato paste and mix. Add beef broth, tomato sauce and red kidney beans drained and rinsed and stir well. Bring to a slow boil then reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes stirring occasionally. Shut heat off and let it sit for about 10 minutes covered.

That's it the chili is done. Spoon into your dishes and put a dollop of sour cream in center and sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese. It looks professional and you will be a star!!

I hope you enjoy this recipe like Jane and I did. We gave it 5 stars. If you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you out. Enjoy a glass of Red wine with this and remember to drink responsibly.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Keep wearing your mask and get the vaccine when it's your turn to be safe.

Until next time I am signing off.  
Sincerely,  
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