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Winter Decorating Contest Now Open

With the success of the first annual Cohase Winter Decorating Contest in 2021, the Cohase Chamber of Commerce is proud to present this outdoor holiday competition once again. The rules will be the same as last year. Any Cohase Chamber business member or any

business that has a principal location in the six towns of the Cohase Chamber region (Fairlee, Bradford or Newbury, Vermont, and Haverhill, Piermont or Orford, NH) is eligible to join the competition. The residential category is open to homes or private property within those same six towns.



To be considered for a prize, the business or individual must register with the Cohase Chamber of Commerce by sending an email to info@cohasechamber.org, or by signing up via our Facebook

page, or by mailing a letter of interest to PO Box 35, Wells River, VT 05081. All registrations must be received by Saturday, December 3. A list of all participants will be posted on the Chamber website, www.cohase.org, no later than December 8, 2022.

The top three winners in each category will be chosen solely by public vote. We ask that votes be registered by way of one of the three addresses noted above (email, Facebook, or US Mail). Voters should rank their top three in each category. Votes must be in no later than Wednesday, December 28. Winners will be announced in early January.

The winner of the residential category will re-

ceive a cash prize of \$200. Second place will receive \$100, and third place \$75. The business voted to have the best winter decorating display will receive a trophy proclaiming their superiority.

The Chamber encourages everyone, both residents and visitors to our great area, to take the time to travel around to all the participants, enjoy the great displays, rank them and cast your vote. It's a fun way to enjoy company, see some roads that are perhaps less traveled, and to fully take in and participate in the holiday season.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Jan's Fairlee Diner

by Gary Scruton

The issue's Trendy Dining Guide features a brand new establishment for Janice and I to visit. Jan's Fairlee Diner recently joined our Dining Guide and therefore Janice and I decided to stop in for a meal recently.

The Fairlee Diner has been a local eatery for many, many years. I remember going there way back when I was just a child. But recently it was closed until Janice and crew got it reopened with a slightly different name.

When we visited it was a Saturday morning about 10 am. We had noted by their ad that breakfast was served until 11 am when they would then switch over to the lunch menu. As luck would have it, we were

able to have front row seats for that changeover. But I may be getting ahead of myself with this story.



Jan's Fairlee Diner is one of those prototypical diners. A row of booths and a row of stools at the counter with a grill and the cook right there. When we walked in we quickly realized that all the booths were taken, so we took a pair of stools at the counter. It happened that those stools were right in the middle of the row and therefore we were seated right behind Jan as she was busy filling orders. That meant we had a front row, center seat, for the show that is a short order cook.

The two waitresses and two others who were

working in the back kitchen were all kept busy by Jan as she handled orders, cooked eggs, and plenty of other items on the grill, as well as doing home fries in the deep fat fryer and taking care of many other parts to each meal. The help out back does some prep work and plenty of restocking of food and clean dishes. The two waitresses were plenty busy running from customers to the counter to pick up the prepared and ready to be served dishes.

Janice and I looked over the breakfast menus and eventually made our choices. I decided to try something new and asked for the raspberry stuffed french toast. (Apple was the other choice) The toast was Pullman Cinnamon bread) It came with a choice of breakfast meat (I got the sausage links). Janice ordered the two egg omelet with spinach, mushrooms, bacon and cheddar cheese. It came with two slices of wheat toast and home fries.

We had also ordered a cup of coffee each, which both got refilled at

some point during our meals.

It was now the time to really sit back and enjoy the show in front of us. Jan obviously likes to cook and she must be tired when she finishes the day because though she did not have to walk far to reach anything, she was still constantly either moving her arms, or her head to look up at the orders to see what needed to get started, or finished next. She also needed to keep an eye on the side dishes to be sure she had plenty to complete an order. Right beside where Janice and I were seated was the pick up area for the waitresses as well as a station where they filled the maple syrup containers, got extra butter, and a number of other items.

disappeared, after checking to be sure no more breakfast orders were still coming out. Then the kitchen staff started bringing out lunch items and taking back breakfast items. This all meant that for about five minutes the grill was empty. It did not mean, however, that Jan got a break, because she already had an order for a grilled cheese sandwich in hand waiting to be cooked.

The total of our two meals and drinks was \$34.88. With slip in hand I went over to the register just off one end of the front counter and used my credit card to pay the bill. Meanwhile Janice left a cash tip on the counter and we made our way back to the car for the scenic drive home.



We had just about finished our meals when the clock got to 11 am and therefore we got to watch the change over. It started with a waitress removing all the breakfast menus and putting out lunch menus. The maple syrup



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Warts And All

by Maggie Anderson

I've always said weddings, or any celebration, plagued by mishap and forgotten details are the ones we remember most often, you know the ones in which the groom was the last to arrive, carrying everybody's corsages, bouquets, and boutonnieres, while the bride's closest friends spent those last desperate moments telling her he must have changed his mind, and wondering who was going to pass the word on to the waiting celebrants. Some friends.

People remember the imperfect Thanksgiving celebrations as well. The topics for years afterward are as likely to be about the still-frozen bird as they are about who took their regular place at the table.

My theory is those bumps in the road are what sets them apart from other celebrations carried off without negative incident. The bumps are the reason we remember, they stand out because they we not perfect, because they had visible warts.

If you take a quick backward glance you'll see I'm right. Take the night Glenciff's annual Christmas potluck was plunged into darkness the moment the bells were signaling the Jolly Elf's appearance.

Every kid's bottom lip had begun to quiver as

every person parked in the lot went out and turned their cars to face the hall, and shined their headlights to illuminate Santa's arrival. We remember because it was not perfect, because it broke the mold.

When Hank and I were newlyweds, since so many of our friends were in the same empty boat we were, our favorite Thanksgiving celebrations were often potluck, sometimes everybody brought what they were fortunate enough to find in their nearly-bare cupboards, other times we tossed 20 pounds of potatoes into the oven and everybody brought their favorite toppings to share.

Those celebratory gatherings were more about each other than what was on the table. And I can tell you one thing, we were all thankful to have anything at all to share with the gang.

This Thanksgiving has had it's own warts, which makes me happy Hank and I took advantage of two local feasts beforehand. Because of them we were stuffed for two days before we hit the road for the west coast.

I had emptied the fridge and the freezer so the cupboards were bare in the truest sense of the word. The timing could not have been better for open invitations to two perfectly prepared Thanksgiving meals offered to anybody

who wished to show up hungry and leave needing a new notch on their belts.

I am thankful for, and will remember, all those busy folks behind the scenes who slaved over hot stoves so I wouldn't have to, even if there had been something to cook before we left.

Other memories that will permanently attach themselves to this year's celebration will be having to make such a wide detour on our way to the coast, we didn't arrive until 6 AM east coast time, having gotten out of bed at 7 AM the day before our departure.

Our friend, who excitedly volunteered to pick us up at 11 PM - the day before Thanksgiving, left the key to our winter quarters in her car. Having decided to pick us up in her daughter's car rather than her own, sadly, she left our key in her car, then left her car in her daughter's driveway - a two and a half hour round trip to where we were headed.

The short of it is we were invited to share Thanksgiving dinner with friends down the street half a dozen doors, but were so tired after the whole ordeal we were as close to comatose as is possible without an ambulance being summoned. We were thankful for their invitation, but especially thankful they let us beg off until we can remember - where it is they live again?

Lisbon Lions Club's 2022 Holiday Events

The Lisbon Lions Club is once again celebrating the Christmas season with special events. Starting November 26th, Christmas trees will be on sale Saturdays and Sundays at the New England Wire Technologies parking lot on Main Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, while the supply lasts. As always, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to area food banks. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a beautiful tree and support your local food pantries.

The Lisbon Lions Club and the Lisbon Public Library are again working together to help Santa deliver books to area children on Christmas Eve. Due to continuing coronavirus concerns, we are gratefully accepting cash donations to purchase books rather than having individuals drop books off at the library or bank as we have done in the past. Checks may be sent to the Lisbon Lions Club at PO Box 57, Lisbon NH 03585. Please contact Librarian Karla Houston at 603-838-6615 or Mrs. Claus at 603-838-5043 for more information.

The Lisbon Lions Club is also looking for folks to knit or crochet hats, mittens and scarves for Santa to deliver to local

children on Christmas Eve. While the kids are always happy to see Santa and receive a stocking of goodies and a book, a handmade hat, scarf or pair of mittens is a personal and lasting gift that brings big smiles to their faces. Please call Mrs. Claus at 838-5043 if you would like to help.

Beginning Sunday, December 11th through Thursday, December 15th, between the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Santa Claus will be taking calls from children living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff. If you would like Santa to visit your home on Christmas Eve, please be sure to call him at this special Santa number, 603-838-5043! This year's Christmas Eve visits from Santa will be socially distanced.

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150 years of Granite State History Represented by New Properties Named to the NH State Register of Historic Places

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is pleased to announce that the State Historical Resources Council has added eight properties, ranging from a pre-Revolutionary War farm to an early 20th century elementary school, to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

One of eight public schools built in Berlin in the early decades of the 20th century, Brown School was dedicated on Nov. 24, 1914. The original two-story flat-roofed brick school building has a single-story Modern style brick addition dating to 1959 that gives the overall building an L-shaped footprint. It was the last public neighborhood elementary school in town when it closed in 2019; plans call for it to be renovated into mixed-income apartments.

Built in 1836, Academy Hall in Henniker alternated as the town's high school, event venue and grange hall for more than a century. New England College leased the building from 1946-1995; today it is home to the Henniker Historical Society. The two-story Greek Revival-style building with a cu-

pola is similar to other New Hampshire academies built or renovated in the 1830s and mirrors the neighboring Congregational Church that had been built in 1834.

Built on the site of a 1766 meetinghouse that was destroyed by fire and then rebuilt in 1789, the clapboarded Greek Revival-style First Congregational Church in Hopkinton remains largely unchanged since it was significantly reconfigured in 1839; shutters were added prior to the Civil War and new spires were replaced after weather events in 1938 and 1971. A nearby circa 1780-90 building was purchased in 1959 to serve as a parish house and Sunday school quarters.

Milford's First Congregational Church and Parish House have played important social and spiritual roles in the community for nearly 200 years. The 1834 church, which includes both late-Federal and early-Greek Revival details, was built by subscription, with pews sold to help pay off construction debts. Originally a chapel, the circa 1835 Parish House has similar Greek Revival details; it was donated to the church

in 1863 and is still used by both church and community groups.

Also in Milford, Eagle Hall has been the site of early government, spiritual, social and commercial history since it was built as a meetinghouse and town hall in the late 18th century. Originally one story, in 1846 it was raised and a basement and first floor were constructed. The basement was used to store the town fire engine – the space also served as the town jail until 1869 – and the new first floor was the post office.

Listed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, the 1798 New Hampton Town House has changed little since it was remodeled in 1872. The building was used for both religious services and town meetings through 1842 when the New Hampton Congregational Church began worshipping in Bristol. The building continues to be the site of municipal functions; every town meeting and election in New Hampton since March 1799 has been held there.

Dating to circa 1765, the Captain Smith Emerson Farm's Georgian architecture is consistent

with that period in Lee's history. Emerson served in the New Hampshire militia during the Revolutionary War and was stationed at Fort Sullivan on Seavey's Island at the mouth of the Piscataqua Harbor – now called "Portsmouth Harbor" – to defend Portsmouth from British Naval attack. Upon returning to Lee, he held several town offices and is buried in the Emerson/Buzzell cemetery on the property.

Goodell Company Mill in Antrim includes five adjoining brick structures built between 1867 and about 1895, plus a separate sixth building constructed circa 1900. David Goodell began working at the site in the mid-19th century when it was a shovel manufacturer; in 1864 he started a company on site that produced cutlery, beginning with mechanized apple parers. Goodell rebuilt the structure after it was destroyed by fire in 1867. The complex is under consideration to be listed on the National Register

of Historic Places.

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it on an individual inventory form from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. For more information, visit nh.gov/nhdhr.

New Hampshire's Division of Historical Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office, was established in 1974 and is part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NHDHR's mission is to preserve and celebrate New Hampshire's irreplaceable historic resources through programs and services that provide education, stewardship, and protection. For more information, visit us online at nh.gov/nhdhr or by calling 603-271-3483.

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Little Rivers Health Care Announces Bold Campaign to Raise \$6.2 Million to Invest in the Community's Health

A \$100,000 Gift Will Establish the Whitney Rowe Fund

Wells River, Vermont, November 17, 2022... Little Rivers Health Care (LRHC) announces a bold plan to expand care and further invest in the region's health. The capital campaign, People You Know, The Care You Trust, will leverage both public and philanthropic contributions to invest in its facilities, some of which date from as early as 1765.

LRHC has received a generous gift of \$100,000 from the Rowe family whose parents Mary Whitney Rowe and Dr. Harry Rowe first opened a family medicine practice in the iconic white farmhouse on Main Street, Wells River in 1951. Today, this clinic is one of four LRHC locations that provide preventive medical and behavioral health care in some of the neediest communities in the northern part of the Upper Valley. In recognition of the Rowe's service the Wells River Clinic will be renamed the Whitney Rowe Clinic.

John Rowe said, "We, the Rowe family are happy and proud to support LRHC in its continued pursuit of excellent health care in the Upper Valley. Our parents always had the community front of mind and helped make it a vibrant place to live. We're sure they would love to see what LRHC is doing to carry on their lives' work. We look forward to seeing the vision come to fruition."

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, LRHC provides the full range of internal, pediatric, and family medicine including obstetrics, behavioral health, and addiction medicine medical care to its patients regardless of their ability to pay. Andrew Barter, Chief Executive Officer, said, "During the last five years, LRHC has experienced a 78 percent increase in patient visits. Although we've successfully expanded our staff to meet this demand, we haven't been able to expand our buildings prior to this campaign, which is hampering our ability to care for our community."

To meet this need, LRHC launched a \$6.2MM capital cam-

paign, of which more than \$4.4MM has been raised. Once completed this campaign will increase LRHC's capacity to provide primary medical care, allow it to better meet the growing demand for mental health care, and to tackle the critical lack of dental care in this region. LRHC will build a new, freestanding, six-room dental clinic as well as add dental exam rooms at its Newbury location. Additionally, to ensure that LRHC and other regional clinics have dental staff, it will establish a student training site for future dental professionals.

LRHC has secured a number of competitive federal grants including a Congressional Spending Grant for the dental clinic, a USDA grant and a Northern Border Regional Commission grant. Carole Freeman, retired founding board member and capital campaign committee member said, "Equally inspiring are the community members and local businesses who have rallied to support this campaign, including Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Community Bank NA, Wells River Savings Bank,

and Wells River Chevrolet."

"We also are inviting the community to support our capital campaign by making a gift on GivingTuesday, November 29th, 2022, an internationally celebrated day of giving. We are excited to announce that Housewright Construction, Inc. is kicking off our GivingTuesday campaign with a gift of \$5000," said Freeman. Jeff Page, owner of Housewright said, "We are pleased to support Little Rivers Health Care with this gift. Little Rivers Health Care does so much to look after our community and it feels great to support them. We hope other businesses and community members will join us."

Additional information about LRHC's capital campaign and GivingTuesday celebration is available at <https://www.littlerivers.org/capital-campaign>. Community Bank NA, Housewright Construction, Wells River Chevrolet, Wells River Savings Bank, and Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank are participating in LRHC's GivingTuesday campaign.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 -
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE
JOSEPH SMITH BIRTHPLACE
4:00 - 9:00 PM
357 LDS Lane, South Royalton, VT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

FREE MEDICARE INFORMATIONAL SESSION
4:30 PM
Whitefield Public Library

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

TREE & SHRUB ID
1:00-4:30 PM See Article on Page 5
Grafton County Forest, North Haverhill

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 & 3

OLD CHURCH THEATER - THE REGIFTERS
7:00 PM See Ad on Page 8 & Article on Page 6
Bradford Academy Building

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

CRAFT & VENDOR SALE
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Johnsbury VFW Post #794, 204 Eastern Ave

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

OLD CHURCH THEATER - THE REGIFTERS
3:00 PM See Ad on Page 8 & Article on Page 6
Bradford Academy Building

LIVE NATIVITY PAGEANT

6:30 PM See Article on Page 5
Whitefield Common

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

MEDICARE INFORMATIONAL SESSION
5:30pm
Linwood Community Center

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10

OLD CHURCH THEATER - THE REGIFTERS
7:00 PM See Ad on Page 8 & Article on Page 6
Bradford Academy Building

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

SIMPLY THANKFUL CRAFT & FOOD FAIR
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM See Ad on Page 7
Grace United Methodist Church, Bradford

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
10:00 AM-7:00 PM Cash 1:00 PM Tournament
Moose Lodge 1779, St. Johnsbury

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 -
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

SANTA TAKING PHONE CALLS
6:00 - 8:00 PM See Article on Page 3
Children in Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

OLD CHURCH THEATER - THE REGIFTERS
3:00 PM See Ad on Page 8 & Article on Page 6
Bradford Academy Building

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

ROSS-WOOD AUXILIARY UNIT #20 MEETING
6:00 PM
4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION
MONTHLY MEETING -
6:00 PM
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

ANNUAL LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY
5:00 PM Happy Hour
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Yankee Gift Swap
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Stage: Bradford Academy, 172 North Main Street, Bradford VT

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Ann Downing as Mrs.

Cunningham. Ann has been in several plays at Old Church Theater, starting with "Butterscotch", directed by Dominique Bulter. Since then, she has acted with many wonderful people. Although she has not acted in the last few years, due to her recent work schedule, Ann has been involved with OCT by ushering and doing box office. Since retiring this past June, she decided to try acting once again. She is happy to return to stage with such a talented cast and crew.

Eric Volk as Jeff Cunningham. This is Erik's first production with Old Church Theater. Erik has most recently performed with the St. Johnsbury Players in St. Johnsbury, VT. His roles have included Floyd Spinner (The IRS Agent) in Love, Sex and the IRS and Victor Ve-



lasco in Barefoot in the Park. In a past life, Erik performed stand up comedy for 3+ years all over New England. He has self-published a comedic novel titled "My Name is Della and I'm Dead" and is in the process of finishing his new novel, "The GrannyGrifter." Although most of this professional career has been spent in the Adult Education & Training fields, he has also been and auctioneer and served as the Executive Director of the Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce. Originally from Rhode Island, he has lived in Seattle, Washington, Attleboro, Massachusetts and Groton, Vermont. He currently lives

in the village of Monroe, New Hampshire with his husband Phil and dog Brownie.

The rest of the cast includes: The Henshaws: Loras portryed by John Paul Hunt and Bridget by Carrie Anne Quinn.

The Mulligans: Tom portrayed by Gary D. Jesseman and Mary by Brenda Daniels

The Weisses: Kurt portrayed by Craig Kelley and Katie by Anne Foldeak Also appearing as Lauren Cunningham is Mary Ann Stanford

Stage Manager: Susan Monica

Directed by Diane Chamberlain

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Thunder Road Releases Schedule of Events for 64th Season in 2023

Barre, VT — Thunder Road Officials have finalized the 2023 Schedule of Events for the venerable Central Vermont speed-bowl. Along with the Silver Anniversary of the Community Bank 150 and the Diamond Jubilee for the Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic, exciting format changes for the book-ending weekends of the 64th season of stock car racing have been created with fan-favorites ready to roll all summer long.

Beginning with the annual Thunder Road Car Show on Saturday, May 6th, an exciting addition has been brought to the schedule. Following the Car Show and open practice for Thunder Road teams, an evening lid-lifter headlined by the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Models will be the first feature event of 2023. The night will also include the eventful PASS Modifieds and the return of the R&R Race Parts NH Open Street Stock Series. The PASS Super Late Models will also return as part of Booth Bros./Hood Milk Bowl Qualifying Day on Saturday, September 30th.

Sunday, May 7th brings the American-Canadian Tour back to their home track for the 25th Community Bank N.A. 150. The Stars and Cars of the ACT Tour will also return for the 45th Labor Day Classic presented by New England Federal Credit Union on Sunday, September 4th. Both the silver anniversary of the Community Bank 150 and the \$5,000 to win Labor Day Classic will also feature the track championship implications for the Lenny's Shoe & Apparel Flying Tigers and rk Miles Street Stocks along with the non-point Burnett Scrap Metals Road Warriors.

Memorial Day weekend brings back the epic doubleheader of the 60th Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic 125 for the Maplewood/Irving Oil Late Models and the Monaco Modified Tri-Track Series Granite City 100. Last year's inaugural \$10,000-to-win Granite City 100 was such a success for the tour-type modifieds, both track and series officials jumped on the opportunity for their return just one day after the spectacular showing.

The weekly season starts in earnest with the annual Friday Night special on June 9th that includes the first round of the Myers Container Service Flying Tiger Triple Crown Series. The Flying Tigers will also take center stage with Myers Container extra-distance competition on July 6th and the 100-lap championship round set for Cody Chevrolet-Cadillac Night on August 3rd.

June 15th brings the first Thursday-night racing of the season on Casella Waste Management Night. The New England Antique Racers (NEAR) and their mobile Hall of Fame, featuring many Thunder Road short track heroes, will be on hand to celebrate the 64th season of Thursday Night action on Quarry Hill.

Community College of Vermont Night on July 22nd will host the 9th annual Marvin Johnson Memorial First-Time Winners race for the rk Miles Street Stocks with the annual Scouts Night and Kids Rides rounding out the month of June on Thursday the 29th.

July kick-starts with the Preston's KIA Fourth of July Spectacular on Sunday, July 2nd. Along with the on-track action, the Holiday Spectacular wouldn't be complete without the biggest fireworks display in Central Vermont courtesy of Northstar Fireworks.

Thursday, July 13th hosts the 44th Vermont Governor's Cup presented by the Vermont Lottery. The 150-lap spectacular is the longest points-counting event of the season for the Maplewood/Irving Oil Late Models with Flying Tigers and Street Stocks ready to show off for the big midsummer crowds expected on New England NASCAR weekend.

July caps off with two iconic Thunder Road events starting off with the Times Argus Midseason Championships on July 20th. Double points are on the line for the championship chasers plus the first of two Double Purse nights courtesy of FloRacing, Thunder Road's Official Streaming Partner. July 27th brings WDEV/Calkins Portable Toilets Night with the fan-favorite Port-a-Potty Grand Prix as the top

team in each division competes for the golden toilet seat.

After wrapping up the Myers Container Triple Crown Series on August 3rd, Sunday the 6th brings the 39th annual Bolduc Metal Recycling Enduro 200. The \$3,000-to-win 'People's Race' is a fan-favorite of the season and wouldn't be complete without the annual 50-lap rk Miles Street Stock Special.

August rolls off with a trio of special events starting with the 5th annual Burnett Road Warriors Challenge on Thursday the 10th followed by Vermont Tire and Service Night on August 17th which will serve as the second FloRacing Double Purse night along with the annual Kids Poster Contest.

The final Thursday event of the season on August 24th features the always popular Run-What-U-Brung spectator drags on Jet Service Envelope/Accura Printing Night where everyone's favorite keyboard warriors put their money where their mouths are and tackle the Barre high banks.

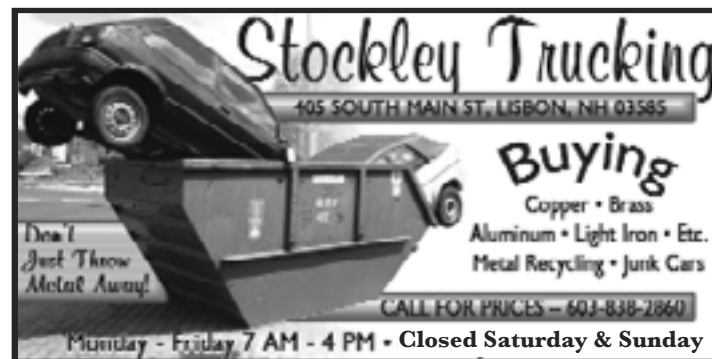
Thunder Road championship night returns on Friday, September 8th with the Maplewood/Irving Oil Late Model 'King of the Road' Track Champion crowned. The Lenny's Shoe & Apparel Flying Tiger and rk Miles Street Stock track champions will also be awarded their season-long bounties as Thunder Road champions in season sixty-four.

The 61st Vermont Milk Bowl presented by Northfield Savings Bank rounds out the 2023 Thunder Road season. The 'Toughest Short Track Stock Car Race in North America' proved its namesake once again in 2022. With that in mind, Officials have determined the same \$100,000+ purse will be in effect for 2023 as well and the Milk Bowl once again set as an American-Canadian Tour 100%er event.

For more information, contact the Thunder Road offices at (802) 244-6963, media@thunderroadvt.com, or visit www.thunderroadvt.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @ThunderRoadVT.

December Activities at Horse Meadow Senior Center

12/1	9:30	Bone Builders, 1:00	Drums Alive
12/1	1:00	Walk the Center, 1:00	12/15 9:30 Bone builders, 1:00
12/2		Festival of Trees ends today	Walk the Center, 1:00
12/2	9:00	Walk the Center, 10:00	Food Pantry
12/2	9:00	Movie & Popcorn, 12:30	12/16 9:00 Walk the Center, 10:00
12/2	9:00	Mahjongg, Haircuts by Appt., Music by Marshall	Movie & Popcorn, 12:30
12/5	9:00	Walk the Center, 12:30	Mahjongg, Foot Clinic by Appt. Music by Marshall
12/5	9:00	Herbal, 12:30	12/17 8:00-10:00 Breakfast with Santa & his Elves
12/6	8:00	Nifty Needlers, 9:30	12/19 9:00 Walk the Center, 12:30
12/6	8:00	Bone Builders, 12:30	Herbal, 12:30
12/6	8:00	Holiday Crafting, 1:00	Mahjongg
12/6	8:00	Walk the Center, 1:00	12/20 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30
12/7	9:00	Painting, 9:00	Bone Builders, 12:30
12/7	9:00	Walk the center, 9:30	Holiday Crafting, 1:00
12/7	9:00	Chair Yoga, 10:30	Walk the Center, 1:00
12/7	9:00	Board Games, 1:00	Food Pantry
12/7	9:00	Bingo, 1:00	12/21 9:00 Painting, 9:00
12/7	9:00	Drums Alive	Walk the center, 9:30
12/8	9:30	Bone builders, 10:00	Chair Yoga, 10:00
12/8	9:30	Floral w/Jane, 1:00	Book Club discussion, 10:30
12/8	9:30	Walk the Center, 1:00	Board Games, 1:00
12/8	9:30	Food Pantry	Bingo, 1:00
12/9	9:00	Walk the Center, 12:30	Drums Alive
12/9	9:00	Herbal, 12:30	12/22 9:30 Bone Builders, 1:00
12/9	9:00	Mahjongg	Walk the Center, 1:00
12/9	9:00	Walk the Center, 10:30	Food Pantry 1:00
12/9	9:00	Candy Bar Bingo, 12:30	Yankee Swap
12/9	9:00	Interfaith chat, 1:00	12/23 9:00 Walk the Center, 12:30
12/9	9:00	Drums Alive, 1:00	Herbal, 12:30
12/9	9:00	Dementia Support Group	Mahjongg
12/12	9:00	Walk the Center, 10:30	12/26 & 12/27 CLOSED
12/12	9:00	Candy Bar Bingo, 12:30	12/28 Quilting, 9:00
12/12	9:00	Interfaith chat, 1:00	Walk the center, 9:30
12/12	9:00	Drums Alive, 1:00	Chair Yoga, 10:30
12/12	9:00	Dementia Support Group	Board Games, 10:00
12/13	8:00	Nifty Needlers, 9:30	Book Club discussion, 1:00
12/13	8:00	Bone Builders, 12:30	Bingo, 1:00
12/13	8:00	Holiday Crafting, 1:00	Drums Alive
12/13	8:00	Walk the Center, 1:00	12/29 9:30 Bone Builders, 1:00
12/13	8:00	Food Pantry	Walk the Center, 1:00
12/14	9:00	Quilting, 9:00	Food Pantry
12/14	9:00	Walk the center, 9:30	12/30 CLOSED
12/14	9:00	Chair Yoga, 10:30	
12/14	9:00	Board Games, 1:00	
12/14	9:00	Bingo, 1:00	



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Nichols dressed as Harry Potter and Ginny Weasley. Best Student Group went to Stevie Warf and Mackenzie Griswold, juniors, dressed as Men in Black. Finally, Best

Individual Student went to Kelvin Bosse. The WHS National Honor Society plans to have the costume contest become a yearly tradition at Woodsville High School.



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St. J Sparkles! Holiday Weekend

St. Johnsbury, Vermont - St. Johnsbury's new holiday tradition is back with St. J Sparkles! Holiday Weekend, December 8, 9 & 10, 2022.

"Our experience with St. J Sparkles last year was so positive, it created a number of instant traditions that we look forward to bringing back in 2022... chief among them, the Northstar Fireworks display over downtown St. Johnsbury on Friday night." says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury. "I can't wait to invite our entire community to gather and celebrate the joys of the season during a time when our town sparkles and shines."

New this year, two KCP Presents performances will provide "sparkly book-ends" to the festivities, with a performance by the Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir kicking off the weekend on Thursday, December 8 at 7pm, and the acclaimed Trio Mediæval performing on Saturday, December 10 at 7pm. On Friday, December 9, the event will bring a nightlife feel to the downtown shopping district, with activities at the Welcome Center, and many businesses staying open late until the Northstar Fireworks display at 8pm.

On Saturday, December 10, family fun activities start at 9am and run all day long, all throughout town. An event

preview, including ticketing links for the KCP Presents performances, can be found at DiscoverStJohnsbury.com/StJSparkles.

A full event schedule will be released closer to the date of the event, but will include free horse-drawn wagon rides from Rainbow's Edge Farm; a farm animal petting zoo from Morrison's Feed Bag; a huge variety of free kids crafts & activities all around town; shopping incentives and dining promotions; free warm beverages and fire pits along Railroad Street; live music from United Community Handbell Ensemble; free admission and holiday-themed crafts at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium; storytime and a holiday concert at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum; food & toy drives; holiday bazaars; new business opening celebrations; and much, much more. Once finalized, all event times, locations, and details will be available online at DiscoverStJohnsbury.com/StJSparkles and at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center (51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, phone (802) 748-8575).

Businesses and organizations who want to host activities during the event still have time to contact Director@DiscoverStJohnsbury.com to be included on the event schedule.

Additionally, the Find Your Sparkle in St. J shop

local rewards program will launch on Small Business Saturday, November 26. Between the launch and December 31, shoppers are encouraged to pick up rewards cards at local merchants, and get the card validated when they shop at any combination of eight small businesses in St. Johnsbury, including eateries, shops, the Farmers Market, a hardware store, and more. There is no list of participating businesses—all kinds of purchases at small businesses in St. Johnsbury are eligible. Turn in the completed rewards card at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center (51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819) to receive a free limited-edition 2023 Wall Calendar designed in partnership with Flek, Inc., featuring 12 stellar images of St. Johnsbury's built and natural landscapes, by Keith Chamberlin, one of Flek's partners.

To further beautify the town, a Light Up St. J holiday light display competition for residents and business owners will be launched later in the season, with entry details and prizes to be announced in early December via social media on Discover St. Johnsbury's Facebook & Instagram pages.

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Letter to the Editor: A Question of Values & Serving the North Country

To the Editor,

Some people reading this will chalk it up to sour grapes from a sore loser, but I believe there are some things needing to be said loudly and clearly about the District 1 State Senate race and the winning candidate.

This election was won on a lie - a lie that was shamelessly and zealously put out by the Republican party and opportunistically ridden by Carrie Gendreau. This lie falsely impugned her opponent and was a vehicle to denigrate her honesty and integrity.

Carrie Gendreau represents herself as a Christian whose Christian values inform her decisions' choices and behaviors. Carrie knew full well that the accusation that "Edith Tucker voted for an income tax" was a gross misrepresentation of a Family Medical Leave bill and its provisions - basically, a lie. How Christian is that?

When asked if she would request that signs promoting that lie be re-

moved, Carrie's response was: "I didn't put them up." Really? Backbone, integrity decisiveness and action are the sign of a true leader.

What is important to me (and I hope to you) is what does this behavior and attitude indicate about this person who is to be our representative to the NH Senate?

I want my representation in the senate to be interested in and committed to the truth and to have the courage and integrity to challenge forces around her to act in the same way. Carrie Gendreau was unwilling in this case to do that.

Our North Country is a loose affiliation of very diverse interests and needs. We need to and must work together. Carrie Gendreau could reflect on her actions/non-actions during her campaign and consider some changes if she wants to really serve and help the North Country.

Chuck Phillips
Bethlehem, NH

Chuck,

There is a saying "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." It appears to me that the term "income tax" can also be defined in different terms. Is any tax based on someone's income an "income tax"? Or is an income tax only a bill that is titled "income tax?". I might also mention that in New Hampshire we have a "business profits tax". It taxes the profits that a business earns. Is that an "income tax?"

Our elected officials are elected to serve us all. Let us all see what the next two years bring our way. Because in 2024 we, the voters, get a chance to once again choose those who will serve us.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: "Bye, Bye, Nancy!!"

To the Ditor,

It has finally come to pass. Fate works in mysteriously wonderful ways! And, what a night for all this to come to pass... ..the night that Donald Trump announces his intention to run AGAIN for President of the United States!!!

In January, 2023, Nancy Pelosi will NO LONGER be Speaker of the US HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, and no longer be third in line to be President of the USA!!!! Bye, Bye, Nancy! Au revoir, Nancy!! Arrivederci, Nancy!! Zaijian, Nancy!! Sayonara, Nancy!! Aloha, Nancy!!

Nancy Pelosi has been acting as Speaker of the US House of Representatives since 2019, and previously from 2007 to 2011. She has "represented" California's 12th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives since 1987. That equates to 35 years!! Look at California's demise over that time with higher and higher taxes, residents departing for other, more liveable states, higher and higher crime rates, and prolific drug use. Has she improved the lives of members of her dysfunctional district in all those years? We know her life has certainly improved with reports of "insider trading" in the Stock Market (due to her husband's timely investments!) "It may not be illegal (at the present time), but it sure looks scummy!"(The New York Post, No-

vember,16, 2022). She and her husband claim the ownership of various vineyards in NAPA Valley and surrounding lucrative areas of the wine-growing country of California. And, the list goes on... according to Open Secrets Following the Money in Politics found the Pelosi's holding 48 assets totaling \$54,474,051 to \$256,266.000 with assets in industries such as real estate, finance, lodging, tourism, internet, entertainment, food & beverage, securities & investment, telecom services, publishing, trucking, energy, electronics manufacturing & equipment, [and others]. Quite a portfolio on a Speaker's salary of \$223,500.00 a year, don't you think? Representative's salary: \$174,000.00 per year (2022).

Pelosi was born into a prominent Baltimore, MD political family with her father serving as a Democrat congressman from Maryland who then became Mayor of Baltimore seven years later. Pelosi's brother, Thomas D'Alessandro, III became Mayor of Baltimore in 1967, and served in that position until 1971 after serving as Baltimore City Council President. Nancy is most noteworthy for being the only Speaker of the House of Representatives to unilaterally and disgracefully destroy a US President's State of the Union Address in front of a worldwide audience on February 5, 2020. The legal scholars are still de-

bating whether that unprecedented and dastardly act by Speaker Pelosi was legal.

The Republicans have taken the majority in the House with 218 GOP Representatives, and perhaps even more as counting is still ongoing. Nancy Pelosi will have to turn over her gavel, leadership, and power in the House to Kevin McCarthy of CA, it is believed.

Rumor has it she is going to act cowardly following in the steps of the defeated British General Lord Charles Cornwallis who was defeated by General George Washington at the Battle of Yorktown in Virginia on October 19, 1781, thus culminating the eventual end of the Revolutionary War. In disgrace and embarrassment, Cornwallis feigned illness, and refused to attend the surrendering ceremony. Instead, he ordered a subordinate, British General Charles O'Hara to surrender his sword to winning General, George Washington. In turn, General Washington ordered American General Benjamin Lincoln to accept the British Empire's sword of surrender.

The new Republican House of Representatives should change these power-grabbing, conflict-of-interest, abusive actions like Insider Trading by those serving in our government in Washington, DC.

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

The makeup of the US House has certainly changed with the election results of earlier this month. With that change in the majority there will indeed be a different speaker of the house, and therefore a new line of succession to the position of President of the United States.

It has not yet been decided who that new speaker will be, but I do hope that the two parties, Republicans and Democrats can being to work together to move this country forward. In fact the only way things will happen in the next two years, with the House and Senate having different majorities, is for the two parties to work together, or at the very least to find some middle ground that can be agreed upon.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I'd like to thank all the many, many people who worked so hard on my campaign to become District 1's state Senator. Of course I'm disappointed not to have won, but I will be ever grateful to all those who helped me in so many ways over these last months.

I know we all join together in wishing state Senator-elect Carrie Gendreau great success in representing the North Country.

Sincerely,
Edith Tucker
Randolph

Edith,

I join you in wishing the best to our state Senator-elect Carrie Gendreau. I also wish the best to all the other newly elected officials as well as those who sought and obtained re-election. The task of serving the voters is not a simple one. Some who have the honor excel while others fall short. It will continue to be the obligation of the voters to tell the difference and in two year to make the changes that need to be made, while also retaining those who have proven to give us the service we deserve.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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What to Know About Sustainable Investing

You may have heard about “sustainable investing.” But if you’re not familiar with it, you may have some questions: What does it involve? Is it right for me? Can I follow a sustainable investing strategy and still get the portfolio performance I need to reach my goals?

Sustainable investing can be defined in different ways, with different terminologies. However, one way to look at a sustainable approach is by thinking of it as investing in a socially conscious way which may involve two broad categories: environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing and values-based investing.

As its name suggests, ESG investing incorporates a broad range of environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities, along with traditional financial measures, when making investment decisions. This approach may have a neutral impact on performance because it maintains a focus on managing risk, traditional fundamental analysis and diversification. Here's a quick look at the ESG elements:

- Environmental – Companies may work to reduce carbon emissions, invest in renewable energy, decrease pollution and conserve water resources.

• Social – A business may promote gender and pay equality within its workforce, and maintain positive labor relations and safe working conditions for employees.

• Governance – Companies distinguished by good governance may institute strong ethics policies, provide transparent financial reporting and set policies to ensure it has an independent, objective board of directors.

You can pursue an ESG investing approach through individual stocks, mutual funds or exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which hold a variety of investments similar to mutual funds, but are generally passively managed – that is, they do little or no trading. As an ESG investor, you don't necessarily have to sacrifice performance because ESG investments generally fare about as well as the wider investment universe. Some investments may even gain from the ESG approach. For example, a company that invests in renewable energy may benefit from the move away from fossil fuel sources.

Now, let's move on to values-based investing. When you follow a values-based approach, you can focus on specific themes where you may choose to include or exclude

certain types of investments that align with your personal values.

So, you could refrain from investing in segments of the market, such as tobacco or firearms, or in companies that engage in certain business practices, such as animal testing. On the other hand, you could actively seek out investments that align with your values. For instance, if you're interested in climate change, you could invest in a mutual fund or ETF that contains companies in the solar or clean energy industries.

One potential limitation of values-based investing is that it may decrease the diversification of your portfolio and lead to materially lower returns due to narrowly focused investments, prioritization of non-financial goals and too many exclusions.

Ultimately, if you choose to include a sustainable investing approach, you will want – as you do in any investing scenario – to choose those investments that are suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

If sustainable investing interests you, give it some thought – you may find it rewarding to match your money with your beliefs.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Vermont has enshrined death into its constitution.

Those black dots sealed into the 'Yes' box on Article 22—marked with the dried blood of the innocent. Tears of blood shed again and again on November 8th.

Innocent victims—unable to speak out against the pain of death. See the parallels with Jesus's death.

Pilate knew He was innocent. He stood before the crowd and washed his hands in front of them.

(Matthew 27:24). And what was the crowd's response? (Matthew 27:25) '... Let his blood be on us and on our children'.

New generational curses? Only God knows.

Pray for those who voted yes. Shed tears for them begging God for mercy. Deception has overwhelmed them and it is as Jesus said in Luke 23:34, '...Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'

Sincerely,
Greg Darling
Littleton NH

Greg,

The voters of Vermont went to the polls earlier this month and made many decisions. They elected officials from Governor and US Senator down to local side judges and other positions in between. They also faced other questions on the ballot including what was known as Article 22. The wording was as follows: "That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

The final tally of votes showed that about 75% of those voting were in favor of the proposal.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Betty Johnson Gray: OBITUARY

Bluffton, SC - Betty Johnson Gray, Singer of "I Dreamed" and "Little Blue Man", dies at 93.

Betty Johnson Gray, the last surviving member of The Johnson Family Singers and popular girl-singer of the 1950s, died of natural causes at her home in South Carolina on Sunday, November 6, 2022. She was 93. For almost 40 years, she had been a resident and champion of Haverhill, NH.

Betty Johnson Gray was lead singer of the renowned American performers The Johnson Family Singers of Charlotte, NC. From the late 1930s, the popular gospel group toured, performed, and ultimately recorded over 50 songs for Columbia Records (1946-1953) and a similar number of songs on the RCA-Victor label (1954-1959). After winning a singing contest, they were signed for regular broadcasts by WBT from 1938 to 1951. By 1948, she had her own

15-minute radio program. But her solo-career really took off after winning the star-making top tv show, Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts, when she transitioned from religious music to jazz standards and pop music.

Originally signed by Columbia Records as a teenager and then by Bell Records in 1954 after recording a children's album with Eddy Arnold, she signed with RCA Victor in 1955. They sent her to Chicago, Illinois where she was a regular on the syndicated television series Eddy Arnold Time and the daily network radio show, Don McNeill's Breakfast Club. Signing with Bally Records, in 1956, Betty's hit, "I Dreamed" reached number 9 on the Billboard charts. That same year, Cash Box magazine, a music industry bible, voted her the #1 new girl vocalist ahead of Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee. From 1957 Johnson was a regular performer on The Tonight Show starring Jack Parr. This led to a record contract with Atlantic Records in 1957, for which she had her next big hit, "Little Blue Man" followed by "Dream". Johnson continued on Tonight until 1962 when Paar was replaced by Johnny Carson, while also making appearances on a number of other television shows and headlining at The Persian Room and The Blue Angel in New York.

In his soon to be published book, "Ducktails, Drive-Ins and Broken Hearts: An Unsweetened Look at 50s Music", Hank Davis dedicates a chapter to Johnson, stating: "If I were being interviewed by someone who thought they had a pretty good knowledge of 1950s pop culture, I might ask them to name somebody who had ten records on the Billboard Top Pop Singles, had appeared on the Jack Benny show, the Jack Paar Tonight show, the Bob Newhart show, Howdy Doody, Kukla Fran and Ollie, the Ed Sullivan show, the Grand ole Opry, and also appeared at the Copacabana in NY, The Coconut Grove in LA, and the Sands in Las Vegas...the correct answer is Betty Johnson".

After a hiatus to raise two daughters and complete her college educa-



tion, Betty Johnson returned to show business in the 90's, performing at New York venues such as The Oak Room at the Algonquin and The Cafe Pierre. She also digitally restored and published a catalog of her earlier work, founding her own music label (Bliss Tavern Music) in the process. An interview with Terry Gross on NPR's Fresh Air, renewed interest in her work and life story. This led to the publishing of her audio-biographic audio book, "In Her Own Words" in 2007 as well as the use of her music in TV and film. She continued to perform and record until recently. In 2017, at age 88, she recorded and released her last album, "Four Shades of Gray" accompanied by her daughters and granddaughter.

The Johnson Family Singers and Betty Johnson are included and interviewed in the 2019 Ken Burns documentary, "Country Music".

She left her beloved home of Bliss Tavern in the Haverhill Corner Historic district in 2019. For decades she had remained very involved in supporting the community as a board member of the local library, the Court Street Arts, and the local Congregational church as well as founding her cherished Haverhill Garden Club. For much of the 70s and 80s, she travelled the state as a master flower show judge while also pursuing a degree at Dartmouth College.

Betty is survived by her son Harold Richard Redding II of Charlottesville, VA, her daughter Lydia Gray Bartholow of Bluffton, SC and Elisabeth C. Gray of Madrid, Spain, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and ten nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Court Street Arts (<https://courtstreetarts.org>)

Letter to the Editor: How Big are Our Hearts

To the Editor,

Take a moment from our busy lives. Received this email. How big are our hearts, with all the sadness in the world.

"An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the Broadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that

window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon

the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

He caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. 'Are you God's wife?'

"The least of these'. How Blessed are we. With tears in my eyes as well.

Submitted by
Nancy Leclerc
North Woodstock, NH

we simply say that someone else should be taking care of the situation.

Soul searching during the holiday season can be a cheerful endeavor, or a scary one. It can move us forward or push us back. We all make decisions on a daily basis that affect others. What will your decision, action, or inaction be?

Gary Scruton, Editor

Nancy,

What a wonderful story that should be told time and time again. It does, however, raise the question of how each of us would act in that same situation. Would we take the time, and spend the money, to take care of a young boy like this? Or would we think how shameful it was for some unknown parent to allow their son to be out like this? Or would

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Those Leftovers

I hope you all had a fabulous Thanksgiving (long) weekend. The traditional Thanksgiving, what is not to love? So much preparation, so many relatives, friends that we just do not get to see often enough, fun travel, and food. There has got to be food, so very much of everything great to eat. Last but still favored, leftovers.

Who does not love the turkey, stuffing, gravy with cranberry sauce wrap that you get the day after Thanksgiving? What about the turkey soup and that cool casserole that incorporates all of the best things left over from the turkey dinner -- gotta say yum. However, food safety reminds us that there is a real expiration date on leftovers.

With your health and safety in mind, this article will be distributed the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, and your Thanksgiving leftovers that are still in the refrigerator are dead. Please throw them out. Per <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/Resources/Resources/when-to-throw-it-out-leftovers>, home leftovers have a 3-5 day refrigerator life. If you put your leftovers in the freezer (that day) they will

be good for an extended period of time. In the freezer, leftovers can be safe to eat for many months.

For those of you that did not know, I am "Food Safe" certified, and for many years have followed FDA and the Department of Agriculture's guidelines for safe food handling. Thanksgiving brings great family events but it also provides a learning opportunity regarding safe handling of food.

"Bacteria grow rapidly between the temperatures of 40° F and 140° F. After food is safely cooked, hot food must be kept hot at 140° F or warmer to prevent bacterial growth. Within 2 hours of cooking food or after it is removed from an appliance keeping it warm, leftovers must be refrigerated. Throw away all perishable foods that have been left in room temperature for more than 2 hours (1 hour if the temperature is over 90° F, such as at an outdoor picnic during summer).

Cold perishable food, such as chicken salad or a platter of deli meats, should be kept at 40° F or below. When serving food at a buffet, keep food hot in chafing dishes, slow cookers, or warming trays.

Keep food cold by nesting dishes in bowls of ice or use small serving trays and replace them often. Discard any cold leftovers that have been left out for more than 2 hours at room temperature (1 hour when the temperature is above 90 °F)." per www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation.

What happens if you eat spoiled food? You get sick. Per the National Capital Poison Center, food poisoning and food allergies are a big concern on Thanksgiving. "According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foodborne Disease

Outbreak Surveillance System, the organism Clostridium perfringens is the second most common bacterial cause of foodborne illness in the United States. ... Clostridium perfringens is sometimes referred to as the "buffet germ," because it grows fastest in large portions, such as casseroles, stews and gravies that have been sitting at room temperature.

Salmonella bacteria are also a common contaminant. Symptoms of salmonellosis include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramping, with onset about 12 to 72 hours after infection; the illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days. Most people recover without treatment, but diarrhea and dehydration may be so severe that some people need hospital care....If you feel sick Call 1-800-222-1222" per www.poisson.org/articles/happy-and-safe-thanksgiving.

I hope you had a great holiday weekend. Christmas and Hanukkah are around the corner, let us keep these tips in mind so we will all have a happy and safe Holiday season.

The Aspirin

By Elinor Mawson

After lunch, the little boy and his mother went upstairs to take a nap. The mother fell asleep immediately, but was awoken awhile later by the little boy.

"Mom,. I ate all the aspirin".

"Get me the bottle", she replied, sleepily.

He soon returned with the empty bottle of baby aspirin, and his mother came awake in an instant. Almost panicking, she jumped off the bed and wondered what to do next. She didn't have a car, but she knew that time was fleeting.

She called her uncle George who was home on sick leave. He had a brand new Plymouth, and he said he'd be right there.

The trip to the Emergency room took minutes, and the nurse they saw was sympathetic.

"No worries, we'll fix you right up in no time".

The little boy took the offered medicine in one gulp and he and his mother went to a room with a big sink which they sat next to. 10 minutes went by.

When nothing happened, the nurse gave him another spoonful. !0 more minutes went by.

Still nothing.. Another spoonful.

Finally something appeared, and the nurse said, "You can go home", and gave the mother a large plastic-lined pad to take with them.

It wasn't long on the trip home that the medicine started working in earnest. The pad was soon saturated, and then the dash-

board and floor of the car. His mother was involved as well. When they arrived home, the father was standing in the driveway wringing his hands. It didn't take long for him to discover what had happened. The mother put the little boy right into the bathtub and took off his clothes. He wasn't finished with his affliction for quite some time. A lot of laundry ensued, and the little boy was very unhappy during the process.

Eventually he was put to bed, but the 4-year-old was wakeful for a long time.!

It took a lot of years before he would even look at medication for an infection or a headache. He wouldn't even take cough syrup! He's a man now, and still avoids pills of any sort. He will take something if really necessary, but I'm sure he has memories of that long-ago day.

And Uncle George's car never smelled new again.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Thanksgiving is over and we are now turning our attention to, Rohatsu, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Three Kings Day and other things. Some are struggling wondering if they will have enough money for food, shelter and heat. Mass shootings continue to occur in the US.

Around the world there are human rights and physical injustices occurring everyday, and then there is the invasion of Ukraine by Putin of Russia. If he can't win on the battlefield he is willing to physically destroy the country. There is a chorus of outcries around the world. "This is horrific, we must support Ukraine and offer more sanctions and weapons", in the meantime, more and more infrastructure, power, water, heat plants and transportation systems are targeted along with civilian facilities like schools, hospitals and stores are bombed almost daily. This is terrorism committed on Putin's orders.

Richard,

As i am sure you, and those reading this reply know, NATO was founded in order to make a much larger and stronger force to defend its members. The idea of "speak softly and carry a big stick" is well know and could certainly be applied to the founding of NATO. Whether or not to allow in a new member for the purpose of being able to repel an agressor may not have been the original idea, but it may well be one that should be explored.

Of course most of us would much prefer world peace. But that dream seems to be forever out of reach. Let's at the least work toward local peace and ensuring that those we know have a warm place to live and enough food on the table,
Gary Scruton, Editor

As a returned Peace Corps volunteer I do not say this lightly. But it is time for NATO to act and the rest of the world to follow. Diplomacy and sanctions are not working.

First, NATO should put all of their military forces on high alert and let Putin know this has been done. Second, Ukraine should immediately be granted emergency admission into NATO. Third, NATO should publicly evoke Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty. NATO's founding document, says that any attack on a NATO member in Europe or North America "shall be considered an attack against them all." Fourth, NATO should follow through with full force if Putin continues to attack Ukraine.

The choice I see is, either watch and wring our hands and send Ukraine our thoughts, prayers and a few more weapons or take action to stop it. The Ukrainians, have turned their other cheek enough.

There is a choice. Watch and despair or act.

Richard M Roderick
Wells River



by Eli Heath
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The holidays are here. It is picture taking season to share your memories with your friends and families. Today's cell phones make it possible to take a picture and share it, but what if you do not have a cell phone and you're not that tech savvy and all you have is a computer. With today's technology it is easier than ever to stay in contact with friends and family. Your home computer can be an entertainment center or a way to make telephone calls. For many people their home computer is the most economical way they can stay in contact with their loved ones. One way they do that is e-mail pictures to each other, it can be slow and if the person you are e-mailing pictures to does not have a large enough incoming e-mail storage area, your e-mail may be rejected. Many internet providers give you a capacity of 10 MB storage for your e-mail, some unless you upgrade to a monthly fee based e-mail service will give you more space. Depending on the file size pictures may fill up the recipients e-mail box quickly. There is an easier and free way in which you can send pictures, not through e-mail but on the internet where anyone you give your account information

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to can see your pictures and upload ones of their own to share with you. Here are a few of the sites that you can use;

Flickr www.flickr.com uploading photos to Flickr is easy and bulk uploading is possible. You do not need any third party application to upload your photos. You can tag and preset your photos into collections allowing you to create sets and subsets on a given subject. Flickr only offers 100 MB of free storage but for \$25 a year you can have a pro account with no limits on uploads and storage. Flickr has four levels of privacy from public view to only friends and family seeing your photos.

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tures from a cell phone. You can also link to your Myspace or Facebook account to send pictures.

Shutterfly www.shutterfly.com Like the other sites this site gives the consumer the option to purchase prints or calendars with your photos on them. They also provide free software that allows you to edit and enhance your pictures.

When you use these sites be sure to read the fine print, once you post your pictures on their web site they can do what they want with them, and do not delete your pictures from your computer after posting them to the web site, back them up, once on the web site you may not get them back again. But for the convenience part it is an easy way of creating a site where friends and family can get together and share their memories.

Website of week: If you want to know what websites such as Facebook are running applications on your computer without your permission then check out this website at www.mypermissions.org, You click on Facebook link and log into Facebook, the site will tell you what apps are running. You also have a few other sites like Twitter you can check.

So until next time any questions or comments, or if there is something you would like to know about e-mail me at paigecs@gmail.com or call (603)747-2201, I am always looking for suggestions. Until next time Happy Computing!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

While the recent election did not go as well as those of us who vote Republican had hoped for, at least it looks like we will have a majority in the house so we can hopefully slow down Biden and the Democrats Marxist agenda.

We also need to vote out people like McConnell,

Jim,

Prayer and hard word are certainly two pieces of the picture for many, many people no matter what their objective may be. I was taught long ago that you need a target in order to reach that desired result.

In regards to who won or lost the most recent election, I feel that America won. Another free election where we, the voters, get to choose our leaders. Now it is their turn to lead and find a way to move us forward.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Sununu, Cheney, and Collins who are doing more to help the Democrats than the Republicans.

Our country, our republic, our home, along with millions of unborn babies are counting on us winning this battle. With prayer and hard work we can still take our country back.

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Turkey Stuffed Peppers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Trendy Kitchen article is taken from our archives. It first ran just after Thanksgiving 2018. I can report that Cindy is well, but a close friend had a heart attack and she has been called upon for much extra duty. Let's all wish her and her friend the best.

Hello hello my fellow chefs. Well in my area of the Northeast Kingdom I received 8" + of snow. After I shoveled the plow came by and I had to reshovel but I managed. I hope you are doing well with your snow.

Anyway let's get started with what to buy and how to make it.

Ingredients

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

4 Large Peppers, I used 2 yellow, 1 red and one green. If you look at the picture the yellow and red ones fell over but that's OK, they were still delicious. I found that the yellow and red ones were the sweetest. Clean out

the seeds and inner ribs.

1 1/2 package (2 1/2 - 3) Cups Pepperidge Farms Herb seasoned classic stuffing mix

1/2 stick of butter

1 stalk of celery (chopped)

1 Medium Onion (chopped)

2 1/2 - 3 Cups chicken broth

1 pound ground turkey browned or 2 1/2 cups of leftover cooked turkey from Thanksgiving

If you're using ground turkey break it up with a wooden spoon as you're cooking.

Cut tops off peppers and chop.

In 2 quart pan melt the butter and saute for 5-10 minutes the celery, onions and the chopped pepper tops. Then add 2 1/2 Cups chicken broth, heat through, add the dry stuffing, and mix well. Add the browned ground turkey and mix well again. Stuff the peppers and pat down with hand. Place in a covered dish or cover with



aluminum foil. Try to stand them up. Add 1/2 cup chicken broth to bottom. Bake for 45 minutes and remove cover and check with a fork to check doneness of pepper. Bake 15 minutes longer uncovered. When done let sit for about 15 minutes. Serve with a nice White Cabernet chilled and as always drink responsibly. I used my square copper pan and cover to do everything. Ask Santa for one at Christmas! If you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you. ENJOY! because they are "Delicioso".

Well folks until next time I'm signing off Cin Pin.

As we experience more changes. Always be Grateful. Meredith NH

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