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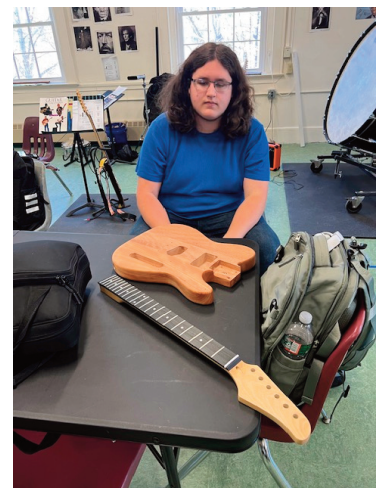
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## Woodsville High School



### Celebrates Innovative Music Education with Personalized Music Class



Woodsville, NH – Woodsville High School is proud to spotlight the success and expansion of its Personalized Music Class, led by the esteemed Ms. Zampieri. What started as a small group of three students has blossomed into a thriving class of eighteen, each student embarking on a unique musical adventure.

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ing environ-

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# TRENDY Dining Guide

## Mikey's Seafood Pub and Grill

By April Dyke

This issue I decided to go to Lisbon New Hampshire, and check out Mikey's Seafood Pub and Grill. It did not disappoint. I walked in and right away, saw that they had a lot more items for sale. They have the cutest little set up for it. I was excited to see Kaylee was my server. She asked for my drink order which came promptly and gave me a menu to look at. Right away I knew what I wanted. I got a buttered twin lobster roll and it was beyond delicious and I have to say that I really enjoyed it!!! It came

with fries and coleslaw. I have to say, I was pleasantly surprised to see they had the chunky crinkle fries which were nice and crispy. One of the Mike's was able to come out to say hi. Which is always nice to see and get to talk with the owners. That is one of the reasons why I love small town restaurants so much. I was unfortunately unable to stay long, as this week has been quite a busy one for me. So I asked Kaylee for the bill and I promptly received it which came to \$42. I paid with a card. And of course made

sure to leave a good tip. If you like seafood, I highly recommend this place the service, atmosphere and decor is definitely a good one.. They have daily specials and an assortment of different foods to choose from. I hope everyone has an amazing next two weeks. Until next time.





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## Letter to the Editor: Sam Mealey for Sugar Hill Selectman

To the editor,

I remember at last year's Sugar Hill Annual Town Meeting, 2023, one "older" public official spoke up, somewhat inaudibly, and voiced concern that there was no youth at our meeting. Many others in the audience agreed with this observation and concern that younger people need to be involved.

Well, their prayers have been answered!

Welcome, Sam Mealey.

Given the concern voiced at Sugar Hill's Annual Town Meeting last year, the request to have youth on the Select Board, this is the perfect opportunity for electing Sam.

Not all young people are qualified for government, but we do have a young man running for the open position on the Sugar Hill Select Board who is eminently qualified for this position. Sam also exemplifies all that is good and right about growing up in small town New Hampshire, and has a heart for service to the people around whom he has grown up.

He comes from a good family. He went to university in Virginia where he received, not one, but two degrees in Education plus another degree in Management. Much of that education has been displayed at local board meetings where he has been asking probing and insightful questions for

the general good. He is concerned about fiscal issues because he knows that limited funding and frugal budgets make for a tightly run operation, and his concern for our taxpayers, especially the working-class folks is foremost in his mind.

With all respect due those who have served long and hard on our town's Select Board, the infusion of "new blood" with new perspectives is critical for growth and the broadening of ideas. "Cognitive dissonance," a fancy new word that effectively means "...blindness to thoughts and ideas that contradict long-held beliefs" is always a problem with entrenched leadership. Of course, self-pride always gets in the way. This recipe makes for stale, glacial decision-making, which can harm the greater good.

We must not make emotional, sympathetic decisions when voting for anything. We cannot afford to be "tribal." Our voting must take into account not only what is good for "me," but what is good for the greater whole.

Please elect SAM MEALEY for the position of Sugar Hill SELECTMAN on MARCH 12, 2024.

Let us build a more robust future for our heritage.

Nick De Mayo, M. Ed.  
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

I will again say that it is good to see a letter of support for a candidate rather than a letter full of reasons not to vote for someone. With so many elections happening in the next few weeks there is no way that Trendy Times can endorse or oppose any candidate for any position. We will instead, once again, encourage all to take the time to be educated about your local election and take the time to vote. After all this is your government, at whatever level, that spends your money and makes decisions about your future.

Gary Scruton, Editor

## Want to Connect to Other Readers?

### Join the Bath Book Club!

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "The Vanishing Half," by Brit Bennett on Monday, March 11 at 4:30 pm at the Bath Public Library. It is a Goodreads Choice Award and Winner for Best Historical Fiction (2020).

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Books may be picked up at the Bath Library; hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information, please contact the library at 603-747-3372 or email bathlibraryljh@gmail.com

## Letter to the Editor: What religious persecution?

To the Editor,

We have all been witness to Christian Nationalists and Fundamentalists infiltrating our government at all levels, working ceaselessly to pass laws ensuring that religious people's rights are not infringed upon. That means not "forcing" them to endure giving rights to LGBTQ people – including helping trans kids, allowing women to choose to have an abortion if they deem it necessary, making IVF practically impossible by claiming a fertilized egg is a "baby" (does that mean that a couple who has 20 frozen embryos can now claim 20 dependents on their taxes?), and even the current thought of rescinding the rights for gay people to be married just like any other American couples who love each other.

To which religious people are they referring? The only "rights" somehow in jeopardy are those of ultra-conservative Christians. Many Christians have no objections, as do most Buddhists, Jews and Muslims. Certainly "Nones" (Americans who profess to no religious beliefs at all) have no objec-

tions to any of these things - and we are the majority in our nation now.

So basically, we as Americans are being forced to live by the skewed beliefs of a small, radical branch of Christianity that believes only they have the right idea about what their god wants.

To say this is not right is an understatement. Our founders were mostly Deists – the opposite of religious zealots - and would be appalled at what is happening to the country they risked their lives to create. Even President John Adams wrote in the Treaty of Tripoli in 1805 that no country should fear an American takeover to force Christianity upon them because America was NOT and never would BE a Christian nation.

There is a solution – vote these extremists out in November and return sanity to our country before it is turned into a theocracy like some Islamic countries. The vast majority of Americans do not want this for our nation.

Rachael Booth  
Landaff, NH

Rachael,

I believe that many other people would agree that the "silent majority" are often overlooked simply because they tend to be "silent". The old adage about "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" pertains to your point very well. Those who are willing to sit back and watch the happenings around them, often end up with a finished product that they do not agree with, or belief in. Voicing your opinion seems to become easier as one grows older. Perhaps it is time for that "silent majority" to speak up and make their voices heard.

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Developing a personal financial strategy — Many factors go into creating a long-term financial strategy. What is your risk tolerance? When would you like to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned? What are your other important goals? A financial advisor will ask these and other questions in getting to know you, your family situation and your hopes for the future. By taking this type of holistic approach, a financial advisor can help you create financial and investment strategies appropriate for your needs.

Avoiding mistakes — A financial advisor can help you avoid costly investment mistakes. One such mistake is attempting to "time" the market. Investors pursue market timing when they try to "buy low" and "sell high." In theory, of course, this is a great idea — if you could consistently buy invest-

ments — against a widely used stocks, in particular — when their price is down and then sell them when the price has risen significantly, you'd always make some tidy profits. The main drawback to this technique, though, is that it's virtually impossible to follow, especially for individual investors. Nobody, not even professional money managers, can really predict with any accuracy when stock prices have reached high or low points. Consequently, those who try to make these guesses could miss out on opportunities. For example, investors who are determined to buy low might not want to purchase investments when the market is up — but this practice could lead to taking a "time out" from investing just when the market is in the midst of a rally. But a financial advisor can steer clients toward a more disciplined approach, such as buying quality investments and holding them for the long term, regardless of the ups and downs of the market.

Checking progress toward your goals — If you were to invest without any guidance, you might not be looking at your investments' performance with the proper perspective. For example, some investors simply compare their portfolio returns

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— against a widely used market index, such as the S&P 500. But this comparison may not be that useful. The S&P 500 only measures the stock prices of the leading publicly traded U.S. companies by market capitalization — but your investment portfolio, if properly diversified, will include investments other than U.S. stocks, such as bonds, government securities, international stocks and more. Consequently, the performance of your portfolio won't track that of the S&P 500 or any other single index, either. Your financial advisor can help you employ more meaningful benchmarks, such as whether your portfolio's progress is on track toward helping you meet your financial goals. Also, a financial advisor will review your portfolio and investment strategy regularly to determine what changes, if any, need to be made, either in response to the markets or to events in your life.

Investing for your future can be exciting and rewarding — and you can feel more confident in your decisions when you have someone helping you along the way.

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Newbury, VT - Pamela Jean Comi (formerly Shoppe) 78, died peacefully on February 16, 2024, at the Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired in Newbury, VT after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Pamela was born in Plainfield, NJ on January 19, 1946, to George and Dorothy (Roscoe) Shoppe. She graduated from Plainfield High School in 1964 where she was a football cheerleader and also excelled in art. It was there that she met her high school sweetheart Arthur James (Jim) Comi. They were married on March 26, 1966, and were married for 54 years until Jim's death on August 9, 2020.

Pam attended the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, FL where she studied commercial art.

She worked as a commercial artist for several years and part-time for many years thereafter.

She then became a homemaker to raise her two children Colin and Laura.

Pam enjoyed drawing, canoeing (fishing and catching turtles), crafting & quilting, playing tennis, horseback riding, refinishing furniture, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and most of all, word searches. She also loved to watch her favorite TV shows, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She was an avid traveler enjoying trips to Africa, Costa Rica, the Amazon, England, Italy, the Caribbean, and Alaska. She enjoyed spending entire summers with her family at Halls Lake, Newbury, VT, and trips to her par-

ent's cottage on Swartswood Lake, Stillwater Township, NJ. Pam and Jim spent time each winter at her lifelong favorite place The Gulf Beach Resort Motel on Lido Key, Sarasota, FL.

Pam is survived by her son Colin Comi and wife Keri of Colchester, VT, and daughter Laura and husband Dave Linabury of Haverhill, NH. Pam is also survived by 8 loving grandchildren (who affectionately called her "Grim-cracker!"), Madison and husband Dylan Joiner, James Comi, Mackenzie Ozog, Sophia Comi, Dale Linabury, Mitchell Ozog, Ryan Linabury and Brody Silva. In addition, she is survived by sister-in-law Loretta Harper of Easton, PA, sister/brother-in-law Marie & Edmond Bangle of Sandpoint, ID, sister-in-law Nancy Comi of Berkeley Heights, NJ, and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Halls Lake (Newbury, VT) in July. Details will be provided at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on Pamela's behalf to:

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To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville, NH will handle the arrangements.

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**Op-Ed**

**Vote down the school budget**

The Annual School Meeting is March 12, 2024, C. 1 P.M.

How did you like your tax increase this winter? Mine went up by \$800. At this rate, your taxes would double in a few years. By far, the biggest reason for this is the school budget. The overall increase in the mill rate from 2023 is \$3.73/thousand dollars of valuation. The school budget accounted for \$2.89/thousand of the increase, or about 78% of it.

We have no control over the state education tax, and very little control over the County tax. The Town budget accounts for \$0.29/ thousand, and if the voters did not vote to fund Woodsville's Highway and Fire Departments at the last Town Meeting to the tune of about half a million dollars, the Town's share would have been even less. So, the elephant in the room is the school budget- and it always is. Therefore. If you would like to keep your taxes down, I encourage you to go to the annual school meeting, ( stay to the end of it, to be sure that they don't slip something in at the end of the meeting that would be disastrous to our taxes), and vote down the budget!

The school gets "unanticipated revenue" from a number of outside sources (not taxpayers) that include the State, grants, and the Federal Government, in addition to the money from our taxes. These funds can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in some years. This is in addition to tax revenue. How much of this money has come back to the tax-

payers? None! Any "extra" money is set aside in a "fund balance" to fund projects that they want money for. You will note that in every warrant there will be expenditures that will say "no impact on the tax rate." This is deceptive at best. First of all, money doesn't fall out of the sky, and the largest source of school funding is the local taxpayers. The "fund balance" is a slush fund. It could just as well be returned to the taxpayers to reduce the tax rate- but it isn't. It is simply a pool of money that enables more spending by the schools, under the guise of not costing taxpayers anything

Haverhill taxpayers have been quite generous in the support of their schools. Let's look at what they get in return. Enrollment has been declining for several years, and if they are not able to entice out of town tuition students to attend, it would decline even more. In return, the school budget increases every year.

The student teacher ratio is one teacher for every nine students. This is fewer than the state average and a dream ratio for teachers. Now let's look at standardized test scores and school

rankings. They are poor- and have been for the 25 years that I have lived here. Don't take my word for it- look at the statistics and ratings on line. WHS gets a 4 out of 10. It is ranked 308th out of 456 schools in the state. HMS - only 27% achieved math proficiency and only 47% achieved reading proficiency in spite of a student/ teacher ratio of 9:1. WES- 35% achieved math proficiency and only 25% for reading. These figures are for 2022 and are the most current that I could find. These statistics show that taxpayers are not getting much bang for their buck. Simply throwing money at the schools doesn't translate into better achievement.

School plans for next year are already calling for multi-million dollar projects with the specter of a new elementary school on the horizon. Americans are struggling to stay financially afloat. We can't control many of the causes of runaway inflation such as food and heating oil, but we can control our Town and school expenditures. It is high time that we did! Vote the budget down!

Ron Willoughby  
Haverhill



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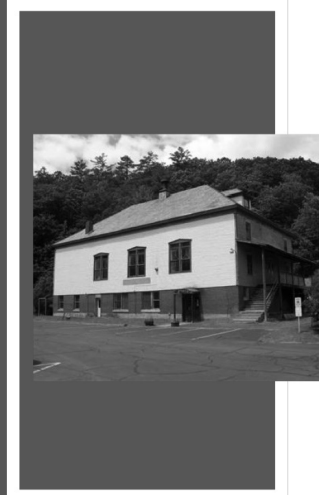
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## Why I Am Running for Newbury Selectboard

Town Meeting Day is nearly upon us. On Tuesday, March 5th the voters of Newbury will have an opportunity to select town leadership. This year, Newbury has a contested election for a vacant Selectboard seat. A series of candidate forums and Q&A sessions have been held at various locations in Newbury and Wells River. One of the questions I have been asked at these meetings is – why do you want to be on the Selectboard?

It is a good question, and here are my reasons.

My husband and I bought land in Newbury in 2010 and finally broke ground to build our forever home in 2018. In 2019, I moved here permanently. We love the rural character of Newbury, the beautiful forests and rugged landscape, and the peace and friendliness of the community. I began doing volunteer work with Tucker Mountain Town Forest and was later appointed to the Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee. I helped to create a nonprofit organization – Friends of Tucker Mountain – to raise grant money and private donations to create recreational and educational resources at Tucker Mountain. I was happy to be able to use my skills in helping to build something special and valued for the community by bringing in outside resources so that our town's limited tax base would not be strained.

When Newbury's Town Plan was up for re-

newal and revision, I was asked to join the Planning Commission. My background in land use planning and community outreach was, again, useful in assisting that process. We have completed our work, and I believe we have a good plan that reflects the community's desire to protect what we love about Newbury – the rural, close-knit small-town character and scenic beauty – while keeping an eye on opportunities for the future. I am proud of what we have collectively been able to accomplish.

I have a master's degree in public administration and policy and have spent my career over the last twenty years working with nonprofits and local governments on land use and recreation planning, nonprofit management and conservation efforts. I have many years of ex-

perience in grant writing and fundraising for public projects.

I may not have been born in Newbury, but I love this town and I am committed to this town. When learning about the vacant seat on the Selectboard, I saw a new way to serve the community with my skills and experience.

I am committed to listening to and being responsive to residents, and to engaging the community in the work of the town. I welcome input and participation from everyone who cares about Newbury and our future. I believe that by working together and bringing all of our strengths to the table that Newbury will continue to be an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family.

Susan Culp

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# Haverhill Select Board Candidates for 1 Year Term

Both candidates were sent the same five questions and asked to keep their answers to no more than 600 words total.

Following are their unedited answers.

## Theresa Paige

**1. What would be your top priority as a member of the Select Board?**

A. My top priority would be to work with the board and do my homework to make good, sound decisions for the town.

**2. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?**

A. I believe we need to focus on maintaining what we have.

**3. What should happen with the fire and highway departments in Haverhill and Woodsville?**

A. I have followed this some but there are more details I would like to look into before I can form an opinion.

**4. How do you see the town manager form of government working in Haverhill?**

A. Our town very much needs town manager form of government, due to the complexity of day to day operations.

**5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?**

A. I genuinely care about the town of Haverhill, I have been a tax payer for over 20 years. My husband and myself have kids in the school system and a local business, we plan on staying in this town.

## Greg Mathieson

**1. What would be your top priority as a member of the Select Board?**

My priority would be to work with the other select board members to cut taxes and produce a spending / replacement – repair plan at a pace the taxpayers can afford over time without raising taxes. People don't go out and buy a new car, a new tractor, put on a new roof, replace floors and do home additions all in one year. They put together a plan and budget for it over time. This town spends, spends, spends and given a town of many retirees, they can't afford the tax increases every year. Look at your tax increase last year, compared to the added increase this year and millions more they are planning for new expenditures a next from now.

**2. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?**

Establishing a time line of when and where we need to spend taxpayer funds and not keep pushing the envelope. A road repair fund / plan that everyone can see and know when their road will be fixed, paved, etc. There may be such a thing, but good luck finding it on the town's website. Seems each year the town tries to change road categories so they don't have to maintain many any longer. But you're paying taxes to have that road repaired, paved and plowed and now the town is cutting back on services each year that those living on those road pay for. Granted these cuts are being done though a warrant, but shouldn't your road need to be maintained and not cut from the system?

**3. What should happen with the Fire & Highway Departments in Haverhill and Woodsville?**

I'm all for them being separate, provided, and I'm sure they will come to the aid of each other if and when needed. I would like to see a reciprocal reimbursement plan for when they do.

**4. How do you see the Town Manager form of government working in Haverhill?**

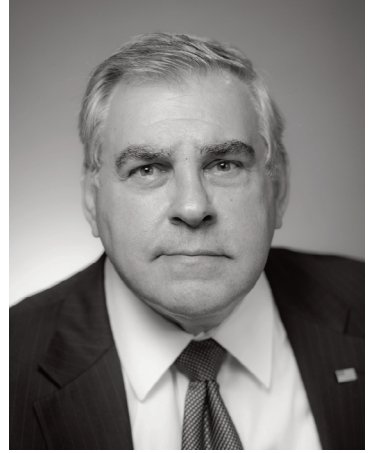
I'm for trying the Town Administrator plan of government. There has to be a reason why the majority of some 234 municipalities in New Hampshire have Administrators vs Managers. Some 209 have Administrators and some 25 have managers. I also feel it's better to have a number of people who work on making decisions vs one person saying it's their final decision and all the control vested in one person.

**5. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?**

I would have the voters interest at hand in bringing down taxes yet maintaining the town, developing and not wasting their money. For the past two years I've been on the advisory budget committee. Last year the town manager needed a new phone system so we recommended a new system for the thousands of dollars she needed. This year, they didn't like the system they purchased, so they wanted to again spend thousands to replace it again. I believe if we really needed to replace it, we could wait another year or more in using what we have and not go out and buy another one so fast. We also need to get bids for major expenses and projects vs just having "vendors" we always use and maybe not getting the best deal for the town.

Homeowners don't do that sort of thing, it's not financially practicable. This year the assistant town manager is getting a \$10,000 salary raise. I'm sure there is next to no one in this town getting a \$10,000 raise in one year, plus full health benefits. It was stated that the reason for the raise was that it was keeping up with comparable job salaries in the area. However, our police officers are well below the rate of comparable size communities, but the town couldn't give them even the slightest raise though recommending others for thousands of dollars more in pay. Our police responded to some 6,200 incidents in the past year, as presented by the Chief to the budget advisory board this year. Presently any officer could leave and get a \$30,000 signing bonus in other jurisdictions.

We could have given each officer a \$1,000 raise and still saved the taxpayers money by not giving the \$10,000 to the Assistant manager as presently proposed. The taxpayer's funds need to be better managed in my opinion. We need to cut back on the lawyers and consultants, another pot of money we could cut back on. I give the present board credit for finally insisting in cutting back on the full health benefits the towns employees are getting and asking for it to be cut back a bit. That's \$500,000 we could save taxpayers money on. There isn't a person in the area that gets 100% health benefits, most pay a portion or even a copay. If it's good enough for the taxpayer, it should be good enough for the town employees. I also believe in setting the example of saving taxpayer money by my not accepting the Select Board position stipend and donating it to a number of the non-profits in the town.



## 2024 Town Warrant Article 22

"To see if the Town will vote to open all roads throughout the Town of Haverhill to OHRV / ATV use except State roads, private roads, and any other road explicitly excluded by the Select Board after a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2024"

**Haverhill roads excluded from OHRV/ATV on February 22, 2024 include:**

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Cold Springs Drive | Newbury Crossing  |
| Brushwood Road     | Slight Hill Road  |
| County Road        | Joslin Road       |
| Lime Kiln Road     | Back Bay Road     |
| Moody Road         | Tailgate Lane     |
| Sinclair Road      | Anderson Lane     |
| Blackberry Road    | Lily Pond Road    |
| Flat Iron Road     | Moody Road        |
| Page Road          | Cutting Hill Road |
| Brooks Road        | Becket Drive      |
| Brown Hill Road    | Keyes Road        |
| Horse Meadow Road  | Nazarene Drive    |
| School Street      | Stone Crest Drive |
| Jeffers Road       | Clough Road       |
| Court Street       | Dugout Road       |
| Slate Ridge Road   | Lawrence Street   |

### Notes for Residents:

1. This article will be voted upon on the floor of the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday March 16, 2024.

2. You will vote "yes" if you approve of OHRV/ATV use on all roads in Haverhill except State roads, Private roads, and all roads listed above.

3. You will vote "no" if you do not approve of OHRV/ATV use on all roads in Haverhill except State roads, Private roads, and all roads listed above.

4. This action will not impact decisions previously made by the Haverhill Select Board to open some roads in Haverhill.

5. This vote is advisory to the Select Board.

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## 2024 HAVERHILL TOWN WARRANT

### Article 01 Election of Officials

To choose by non-partisan ballot Two (2) Selectman one for a term of (1) year and one for a term of three (3) years, One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years, One Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years, One (1) Moderator for a term of Two (2) years, and One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years.

### Article 02 Petitioned Article – To Remove the Position of Town Manager

To see if the Town will vote to remove the position of Town Manager from the local government structure and transition to a Town Administrative form of government. Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain). (Majority ballot vote required). This article will appear on the official ballot and be voted on along with the election of officers on the second Tuesday in March 2024.

### Article 03 Announce the Results of Article 01 & 02

To announce the results of the balloting on Article 01 & 02.

### Article 04 Adopt Short-Term Lodging Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a Short-Term Lodging Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

### Article 05 Adopt False Alarm & Frivolous Complaints Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a False Alarm & Frivolous Complaints Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

### Article 06 Adopt Special Event Permit Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a Special Events Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

### Article 07 Elect Cemetery Commissioners

To elect two (2) Cemetery Commissioners for the term of three (3) years each.

### Article 08 Acceptance of Annual Reports

To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Town Manager, Treasurer, Cemetery Commissioners, Airport Zoning Commissioners, Parks & Recreation Commissioners, Conservation Commissioners, and any other Town offices and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

### Article 09 Operating Budget 2024

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$5,242,169) for general municipal operations. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required). The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$6.7924 per \$1,000

### Article 10 Transition to an SB2 Town

To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of March?

Select Board recommends this article. (02 yay / 00 nay / 02 abstain) (3/5 majority ballot vote required) This article will be voted on by paper ballot at the Annual Town Meeting.

### Article 11 Eliminate Town Resident Tax

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 72:1-c, which authorizes any town or city to elect to assess, levy, and collect a Resident Tax. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.)

### Article 12 Petitioned Article – Official Budget Committee

To determine if the residents of Haverhill will vote to have a town budget committee in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 32:14. Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

### Article 13 Appointment of Advisory Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint an Advisory Budget Committee to review the Town Manager's preliminary budget and to present to the Select Board their recommendations regarding the budget; members of which shall be representative of all areas of town equitably. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required).

### Article 14 Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote

required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0244 per \$1,000

### Article 15 Fire Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0488 per \$1,000

### Article 16 Police Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0488 per \$1,000

### Article 17 Discontinue Tannery Road

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Tannery Road. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

### Article 18 Discontinue Slight Hill Road

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Slight Hill Road. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

### Article 19 Discontinue Anderson Lane

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Anderson Lane. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

### Article 20 Discontinue Tailgate Lane

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Tailgate Lane also referred to as Tollgate Lane. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

### Article 21 Lease/Purchase Highway Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board through its TownManager to enter into a three (3) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$225,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new highway dump truck. And to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) for the first year's payment on a three (3) year lease/purchase agreement, and to further approve the annual payment of this lease/purchase to be included in the 2025 and 2026 operating budget in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00). The lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape clause. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.1829 per \$1,000

### Article 22 Open Town Roads to OHRV / ATV Use

To see if the Town will vote to open all roads throughout the Town of Haverhill to OHRV / ATV use except State roads, private roads, and any other road explicitly excluded by the Select Board after a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2024. Select Board does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 02 nay / 02 abstain) (Majority vote required)

### Article 23 Town Clerk's Salary

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Clerk's wage range that is based upon years of experience and certification as a NH Town Clerk. With the wage range starting at \$40,000 per year for an uncertified, inexperienced clerk. \$50,000 for an uncertified, experienced clerk, and \$55,000 per year for a certified, experienced clerk. The Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay).

### Article 24 Town Clerk's Hours

To see if the Town will vote for the Town Clerk's office to be open no less than forty (40) hours per week, and for the schedule to include the Town Clerk's office being open at least one evening per week. The Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required). (This article is advisory.)

### Article 25 Petitioned Article - Expand the North Haverhill Water & Light District

To see if the Town will vote to expand the boundary of the North Haverhill Water & Light District to include the following additional two (2) properties; 324 Airport Road, Tax Map No. 414-009-0001 and 329 Airport Road, Tax Map No. 414-009-002. This article was requested by the district and is requested in accordance with their bylaws. The Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay) (Majority vote required).

### Article 26 Petitioned Article – Grafton County Senior

### Citizens Council

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$25,500.00) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0622 per \$1,000

### Article 27 Petitioned Article – Caring Cases

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Caring Cases, a non-profit organization that provides new backpacks filled with personal essentials for New Hampshire children entering foster care. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0122 per \$1,000

### Article 28 Petitioned Article – Tri County Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$9,170.00) for the purpose of supporting Tri County Community Action Program. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0224 per \$1,000

### Article 29 Petitioned Article - No. Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of supporting North Country Home Health. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0366 per \$1,000

### Article 30 Petitioned Article – Second Chance Animal Rescue

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$3,500.00) to support the Second Chance Animal Rescue. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0085 per \$1,000

### Article 31 Petitioned Article - Court Street Arts

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) to support the Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall cultural

programming of Haverhill Heritage, Inc. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0183 per \$1,000

### Article 32 Petitioned Article – Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$6,419.00) for the Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry, which represents one dollar per capita based on the 2020 census. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yay / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0157 per \$1,000

### Article 33 Petitioned Article – Woodsville Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of One Hundred and Three Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$103,244.00) to fund the Fire Department of Woodsville NH, for 2024 operating budget. The Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.2518 per \$1,000

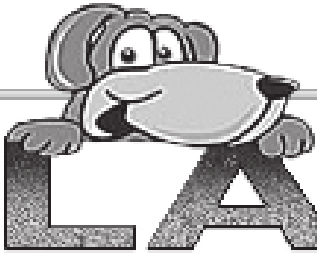
### Article 34 Petitioned Article – Woodsville Highway Department

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$246,182.00) to fund the Highway Department of Woodsville NH, for 2024 operating budget. The Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.) The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.6003 per \$1,000

### Article 35 Take any other action.

To take any other action that may legally come before this meeting

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# Letter to the editor: Urges Haverhill Voters to Reject SB2

To the Editor:

I was honored to live in Haverhill for 36 years and represent it for 12 years in the NH legislature. But last year, my wife and I sold our Pike house and moved to West Lebanon, closer to our son and grandson. So, of course, I am no longer voting in Haverhill elections. But I still care about this special community and urge Haverhill citizens to vote against SB2.

Town meeting was always a special time in Haverhill as neighbors came together to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the town. If voters approve SB2, that will be the end of traditional town meeting, re-

placing it with a deliberative session followed by voting on all warrant articles via paper ballot on the same day you vote for town officers.

Remember the confusion when there was no town meeting during COVID and people voted on warrant articles by paper ballot? Voting for SB2 would make that situation permanent. Some will argue that more people will vote, but open debate and discussion will be lost. Traditional town meeting, has worked well in Haverhill. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Sincerely,  
Doug Teschner  
West Lebanon, NH



Lyman, NH – George "Georgie" O. Roy, III, 68 years old, of Lyman, New Hampshire, died unexpectedly from a heart attack on February 6th, 2023.

He was born in Vermont on December 10th, 1956, to Irlene and George O. Roy, II. He enjoyed listening to Rock n' Roll, playing cribbage, and hanging out with friends and family.

George was predeceased by many brothers and sisters, Seth, Darlene, Julie, Trisha, and Johnathan. He is survived by nephews Joseph and Dustin Towle and nieces Amber and Crystal Towle, and by many great nieces and great nephews, Anika, Aiden, Curtis, Nora, Jacob, Natalie, Allen, and Realynn.

There will be no funeral service but there will be a Celebration of Life, a place and time to be de-

termined. Anyone interested in joining the celebration of George may contact family members for further information.

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## OBITUARY: Theresa Cassady Shepard,

Later in life, she was always ready for a road trip; to Maine, shopping, or just out to eat.

Theresa was predeceased by her parents, husband Stanley, son Jack Shepard, grandson Michael Powers, son-in-law Richard Barry, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins which she cherished.

She is survived by three daughters, Henrietta Powers, Annette Barry, and Meroa Benjamin (David). Grandchildren include Bernadette Pearson, Kasey Benjamin Weidman (James), Collin Barry (Francesca), and Brendan Barry (Stephanie). Great-grandchildren include Malaki Pearson, Sarah and Benjamin Weidman, Blake and Brenna Barry, and William and Hannah Barry.

The family would like to thank the staff of Margaret Pratt Assisted Living Facility, DHMC ER staff, and the staff at Jack Bryne Center for Palliative Care.

Visiting hours will be on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM – 11:30 and funeral services will be at 12:00 noon at Bradford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 145 North Main Street, Bradford, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Groton Historical Society (PO Box 89, Groton, VT 05046-0089) would be greatly appreciated or to a charity of your choice.

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Bradford, VT - Theresa Cassady Shepard, 96, of Bradford, VT, died Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, NH from complications of COVID-19 and a long battle with dementia. Mrs. Shepard had been living at the Margaret Pratt Assisted Living Community, Gardens Unit for the past four and a half years.

Born on January 11, 1928, to Henry and Meroa (Emery) Cassady of Groton, VT, she graduated from Groton High School in 1947 and attended Burlington Business College. During her high school years, she often told of her adventures with driving the school bus, and a Model T Ford. On August 14, 1948, she married Stanley L. Shepard of Orford, NH and they made their home in Piermont before moving to Bradford in 1952.

Stanley and Theresa traveled throughout all 50 US states, all 14 provinces of Canada, and cruised to several other countries. They were also active in the American Legion and Auxiliary, Friendship Club, and the Bradford United Church of Christ. Theresa was a lifetime member of the Groton Historical Society, Bradford Historical Society, assistant Leader of Girl Scouts, and 4-H.

Known to many as Ma or Gram, she welcomed many families, kids and friends to her kitchen where she served Chop Suey meals, squash rolls, warm donuts, filled cookies, and many other tasty treats. She enjoyed card games (which she was known for stretching the rules), visiting with friends, and telling stories.

## Letter to the Editor: Abortion – a Sacrament

To the Editor,

In a recent survey 90% of scientists who study biology, admitted the obvious to the simple question of “when does life begin?”, that a blastocyst, a fertilized ovum that has begun to produce a multicelled sphere, (conception product) is life. So, life begins at conception. The issue is pure science and cannot be not subject to the whims of politicians and judges, and especially not people like Federal Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who doesn't even know what a woman is, let alone what a blastocyst is.

In former days, abortion was not all that common, not because folks wouldn't have enjoyed ridding themselves of an unwanted child, but because it was lethal to the mother. But live birth sacrifice was very common, a sacrament in the worship of Satan. (Abortion is actually a sacrament of the Church of Satan in America – google it.) In those former days, throwing your child on a hotplate so that Satan would gift you a new chariot or a robust crop of olives was one avenue to getting your wants. We read about this form of child sacrifice not only in the King James Bible, but in other historical narratives and the ar-

Ken,

The pro-life vs. pro-choice debate has gone on for a long time. My prediction would be that it will continue to be a point of debate for a long time to come. As is the policy of Trendy Times we will not take either side, but rather be happy to offer the space for those on either side to voice their opinion.

The one thing I will state here is that when it comes time to elect those who will speak for us all, you will probably

cheological evidence is unequivocal.

With the gradual spread of Biblical Christianity world-wide and the knowledge that humans are precious, this practice of child sacrifice and other forms of human sacrifice, such as that performed by Mesoamerican Indians and widow burning in India, faded into relative obscurity. But with the deification of individual man during the Enlightenment-God-is-dead movement and the rise of the theory that frogs magically turn into princes, (evolutionary theology), humans no longer have soul and spirit – they are just worm food. With the deification of individual man, people are their own god unto themselves, and the worship of self leads to all kinds sacrificing others for self.

With the rise of medical science, abortion has grown to an industry where more than 50 million unborn children are terminated yearly worldwide, 1 million in the US - (Guttmacher Institute). The procedure is pandemic, but most common in cultures and in societies where universities and secondary schools teach that humans have no soul or spirit.

Abortion is not only sold to women and men as a solution to a “life of sorrow” in caring for an un-

wanted child but more usually as a child sacrifice to insure financial solvency or to afford a material want. If you get pregnant but really want a new car, have a so-called doctor who really has no soul or spirit, vacuum the kid into pieces and then assemble the child on the back table in a building with no signs on it - and that new BMW is yours. Kill the kid, get the car. No different than kill the kid, get the chariot.

But there is another unscientific lie in the abortion debate; the canard that the unborn child is an intimate part of or an outgrowth of the mother's body, like a wart. Even grade school dropouts know that the unborn child is not a growth of the mother and its relationship with the mother is quite simply gas, food and water exchange, not the exchange of blood. A society that willy nilly terminates the dependent, beginning at conception, never ends well.

Hitler's and Darwin's survival of the fittest and the desires of the strongest is a sacrament of the human deity, which now begins at conception and ends in the Killing Fields of Cambodia. No one is safe if children are not.

Ken Leavitt  
Sugar Hill

never find someone who agrees with you and every single issue. There are bound to be some issues where disagreements exist. The best any of us can do when we go to vote is to find a candidate who agrees with a majority of our beliefs. In other words, I would strongly suggest that voters not be a one issue voter. Do your homework and vote for the best candidate even if you don't agree on some issues.

Gary Scruton, Editor

### BEEZWAX By John Martin





## OBITUARY: Rebecca "Becky" Barry

North Haverhill, NH – Rebecca "Becky" Barry, 80, of North Haverhill, NH passed away at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville on February 22, 2024. Becky was born in Rochelle, IL to Floyd and Betty Barnes. She attended Hamline University & National Teachers College.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Charles of North Haverhill; sister Sue Engebretson of Rockford, IL; stepdaughter Amy Perry (Paul) of West Newbury, VT; stepson Robert Barry (Sandy) of Bow, NH; two granddaughters Katie Barry Zhu (Jesse) of Durham, NC, and Suzie Barry Lofgren (John) of Pensacola, FL; a niece Becca Engebretson, and several great-nieces.

Becky taught at a one-room school in Alexandria, NH, then worked as the Hunter Education Coordinator for the NH Fish and Game Department. After her retirement, she worked as a Court Security Officer for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department.

Inspired by time spent at the family cabin on Lake Waubesa, in Wisconsin, Becky developed an adventurous spirit and a great love for the outdoors. For many years she, along with sister Sue and the "Maries" would gather in Ely, MN, for a canoeing trip in The Boundary Waters. These adventures provided material for "The Voyageur-ettes" a book written by Becky and her sister Sue. Becky also helped Charlie write his memoir "Behind Badge 32".

She and Charlie made over a dozen trips to the Canadian Rockies, and

she enjoyed annual winter vacations to Siesta Key, FL. She had a great fondness for her English Springer Spaniels, Thatcher and Maggie. Becky developed a love for knitting in her later years. She always had a ready supply of hats for anyone who needed one. She and Charlie enjoyed rides throughout northern NH and VT looking for wildlife.

Special thanks to Dr. Sarah Young-Xu, Dr. Aaron Solnit, the staff at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, the nurses, and providers at Cottage Hospital for their support and compassion-

ate care.

A graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery, in Franconia, NH, on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Barry Conservation Camp, % Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.



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## THANK HEAVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

By: Maggie Anderson

Last week, one of my friends fell, broke her shoulder, and ended up in the hospital.

Then she developed a blood clot and died before she was discharged.

We were giggling over her color combo just the week before; she was concerned because she was wearing salmon colored shoes and a maroon colored jacket. She said she was thinking she should have gone back into the house and changed her shoes, but she stopped worrying about it when she arrived at the morning Church service and found I was wearing a purple jacket and pink shoes - on purpose.

We got the giggles when she said she was just going to blame it on artistic temperament and claim she had chosen her morning's pallet on purpose too.

I never saw her unsmiling, never heard her say a negative word about anybody, which having known me for awhile takes real restraint. I miss her already.

Her untimely passing brings up the subject I wanted to share, they seem to fit together somehow.

A friend who works at the local hospital - and just got home from her own hospital "visit" - was relating a story about the prayer shawls some local residents make for the patients in the hospital she volunteers for.

Each of the shawls is made by a volunteer, many who pray as they work, prayers for the patient, their family, the doctors who tend to them, and the staff who watches over them. Each arrives with love and kindness wrapped around every

stitch. They also come tied together with a ribbon of compassion and prayers for everyone involved.

A couple of weeks ago a man came in looking for a gift for a friend who was a patient. He was put off by the suggestion of a prayer shawl because he didn't want to give somebody a gift that had anything to do with prayer.

The volunteer told him they call them prayer shawls because the folks who donate them pray for whomever ends up with one. They pray as they work, people who receive them aren't expected to pray. He didn't have to call it anything other than a shawl made and gifted by a caring neighbor.

Because of his displeasure, the hospital has adopted a new name and policy for the shawls. They are now to be referred to as comfort shawls and the fact that their makers pray that our Maker watches over us all is not to be mentioned.

It's a bit cloudy whether or not the volunteers are still allowed to pray as they create the shawls, but they're certainly not allowed to tell anybody that they do.

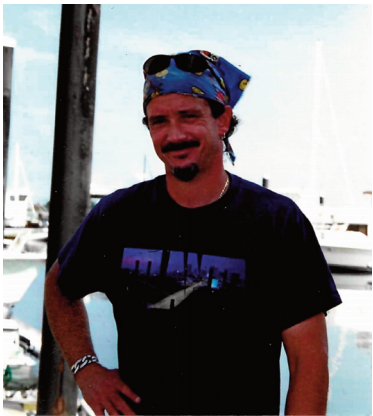
Hank and I have spent way more than the average amount of time in hospitals, and let me tell you, the one place in this world we need prayer is in a hospital, if for no other reasons than to protect us from mistakes and step in when the surgeon realizes he is not God, he does not have all our answers, and he cannot fix every broken toy.

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### OBITUARY:

#### Lee Arthur Gillheaney

Lee also raised lobsters, and crabs.

He will be remembered by his son, Marc Shane Gillheaney of Connecticut; his mother Phyllis Melanson of Newbury, VT; his brother Shane Aaron Gillheaney of Providence, RI; and his special friends Ed Bridgeman and Arturo Valdez.

He was predeceased by an infant sister, Lynn Mara Gillheaney.

Per Lee's wishes he is to be buried with his biggest idols, John Joseph Hein and Alpha Anna Hein in Exter, RI. The services will be announced at a later date.

Donations in Lee's name can be made to the ASPCA, PO Box 96929 Washington, DC 20090-6929

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bath, NH – Lee Arthur Gillheaney, 59, passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by his mother and brother, whom he loved, on Sunday, February 11, 2024. He was born on December 24, 1965, in Landstuhl, Germany, to his parents Phyllis (Hein) Melanson and Richard Gillheaney.

After graduating high school, Lee joined the Coast Guard to spend time with his biggest love, the ocean, and was with the Coast Guard saving lives for 8 years. The ocean was his everything, he spent lots of time fishing with friends. He caught tuna, sharks, strippers and through that love of the ocean, found a job in Aquaculture and grew clams and oysters.

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### OBITUARY:

#### Gary G. Gadwah,

Bath, NH- Gary G. Gadwah, 71, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024, at the Cheshire Medical Center. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Per Gary's wishes, there will not be a full obituary or services.

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# Letter to the Editor: Littleton Deserves Logic, Leadership & Compassion

To the Editor,

Logic is important when working as a representative of a town, county or state. It's important to understand what the town needs, what the people want, what the community can afford and cannot afford. Part of being a successful small health care business owner, Kerri Harrington, understands how to manage budgets; understands customers & how to operate a business. She helps run the Loading Dock so she knows how to operate a business aimed at tourists and locals. Having a logical approach to how to manage cash flow, business contracts and understanding operational aspects of helping a town run is an essential part of a Select Board member. Kerri is logical.

Leadership is important on the Select Board because people in the town look for you to take the shared vision the town has for its future and make sure that you take it

direction everyone is comfortable with. A direction where everyone can have some level of success and community security. Kerri understands how to manage people from organizing a nonprofit, concerts and events through different organizations. How to galvanize folks to look at issues, address them openly and fairly while being able to communicate with folks who might have different viewpoints. Finding consensus and suggest directions to move a community forward, Kerri has the right leadership skills for a small town

Compassion is essential in rural areas like Littleton. We're in a thriving but close-knit area of northern Grafton County. Everybody knows each other. Has to see each other in the grocery store, the car repair shop or at school drop off. Understanding and caring for one another no matter what you do or don't agree with, is being a

neighbor. We are all in this together in the North Country. Kerri has the right passion and temperament for the job.

Every time that I think about what type of person should be on the Select Board, I picture Kerri. Someone that has the ability to understand what's going on in the community. Someone who is willing to step up and move issues forward. Someone who is willing to talk to folks from all different backgrounds. Those types of skills that are essential for the select board member. Those are the type of skill sets that Kerri Harrington has, That Betty and I have seen since we've known her. I asked that you vote Kerri Harrington for Littleton Select Board. The future of the community will be in competent capable understanding hands.

Tim & Betty Egan  
Sugar Hill, NH

vote in the upcoming elections as well as the town and school meetings that will be in full swing in early March. Please check with your local Town Clerk to be sure of the times and locations of all these important happenings. Gary Scruton, Editor



## OBITUARY: William "Bill" Spurgeon

Warren, NH - William "Bill" Spurgeon Ames, 78, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024. He was born in Warren, NH on March 3, 1945, to his parents Adella (Tilley) and Spurgeon McComack Ames.

Bill owned and operated Ames Trucking. When he decided to move on from that business, he worked for the State of New Hampshire DOT. After that, he worked for Pike Industries as a foreman and truck driver for 25 years before finally retiring.

He also was a proud member of the Vermont National Guard serving out of Bradford, VT. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Adella and Spurgeon Ames, and his sisters, Harriett Libby, Shirley Ames, and Ina Gardner.

He will be remem-

bered by his two living sisters, Elizabeth Carolyn Martin and Audrey Sites, as well as by many nieces, nephews, and close friends. The family is thankful for all the help he received from his many friends too numerous to name.

A graveside service will be on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10 AM at the Warren Village Cemetery with Melissa Gould as funeral celebrant.

Donations in Bill's name can be made to Warren Wentworth Ambulance, PO Box 219, Warren, NH 03279, or [www.wwasems.com](http://www.wwasems.com)

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Tim & Betty,  
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## Vegetarian Cabbage Soup

cal and dissolve easy. I always have vegetable and chicken bouillon cubes on hand. They even make bouillon crystals

top. I did not have parsley so I put fresh cracked black pepper on top of mine. They sell those pepper grinders and they are inexpensive and great, fun and classy! I even have a grinder with sea salt. Live a little!!! The cumin gives this soup a different flavor I know you will like. It's easy peasy and "Delicioso ". Please give this vegetarian soup a try, your family will enjoy and say you are a star, because You are a star.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. If there's a recipe that you love please drop me an email and I will share it with you all. Also if you have any questions please contact

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay still hibernating. I finally got my front hallway, stairway, small hall upstairs and my full bath upstairs painted.

I have wanted to get it done for over 2 years. It looks beautiful. My next thing I need is new carpeting throughout except for the kitchen and dining room. Saving my money for that. I got a quote just for downstairs and it was \$2500. Wholly mackerel. I may just have downstairs done first but not in the foreseeable future. I'm patient. Watching my spending! My painter is excellent and a good worker. White Dog Contracting, Stephen Bennett. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. It's easy peasy and "Delicioso ". Even if you are not a vegetarian this hearty soup is worth trying. I suppose you could slice Kielbasa and add it if you want to. Also I used vegetable bouillon cubes and I find they are much more flavorful than broth. They are economi-

so give them a try.

- Ingredients**
- 1 Tbsp butter
  - 1 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 cup onion diced (1 large onion)
  - 2-3 carrots sliced
  - 1-2 stalks celery diced
  - 1 tsp minced garlic (1-2 cloves)
  - 1/2 head cabbage chopped bite size
  - 2 14oz. Cans petite diced tomatoes
  - 5 vegetable bouillon cubes in 5 cups water
  - 1/4 tsp ground cumin
  - 1/2 tsp salt
  - 1/4 tsp pepper
  - Fresh parsley to top (optional)

In large soup pan melt butter and add olive oil sauté onions, carrots, celery, add garlic and mix then add cabbage. Toss and mix for 10-15 minutes. Add both cans of petite diced tomatoes mix then add all 5 cups of bouillon. Bring to a boil and add cumin, salt and pepper. Reduce heat and slow boil for 45-55 minutes covered until tender. Turn off heat and let sit for a few minutes. That's it you are done. Sprinkle fresh parsley on

April and I will help you out. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off.  
Sincerely,  
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