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What's The First Sign of Spring in NH?

What's the first sign of spring in NH? It just may be the 2023 Cottrell-Baldwin lecture series

The N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, along with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, has announced this year's lineup for the annual Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture series, with topics that touch on historic preservation, wildlife and land conservation.

The lecture series honors the environmental and scholarly legacies of Hillsborough residents Annette and William Cottrell, as well as that of New Hampshire's first research forester, Henry Ives Baldwin.

"The Forest Society has partnered with the N.H. Division of Forests and

Lands for this lecture series since 2004, and it's always a highlight of early spring," said Dave Anderson, senior director of education at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. "We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about our state's engaging outdoors to attend as many of the lectures that their schedules will allow."

"Frost heaves and the Cottrell-Baldwin series are a sure sign that we're heading into spring," said Inge Seaboyer, Program Forester at the Caroline A. Fox Research and Demonstration Forest. "Every year, folks tell us how much they look forward to learning more about different natural aspects of our state, and this year's lineup

has something to interest everyone."

The 2023 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture series takes place Tuesdays, March 21-April 11, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Fox Forest's Henry I. Baldwin Environmental Center, 309 Center Road in Hillsborough.

This year's lectures are:

"Covered Bridges of New Hampshire," Kim Varney Chandler, March 21

"Black Bears: Understanding and Controlling Human-Bear Conflicts," Andy Timmins, March 28

"Ten Years and a Dozen Porcupines – an Informal Study," Ann Eldridge and Bill Duffy, April 4

"This Land was Saved for You and Me," Jeffrey Ryan, April 11

Full descriptions of each lecture are available on the events section of the Forest Society's website, forestsociety.org/events. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited and registration in advance is appreciated.

New Hampshire's Division of Forests and Lands is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NHDFL's mission is to protect and promote the values provided by trees, forests and natural communities. This mission is accomplished through responsible management of the state's forested resources; by providing forest resource information and education to the public; and through the protection of these resources for the continuing benefit of the



state's citizens, visitors, and forest industry.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is a private, non-profit land trust and forestry organization established in 1901. It currently holds more than 750 conservation easements statewide permanently protecting more than 135,000 acres of New Hampshire's landscapes. The Forest Society also owns 191 forest reservations constituting more than 58,000 acres in 105 New Hampshire communities.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Polly's Pancake Parlor

By Janice Scruton

Editor's Note: For those who are regular readers of this column you probably noticed that Janice wrote the column this time around. She is usually my dining partner (as well as life partner) but this time she took someone else along. I should also note that in most cases she is a contributing writer to this column. She always reads it and usually does an edit or two for me. Thank you my dear for doing the whole job this time around.

It was a beautiful sunny Friday when my sister and I headed to Sugar Hill for a fabulous brunch. Laurel had never been to Polly's Pancake Parlor so we headed northeast to celebrate her recent birthday. She tries yearly to catch up with me but she is still my little sister.

NH Route 117 didn't look familiar to her and she wasn't sure if she had been to Sugar Hill in the past or not. When we got to the top of the hill and were suddenly viewing majestic mountain ranges

topped with fresh snow, Laurel knew she hadn't been there before. The views are simply breathtaking. We detoured slightly and briefly turned onto Sunset Hill Road to take in more of the scenery.

When we got to Polly's, we didn't have to wait long to be seated. We had called ahead to get our names on "the list". We waited for a table to be cleared so we could get a table overlooking the mountains. Their menu has so many different listings from stacks of pancakes to quiche to Rueben sandwiches. Also listed were several vegetarian options as well as gluten free choices. There is also a blackboard with the days listings on it

including the special pancake batter of the day as well as the soups, coffees and quiche of the day. After much deliberation and discussion, Laurel ordered a Polly's Panwich, which was scrambled eggs, choice of meat (bacon) and a choice of cheese (cheddar) sandwiched between two plain pancakes served with home fries. I chose Sugar Bill's Breakfast which consisted of 2 eggs (scram-

bled), choice of meat (bacon), toast (cinnamon raisin) and home fries. On the table was real maple syrup, maple cream, maple pepper and other more common condiments. The maple cream was delicious on my toast, maple syrup was great with the "Panwich". After we had stuffed ourselves to the gills, topped off with a second glass of water, we planned out the rest of our birthday bash day. Our total tab at Polly's was \$28.21 and as usual, we left a cash tip.

Laurel now has another destination place to "wow" her out of town visitors with. From the scenic drive, to the courteous and friendly staff, and the great food, you know

you'll always leave Polly's looking forward to your next visit.

From Polly's, it was just a hop, skip and a jump into Franconia where we checked out the relatively new thrift store, V2VG Thrift (Veterans to Veterans Group Thrift), which is using their proceeds to help Veterans. With us both being thrift store junkies, of course we found a few items that had to come home with us. From there we headed to Littleton and stocked up on fresh fruits and vegetables before hitting one more thrift store. What a great day. Good food, good company, shopping, clear roads, sunny skies... life is good.




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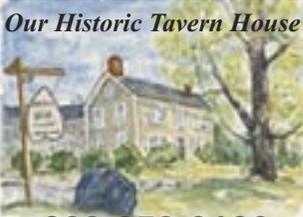
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Trapping to be Allowed Under Certain Circumstances

STOWE, Vt— In a remarkable show of legislative strength, 25 House representatives have co-sponsored legislation to restrict inhumane and indiscriminate steel-jawed leghold and other body-gripping traps for recreation and commerce in fur in Vermont. The bill, H.191, led by Rep. Larry Satcowitz would continue to allow trapping to protect property, including crops, livestock and domestic animals; public health and safety; municipal and state infrastructure, as well as trapping to protect endangered species. The bill prohibits common methods of killing trapped animals, including bludgeoning, strangling and stomping on the chest. It requires the reporting of all furbearers trapped and killed.

According to Vermont Fish & Wildlife's 2022 Furbearer Newsletter, an average of 8,847 furbearers have been trapped annually since 2011. Furbearer species include river otters, foxes, bobcats and ten other species. If that body count included non-targeted animals, such as owls, turtles, and other non-furbearers, that number might swell by a factor or two or three. According to a 2022 furbearer survey conducted at the request of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, 68% of Vermonters oppose recreational trapping and 62% of Vermonters oppose trapping for fur or clothing.

Efforts to ban or restrict trapping are not new to Vermont. Brenna Galdenzi, president of Protect Our Wildlife Vermont, believes this legislation is

especially timely and overdue. "The Vermont public has spoken in various surveys and it is clear that the majority oppose trapping and killing animals merely for tradition, recreation, or to peddle pelts to China and Russia," she said. "Wildlife is facing unprecedented threats, many of them precipitated by the effects of climate—we should be looking at how we can better protect wildlife, not haphazardly injuring and killing untold numbers of animals for sport."

Renewed interest to ban trapping was evidenced after the death of a beloved dog in Corinth last December. Anne McKinsey was walking her dog, Clara, when Clara was lured to a hidden, baited body-crushing kill trap. The trap that killed Clara is a legal trap that is used for most of the trapping season. "My preoccupation with Clara's death remains deep...I say the time has come for trapping to be banned in Vermont with some exceptions, as offered in bill H.191," McKinsey said. Clara had been rescued from Justice for Dogs out of Wolcott, Vermont that supports H.191. "Nobody should be allowed to set a trap in the woods and walk away and have no control over what gets caught—it is barbaric and unacceptable in this day and age," said Amy Touchette, President of Justice for Dogs.

The Center for a Humane Economy, which has hired a state director for the first time in Vermont, is among one of the many animal-protection organizations actively supporting H.191. "Steel-jawed leghold traps are

like landmines for animals, catching both wild-life and family pets leaving a trail of torment," said Robert Galvin, Vermont state director of the Center for a Humane Economy.

Protect Our Wildlife has a library of photos and videos illustrating animals with bloodied paws and mouths and other visible injuries due to traps. "Trapping can no longer survive in the 21st century because it can no longer hide in the shadows—the world is waking up to trapping cruelties and is demanding change," Galdenzi said.

Protect Our Wildlife, VT is an all-volunteer, Vermont nonprofit composed of biologists, wildlife rehabilitators, educators and other professionals who seek better protections for Vermont's wildlife. Learn more at www.protectourwildlifevt.org.

Basic Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance for Landowners

Join Ernst Kling, Kling Land Management; and Jim Frohn, Grafton County Forester, UNH Cooperative Extension on April 15, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH for this basic level course.

This workshop will include basic chainsaw maintenance and care, inspection of personal protective equipment, hazard and situational awareness, chainsaw safety best practices, and a felling and limbing demonstration. Note: While we will be practicing cutting techniques with chainsaws, we will not be practicing felling trees.

Please bring Personal Protective Equipment - Hardhat conforming to ANSI #Z89 in good working condition; Eye protection/face screen that meets ANSI #Z87.1 or

higher; Hearing protection: muffs, plugs, etc.; Non-skid steel-toe or composite-toe boots with lug soles or caulks that provide ankle coverage; Chainsaw chaps that fit from waist to over the top of the boot); Chainsaw - with working chain break, rear hand guard, throttle interlock system, chain catch peg, pin or stud, anti-vibration/insulation mounts. (If your saw was made by a reputable manufacturer in the last 10 years, then it likely has all these features); Tools to perform basic maintenance (wrench, files, guides); Other (warm clothes for outdoors, lunch, snack, water bottle).

Do not bring fuel. Fuel up before you come. Fee: \$125 Space is Limited! Register through the NHTOA website at <https://bit.ly/Chainsaw23>

Not all Times are Trendy, but there will always be Trendy Times

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NOTICE

RESIDENTS IN THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, NH

Annual Town Meeting

Notice of Meetings

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING

(Official Ballot Voting)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

8:00AM - 6:00PM

James R. Morrill Building
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Elections of officers and voting on Zoning Ordinances

SECOND SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING

(Transaction of All Other Business)

Saturday, March 18, 2023

1:00PM

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4 Phil Blanchard

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

The people of this Town would be my top priority. We need to focus on making sure all residents have a voice. We must prioritize doing everything we can to make sure accurate information is disseminated thoroughly. We need to look at meeting schedules and ensure we are reaching as many residents as possible. The people of town should be our voice for decision making.

2. What are your thoughts about the Dean Memorial Airport and the new by-laws proposal?

As long as the airport remains a tax free entity I believe the board needs to support the system. Terminating the airport would cost the taxpayer hundreds of thousands of dollars. We need to press forward focusing on the positives the airport can offer. We must remain on point with future decisions regarding the airport. Too many decisions of the past are affecting today, we need to remain cognizant of how as board members we will mold the future of the town years to come.

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

The funding needs to be reviewed. I am in favor of fair funding for the services provided. We need to open up lines of communication and set a standard for the budget processes. We should not rely on a petitioned warrant article every year. Also, we need to wait for the court's decision on the matter as well. Should the court rule that Woodsville shall be funded through the town for certain services, it must remain fair and equitable. Not having the opportunity to review the budgets we will be asked to vote on puts everyone in a difficult position. We have all heard the word transparency in the recent years, voting on hundreds of thousands of dollars with only a bottom line figure is NOT transparent. Tax payers also need to be informed of what the money is actually spent on. All department heads in the town follow an extensive budget process, this needs to be across the board.

The voice of the people at the 2020 town meeting was for combining fire services. We have spent countless hours fighting over articles at town meetings because the vote passed, I would just like to remind everyone that the 2020 vote also passed, which would have settled one of these funding questions.

The discussion for consolidation needs to take place. We all need to remain open minded and remember we work for the taxpayers, providing the best service at the right price is always the goal.

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

I think this is the only form of government that makes sense. There is no way possible that any select board would be able to handle the amount of work it would take to operate the town. The town manager needs to manage the day to day operations. The select board provides oversight, trust but verify.

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

I am a lifelong resident of Haverhill. I love my community and I have served it since I was 16 years old. I will be open minded to all residents of our community. I have a proven track record of leadership in various roles in my adult life. I am ready to tackle the issues that mean most for our tax payers. Regardless of your vote, I encourage everyone to cast a ballot. I hope to see you all at the polls!



Richard "Dick" Guy

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

We should strengthen the things we all agree on and resolve the things we don't. The people of Haverhill should dictate the direction of the Town and the Selectboard should follow those directions. The TM, as the employee at the bottom of the hierarchy, should listen to the Selectboard and administer the business of the Town. That relationship seems to be upside down recently. I would work to find the right people to correct that relationship and do the Town's business properly and efficiently.

2. What are your thoughts about the Dean Memorial Airport and the new by-laws proposal?

I need to say that I learned to fly there nearly 20 years ago and am very fond of the facility. Long ago, the Haverhill voters accepted this large tract of land from the Dean family to situate an airport that was named in their honor. I think that the airport is a unique asset for the Town that sets us apart from others and has attracted a few businesses to the area. Since the start, the airport commission and the Townspeople believed that the airport should be self-funding using revenues from operations and funds from the NH DOT designated for airports. It was a tight squeeze and the commission often resorted to selling raffle tickets, etc to make ends meet. The current revenue stream is quite obscure now. I worry that the self-sustaining mantra might be gone and would like to see the airport get back to being self-sustaining.

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

I'll start with Fire departments. 20 years ago, the three Fire departments were owned, operated and paid for by their respective precincts. At the time, the Town provided some minor funding toward truck purchasing. About ten years ago, the selectboard moved to combine the funding such that everyone in Town paid for fire services. This plan was theoretically fair and reasonable but the Town was providing funding without any control over the expenses. I don't think this was abused but it isn't a fundamentally sound process. The concept of a Town wide service is reasonable if it can be properly implemented and so far it has not been. More discussion needs to be had and threats cannot be part of the process.

Highway funding is simpler to sort out. We have two highway departments in Haverhill. Just like Wells River and Newbury, Woodsville has a highway department independent of the Town's department. Village snow removal is more tedious to do including loading snow away from intersections, maintaining catch basins and underground storm water systems and much more. The issue that has been divisive is that there has been a line in the Town budget that says "Woodsville Hwy Reimbursement". Haverhill residents who live outside of Woodsville and get no services from the Woodsville highway department felt like they were subsidizing it. No one should have to pay for services that are not available to them. We all agree on that. By the same token, the Haverhill highway department does not supply any services into Woodsville so Woodsville folks should not have to pay for the Haverhill Highway department. But they are at considerable tax expense. Neither concept is fair and both concepts cause division. I propose that each entity should pay for their own highway department directly to eliminate the problem entirely. This can be done in the tax billings if the wheels of ill-will don't get involved. This also resolves the notion that one big department would be better because the folks served by the Haverhill department should be happy that they don't have to carry the large financial burden of the Woodsville system.

4. How do you see the Town Manager Form of Government working in Haverhill?

The Town Manager form of government is very practical. One step that the selectboard in 2019 missed was to investigate the background of the person selected as the new Town manager and that was most unfortunate. There are two candidates running together who support her and by extension support the continued arguments in Haverhill. They seem satisfied to let the courts create a winning and losing segment in our town and that just leads to another round of disputes. We need to resolve the issues behind the disputes (see previous answer) and not perpetuate the arguments that some seem to relish over the last 3 years.

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

My family home was in North Haverhill, I was a graduate of Haverhill Academy and am the longest serving EMS provider for the area. My current address is in Woodsville. I feel connected to the whole community and just as I did with my 12 years on the school board, I would serve on behalf of the whole community and not any other group. Understanding the perspectives of the whole town and using some of my existing skills at bringing people together on issues (although I never could bring the school "masking" issue to a close) I feel confident that we can be a solid Town working toward common goals again.



Joe Longacre

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

A top priority for me, as a Select Board member, would be to have better information on the governance in Haverhill Select Board and town administration. Residents should have full knowledge of all meetings and actions voted on and proposed by Select Board and discussions with Town Administration. This could be accomplished by posting meetings of Select Board meetings in the recently published newsletter, newspapers, and copies made available for the public on the table in James R. Merrill Building. The residents in the town of Haverhill need access and to be informed of Town Government.

2. What are your thoughts about the Dean Memorial Airport and the new by-laws proposal?

The recently passed Airport Zoning Commission negotiations had two public hearings by the Commission and Planning Board. Both hearings had less than a handful of residents attending. Both boards had hoped for a better attendance by residents to better understand the safety guidelines proposed by the Federal Air Agency. Many years ago the Town of Haverhill and Airport Commission elected to come under Federal regulations and guidelines for safety and improvements. By accepting this designation we are obligated to adhere to their stands of safety. We should continue to apply for grants to meet these safety issues and improvements.

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

I believe after recent reorganizations, the Fire Department in the Town of Haverhill is operating financially sound and saving tax dollars. They have a large roster of members who are obtaining training and working as a unified department. The Town of Haverhill Highway Department is fully staffed and working as an efficient department. I believe it would be helpful for the Road Agent to have a road committee to help in planning future improvements to our roads and ongoing maintenance. The Woodsville Fire District Fire Department could elect to become a member of Haverhill Fire Department. This would solve a lot of issues. However, the Woodsville Fire Department and Highway Department are both in litigation over funding from the Town of Haverhill. Until a decision is rendered on these two issues, we all have to wait the outcome.

4. How do you see the Town Manager Form of Government working in Haverhill?

I believe the Town Manager form of government is the right governance for Haverhill. With 4,500+ residents and constant legislative changes and regulations, a five member Select Board with an Administrative Assistant would not be sufficient to stay compliant. Haverhill has the added complexity of four precincts within it's borders requiring town and precincts all working together for the residents. I believe our current form of government can work and prosper but transparency and fairness must exist.

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

I am asking for your vote on March 14th because I believe my background as a business owner has given me good knowledge about how to work with people and get things accomplished. I believe my 47 years in business has taught me to treat people honest and fair. One does not stay in business treating people unfairly. My civic involvement on boards and associations has been a great learning experience on how to work and interact with people in a positive way. And lastly I enjoy living in this town with my wife, Margo, which brings me much happiness.



Steve Robbins

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

To continue the transparent accountability that we have been working towards, continue to do the work of the town in the public forum. To ensure that we maintain, balanced and audited accounts. and to begin the path toward economic growth.

2. What are your thoughts about the Dean Memorial Airport and the new by-laws proposal?

I feel the town should vote to adopt the by-laws. I am also happy to say that we have the airport spending listed on a separate sheet in the town report for voters to see that it does stand on its own and takes no property tax money to operate.

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

Haverhill has a Fire, and Highway department they are here to stay. Woodsville has a district which was formed in the 1800s with special purposes, 2 of which are fire and highways, it was their decision to form these departments, it will be their decision what to do with them for the long term.

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

The Town Manager form of government works best for Haverhill, this form of government gives the selectboard a single employee, and other employees and departments fall to the supervision of the TM, a change away from this form of government would require the board to be essentially managing day to day operations, which would be far too time consuming in a town of our size.

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

I am at the end of a three year term, my first two were quite different in that I feel like board members were working outside of our meetings, and the majority of decisions were made prior to the issues making the table, and those board members at the time had a direction that was not consistent with the direction of the current board, and frankly the majority of the voters as was clear in the changes to the board. In the past year, we have been conducting our business solely at meetings. In doing this, we have been accused of targeting our Town Manager, which is not true, we are publicly doing our jobs of holding the administration accountable, and having a larger roll in the decision making of the town. This has been difficult to make these changes, public opinion varies greatly, there is a group that has asked, "do you work for the TM or does she work for you" and the group that states, "you are harassing the TM, let her do her job", when ultimately the buck stops at the board, so we are trying to find this balance, in public, at our meetings. One area that we have struggled with is setting goals for the TM, it has never been done according to contract since I have been on the board, but we have worked hard to get that done, and I think that we have done a fine job getting to the final product. We led the way through a crisis with the DRA which shows that when times are tough we were there to do well, again scrutinized by a group, but the job was done and the tax bills were sent out. I have had to step in as chair in the past couple of months, although not perfect, I have shown my ability to lead the meetings and complete our work, I led the board to change the format of our meetings to be able to better plan and conduct our meetings. I will not take a lot more space, so I will close with saying that this board has been unfairly attacked by a group of citizens continuously as a board, and individually, to the point of trying to effect my personal retirement, and falsely accusing us individually of crimes, I have remained consistent and fair to the town of Haverhill in my votes, and leadership to do the right things for the TOWN. My voting record stands clear that I am a supporter of having districts, but will always vote for what is best for the town as a whole. I would appreciate your vote to continue the work that we are doing.

Editor's Notes: All five candidates were asked the same questions and asked to limit answers to 600 words. Some were wordier than others. Due to length the final paragraph was stricken from Richard Guy.

We thank these fine sponsors for helping to publish this important information. Be sure to vote, March 14.



Vickie Wyman

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

I think everyone's top priorities should be listening without prejudice, asking questions, communication, transparency, accountability and working together to meet the goals of all of Haverhill. I hope we achieve unity and transparency whether I am elected to the board or whether others fill the vacancies.

2. What are your thoughts about the Dean Memorial Airport and the new by-laws proposal?

The Airport serves few and is an enterprise which is completely self funded according to conversations with the Town Manager. I personally still have so many questions about how the enterprise works, how monies are accounted for and where they come from. In reference to the updated zoning regulations, the way I understand things, if the regulations are not approved by town vote, it will be adopted because of federal guidance, which really takes it out of the voters hands.

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

The Woodsville and Haverhill Highway Departments should be paying for their own services. If that was clear, then we likely wouldn't see any petitioned articles to fund the Woodsville Precinct Highway Department. Equitable sharing of revenue and more cooperation between the two departments would be my goals as well. Regarding the fire service, I am all in favor of more cooperation on all levels. The goal of having one fire department was missed as Haverhill still has two departments. I would be in favor of continued discussion to see what it would take to have all firefighters working together and to mend some hard feelings that may have happened through what I believed was a forced merger of North Haverhill and Haverhill Corner fire departments.

4. How do you see the Town Manager Form of Government working in Haverhill?

I feel there is and has been a lot of tunnel vision which has caused so much angst within the community. I understand why the town chose to go with the Town Manager Form of Government when they did. However, I feel that with a 5 member Select Board, the town could benefit from having a Town Administrator vs. Town Manager. In my opinion, the Town Manager of Government takes too much control away from the governing body who are voted in to represent the people of the town. I'm not saying the Town Manager Form of Government can't or doesn't work, I'm simply saying there is another option that could work as well

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

It is time for someone to stand up and be a voice for everyone, without the fear of intimidation or retaliation. I feel I can be that voice and will stand up for all of Haverhill understanding we can't always agree, however we can be adults, agree to disagree, and work together to do what is best for Haverhill. Over the last 38yrs my career choices have been about advocacy, whether for patients or real estate clients. I understand everyone's needs are different, I listen without prejudice and work hard for the people I represent. I advocate and negotiate for those who can't, don't understand how to, or are afraid because there may be fallbacks or repercussions. I work with attorneys and contracts everyday and understand processes and legalities and although my experience in the real estate business may be different from municipal business, I feel these experiences will benefit the town as we look forward.




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NGCRC Monthly Meeting

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee (NGCRC) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Littleton Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton, NH 03561 at 6:00 pm for our Social ½ Hour and at 6:30 pm for our Business Meeting.

The guest speaker is NH GOP Chairman, Chris

Ager.

Registered Republicans and like-minded Conservatives are invited to attend.

Contact: Nick De Mayo, M. Ed., NGCRC Chairman at nicknicd@roadrunner.com; or Alice Arazny, Secretary at alicearazny@gmail.com.

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Warrant Article to Remove Haverhill's Town Manager

Op-ed by
Ron Willoughby
Haverhill

There will be a warrant article that will come before the voters at the annual town meeting to remove Haverhill's Town Manager, Brigitte Codling. For the sake of our Town, please attend the Town Meeting on Saturday March 18th at 1:00pm and vote NO on this article. Read on!

I have observed Brigitte's performance over the past four years and can unequivocally say, Brigitte is a workaholic who has promoted, supported, fought for, and improved our town in a multitude of ways. Notice that I said our "town." She does not favor any one area of town over the others. The movement to remove her is led by a handful of people who live in Woodsville. She did not create their problems- they created their own, and got caught. She is a mover and a shaker, not just another "good old boy." Her array of accomplishments is impressive, including obtaining nearly \$2,000,000 in grants over the past few years, for a variety of things our town has desperately needed, at no cost to taxpayers. She has done this, with grit and grace, even though she has been subjected to threats, insults, negativity, and disparaging remarks that have been unmentionably vulgar.

It is doubtful that the vast majority of residents are familiar with the positive things that she has done. This is due to a couple of things. First, is apathy on the part of most citizens who choose not to become involved and/or choose not to stay informed. Second, is due to the attempt by the current Selectboard to muzzle her. At this point, our Town Manager is simply not allowed to openly communicate with residents any more. Transparency is clearly no longer valued or supported by this board. This current Selectboard even went so far as to try and put through a "public relations policy", but luckily they were thwarted by RSA 98-E (a State Statute), which gives public employees the right to speak and voice their

opinions; and by the press who came out in protest against the board's proposed "public relations policy" stating it would limit free speech as well as limit public access to the inner workings of local government.

Our Selectboard has done everything possible to intimidate the Town Manager into conforming to their "position" on nearly everything. This Woodsville controlled board even restricts and controls what is placed on the Town's Official Facebook page. They have demanded that posts be removed from Facebook if they appear to "point fingers" at the Woodsville District; and they have even stated that nothing can be provided to the public unless it has been approved by the Selectboard first. So, it is no wonder that most citizens are unaware of the Selectboard's activities, or what Brigitte has accomplished.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and capable public servant at the helm. There is an old saying that you never appreciate what you have until you lose it, and if our Town Manager leaves us, we will understand that quip all too well. In addition, should the current Selectboard do something stupid, like firing our Town Manager out of spite, it will cost Haverhill taxpayers major money that could easily reach seven figures, in addition to legal fees.

Let's look at some of the things that she has done for the Town over the past four years:

- Acquired a \$1,000,000 grant for broadband to bring internet to residents that don't have any.
- Secured a quality contractor to build that broadband network to residents without it.
- Mitigated resident issues and property liability claims caused by the past road agent.
- Ensured that FEMA funding for the Clark Pond Road bridge was not lost, and got the bridge built.
- Ensured that funding for a Warm Zone grant was not lost due to a lack of reporting by the past Health Officer.
- Overhauled the highway budget, eliminating waste, and putting tax dollars to better use.

- Found that the Town was losing nearly \$65,000 a year on the Woodsville District's pool.

- Overhauled business processes to ensure that residents are receiving the services they deserve.

- Refined roles & responsibilities, set clear expectations, and started holding employees accountable.

- Worked to ensure that the Haverhill Police Department is fully staffed with quality officers.

- Secured a \$220,000 Safe Streets for All Grant to implement a Safety Action Plan for roadway safety.

- Working with the Welfare Administrator, AHEAD, and others on affordable housing in Haverhill.

- Ensured that the Sewer System & Airport are self-funded enterprises, not supported by tax dollars.

- Worked with her staff to eliminate a methamphetamine production site in the Woodsville District.

- Had two large dilapidated structures in the Woodsville District removed, improving those areas.

- Cleaned up the property on County Road, cleared the debris, eliminating community blight.

- Created a Maintenance Department and staffed it with employees skilled in facilities maintenance.

- Worked to improve the condition of nearly every facility the Town owns.

- Implemented 10-year capital improvement plans for all departments.

- Mitigated long standing safety issues at the Dean Memorial Airport.

- Facilitated the consolidation of fire stations, saving tax dollars and improving operations.

- Formalized the management of the Town's parks & trails by the (now) Parks & Recreation Department.

- Supported the expansion of programming by the Parks & Recreation Department.

- And the list goes on

No official can please everyone. However, if you look at the whole array of accomplishments, you would have to conclude that her accomplishments are exemplary.

Pesticide Safety Education Program: Initial Certification Training

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Pesticide Safety Education Program offers training to prepare prospective applicators for the private and commercial applicator certification exams. This in-person training will be held over the course of two days. In addition, March 31 has been reserved for private applicators looking to test upon completion of the training.

The meeting location for all sessions will be: UNH Extension, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH.

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Open Letter to Haverhill, NH Voters

*Respectfully, submitted by
Vickie L Wyman
North Haverhill, NH*

The rumor mill of small town politics is truly getting out of hand! It is disheartening to hear and see the text messages mischaracterizing what I have said and done, calling me names or making false accusations. If anyone has questions about what I have said and done, I would appreciate being asked directly. Have the courage to ask me rather than spread rumors that are flat out untrue. Despite what you may have heard on the rumor mill, I promise you that I have not spread any untruths about ANY candidate, period. Again, if anyone has questions about that please have the courage to contact me directly and certainly don't continue spreading untruths or confront my partner -- he is not a candidate. It is very sad that many of the people who are accusing me of being disrespectful are hypocritical. They say people need to be kind to one another, but are doing exactly the opposite. Furthermore, placement of campaign signs seems to be an issue! Campaign signs are placed with owners' permission and no one should be texting or cal-

ling a land owner because they have signs of more than one candidate! That is their right as a private property owner! It doesn't necessarily mean they are supporting one candidate over the other, it means they have given permission for the sign to be there regardless of who they may or may not support!

Regarding another matter, I did not pen the petition to remove the town manager. I am aware of the petition and I have witnessed individuals sign it. I didn't go door-to-door seeking signatures. I have no personal opinion about the town manager. However, when it comes to our town, I believe she is the cause of much dissension over the last three years. I have also witnessed an apparent lack of trust between the selectboard and the town administration as well as what appears to be repeated insubordination by the town manager. Because of that, I support terminating the town manager's contract. Short of

that, we need to find the root of the unhappiness with the current administration and fix it.

There shouldn't be an "us versus them" mentality and the loudest voices with the biggest signs trying to drown out the others. Haverhill is unique in that it has precincts that accommodate particular needs and desires of residents who live within them. That feature of our community needs to be preserved and respected while we work together for the betterment of the greater town in which we live. These are my opinions, opinions that differ from many, however we all have a right to our opinions and should be able to disagree without spreading LIES or attacking people because they don't feel as you do! I sincerely hope all Haverhill voters will take time to listen, ask questions and be a voice without the fear of those that disagree drowning you out because they are louder. Every voice matters.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7

VERMONT TOWN MEETING DAY

WOODSVILLE WELLS RIVER 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM

Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING -

6:00 PM

4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

ACT'S WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location to be Announced

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

DONKEY BASKETBALL

See Ad on Page 8

Community Building, Woodsville

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6:00 PM

Fairlee Town Hall

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6:30 - 9:00 PM

Horse Meadow Senior Center, No. Haverhill

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

ROSS-WOOD AUXILIARY UNIT #20 MEETING

6:00 PM

4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

HAVERRILL SELECT BOARD MEETING

6:00 PM

Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN MEETING DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

ST PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

7:00 PM - Midnight See Ad on Page 8

American Legion Post #20, Woodsville

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

HAVERRILL SCHOOL & TOWN MEETINGS

9:00 AM School - 1:00 PM Town

Haverill Cooperative Middle School

See Ad on Page 3

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 BIRTHDAY

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM See Ad on Page 14

4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

NGCRC MONTHLY MEETING

6:00 PM See Article on Page 6

Littleton Senior Center

COVERED BRIDGES OF NH

7:00 - 8:30 PM See Article on Page 1

Fox Forest's Environmental Crr., Hillsborough.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

SWEET ON MAPLE

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Mount Cabot Maple Farm, Lancaster

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

BLACK BEARS & HUMANS

7:00 - 8:30 PM See Article on Page 1

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Not all Times are Trendy, but there will always be Trendy Times

Haverhill Residents Please Vote

Town Records In Disarray

I am against the operating budget because it appears there is little fiscal responsibility. Last audit completed for the Town of Haverhill stated that approximately \$7800 was unaccounted for. Money was exchanged between so many different town accounts that it is very hard to keep track of finances. We are still running behind on state-mandated audits. If you paid your taxes ahead and overpaid due to the mess with NH DRA, if you look up your tax bill online and you know you overpaid, there will be no credit for said overpay. Why didn't the town notify taxpayers that overpaid?

Warrant Article on Town Manager

There is a warrant article requesting that the selectboard consider terminating the employment of the Town Manager. If this warrant article passes, will the Selectboard follow the will of the voters? If this warrant article fails, will people stop attacking the Town Manager and follow the will of the people?

Merging of Precincts Into a Single Town

It requires a majority vote of each individual Precinct to abandon the Precinct status. To have a single Town, all Precincts must vote yes in order to merge. There has been zero analysis of feasibility, costs, benefits, consequences, and legality by any external party regarding the merger. There should be a commission where each Precinct appoints one representative for a feasibility study. It should not be an elected official.

Who Should Run for Selectman?

Should people be able to run for Selectman if they are currently being paid by the Town as a Fire Chief when there is a potential conflict of interest when it comes to merging our fire departments? Once again, there has not been a feasibility study done for the merger. Each fire district should appoint one representative for a commission for a feasibility study. Mergers will eventually have to happen and I am not against the merger; I want to make sure that all aspects of a merger are considered prior to doing it.

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JERSEY BOYS

The Tony-winning musical phenomenon that takes you behind the scenes — and behind the music — of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Plays June 9 - 18.

STONES IN HIS POCKETS

The hilarious and poignant story of an Irish Village turned upside down by the arrival of an American film crew. Jorge Donoso and Ethan Paulini play 15 characters in the Olivier Award-winner for Best Comedy! Plays in al-



ternating repertory June 28 - July 22.

HONKY TONK LAUNDRY

Wash your cares away with this engaging jukebox musical starring Shinnerrie Jackson and Marisa Kirby full of country favorites from Dolly Parton, Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Patsy Cline and more! Plays in alternating repertory July 3 - August 3.

METEOR SHOWER

From the legendary Steve Martin comes a surprising new comedy with an offbeat and absurdist look at the comic anxiety lurking just beneath the surface of modern marriage set against the backdrop of a once-in-a-lifetime meteor shower. Plays in alternating repertory July 14 - August 18.

SKELETON CREW

Nominated for the 2022 Tony for Best Play, Dominique Morisseau's powerful and tense play focuses on a makeshift family of workers at the last exporting auto plant in the city navigate the possibility of foreclosure. Power dynamics shift and they are pushed to the limits of survival. Plays in alternating repertory July 27 - August 26.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Two con men, an alluring woman, and the French elite collide in this sexy and irreverent Tony nominated musical farce based on the 1988 Michael Caine and Steve Martin film. Stars Robert H. Fowler. Plays in alternating repertory August 10 - August 31.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Shakespeare returns to the Weathervane mainstage for the first time in decades with A Midsummer Night's Dream! When magical, mischief-maker Puck gets ahold of a love potion, he sets in motion all the comical antics that arise from four young lovers' adventure

through the woods. Plays in alternating repertory August 22 - October 5.

MAMMA MIA!

The ultimate feel-good mega-hit musical about a daughter's dream ... a mother's secret ... and an unforgettable trip down the aisle is packed with non-stop laughs, explosive dance numbers, and 22 ABBA hits. Plays in alternating repertory September 3 - October 7.

GUYS & DOLLS

Hailed as the perfect musical comedy with a legendary score, this Tony-winning favorite follows a colorful bunch of gamblers, gangsters, and showgirls in a wild game of chance and romance in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City. Plays in alternating repertory September 20 - October 8.

PRIMARY

Dwindling town residents in Northern New Hampshire are thrilled when a new family moves in, thus ensuring their famed "midnight primary" can continue. But where the primary is concerned, nothing is sure! A world premiere comedy by Kelly Strandemo, commissioned by Weathervane Theatre. Plays October 11 - 14.

Previously announced 2023 titles Sweet Charity, Trouble in Mind, In the Heights, and Kiss of the Spider Woman have been moved to 2024.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

After the 1863 National Banking Act became law, Lincoln said, "it causes me to tremble for the safety of my country, corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption will follow and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong it's reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands."

Thomas Jefferson said, "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issuance of their currencies, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of their prosperity until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

Jefferson also said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

William,

I'm afraid I fall into the group of people who have not studied the constitution of this great country. But I also do not see the residents of this country, or actually any other country, only using gold and silver coins.

Many things have changed since the writers of the Constitution put pen to paper. Very possibly they are not all good. But they are also all not bad. Change is inevitable. It happens every day in one form or another.

One thing that has not changed is that the American people still hold the right to vote for the person of our choice. From the local level to the President of the United States, we still have the final word. Be sure you use it.

Gary Scruton, Editor

I have had lawyers confirm that "Our" government operates under the Uniform Commercial Code and is under "Defacto" status. A Blacks Law Dictionary I found at the Littleton Library in 1996 defined Defacto: concerning government, "usurped power, through the threat of force, under the color of law, what appears to be law but isn't."

I took an oath to the Constitution in 1967 when I went into the Armed Forces and unlike most people I have read and studied that document.

Article I, Section 10: paragraph one says ... "No state shall make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts."

There is no Ammendment to remove the gold and silver coin. They, the money changers, stole the gold through a fraudulent contract with the "alleged" Federal Reserve.

William Fick, Barnet, VT

Letter to the Editor: China and Biden

To the Editor,

We have seen the Chinese balloon incident ending with us shooting it down after it sailed across our entire country. Why did the Biden administration wait for the balloon to sail clear across our country gathering information? They could've shot it down before it hit our west coast. We have intercepted Russian jets immediately when they entered our air space in the past. Why not an immediate response to this balloon? That balloon was found to be carrying spy equipment. It could have carried bio-weapons. Yet we let it sail clear across our country. Why?

Soon after, we shot down 3 unidentified objects in Alaska and Canada. There were no descriptions of them at all. Then we eventually heard the following statements from Biden: We don't yet know what these three objects were, but nothing right now suggests they were related to China's spy balloon program or that they were surveillance vehicles from any

Alex,

I will address your last point first. As is true with most publication Trendy Times does not publish Letters to the Editor without knowing where the letter came from. But we are certainly willing to publish (and answer) letters from either side of the political aisle.

In regards to President Biden and his relationship with China. History tells me that every president of the US has been different. Meaning that each president has his

other country," And secondly, "These three objects were most likely balloons tied to private companies, recreation or research institutions studying weather or conducting other scientific research,".

One would think that the private companies would have alerted someone before sending them up and or respond after they were shot down. Especially in light of the first one being shot down. And think about Biden's first statement: "We don't yet know what these objects were..." They couldn't identify a balloon? The whole thing makes no sense at all. Now China has bought 192,000 acres of farmland in our country and recently wanted to buy land right near our military base in North Dakota. Also, there was actually a Communist Chinese police station in New York City that basically harassed Communist China dissidents. Our FBI closed it down. This is unbelievably true—research it on your own if you do not believe me. In addition, there was an

anonymous Chinese source that donated over 54 million dollars to the University of Pennsylvania after the Biden Center was opened there as well. Why? Needless to say, there is something going on behind the scenes with Biden and the Chinese, and it does not look good for America at all.

At this point, I want to address the person who sends anonymous derogatory mail to my friend and I when we write letters into the newspapers. This person will never say his name or write a return address on his letters. Well "unknown person", I just throw your garbage away in the trash where it belongs. I don't bother opening them. As I said before in an LTE, why don't you write intelligent letters with your own point of view on things to the letter forums? We ALL have this freedom of speech. There is nothing to be afraid of.

Alex Foryan Landaff, NH

own relationships that were formed before becoming President. Often they are vastly different from the preceding or subsequent president. Does that make them wrong, or right? Probably not. Every president works from a differen point, whether it is by personal knowledge or institutional knowledge. I must also say that I fear we the people never hear all there is to be heard. And probably rightly so.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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If you're getting closer to retirement, you might be thinking more about Social Security. Specifically, can you count on it to contribute part of the income you'll need as a retiree?

There's been an increase in alarming language surrounding the solvency of Social Security, but in reality, its prospects are not nearly as gloomy as you might have heard.

Here's the story: Under current law, Social Security is estimated to exhaust its trust funds by 2035, after which benefits could be cut by 20%, according to the 2022 Social Security Trustees report. However, the large cost of living adjustment (COLA) (8.7%) for 2023 could cause the trust funds to use up their resources sooner.

But this outlook may represent a worst-case scenario. For

\$147,000 in 2022 to \$160,200 in 2023. And in looking down the road, further increases in this earnings cap may also help reduce the gap in the trust funds. Increasing the payroll tax is another possibility for boosting funding to Social Security.

And here's a political reality: Social Security is a popular program and it's unlikely that any future Congress wants to be blamed for reducing benefits. Of course, there are no guarantees, but it seems fair to say that you can reasonably expect some benefits from Social Security when you retire.

But perhaps the bigger issue is just how much you should depend on Social Security for your retirement income. On average, Social Security benefits will provide about 30% of a beneficiary's preretirement earnings, according to the Social Security Administration. But the higher your earnings before you retire, the lower the percentage that will be replaced by Social Security.

Still, you'll want to maximize the benefits that are available to you — and that means deciding when to start taking Social Security. You can begin as early as 62, but your monthly payments could be as much as 30% lower than your normal (or "full") retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67.

Even if you were to wait until your full retirement age before collecting Social Security, you'll also need to draw on other sources of funding. So, while you are still working, it's a good idea to keep contributing to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

The amount you contribute should depend on your overall financial strategy and your financial needs, so, for example, you probably shouldn't put in so much into your retirement accounts that you feel significant stress in your monthly cash flow. But when you do get a chance to invest more in these accounts, such as when your salary goes up, you may want to take advantage of the opportunity.

Ultimately, you should be able to count on Social Security as part of your retirement income. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine when taking Social Security makes the most sense for you and how you can also get the most from your other retirement accounts. You'll want a retirement income strategy that's built for the long run.

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one thing, the cost of the 2023 COLA will be somewhat offset by higher taxes on workers contributing to Social Security. The maximum amount of earnings subject to the 6.2% Social Security tax jumped from

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Letter to the Editor: BMU Budget Vote

To the Editor:

The BMU budget vote is about to take place, and I still have not received the BMU Annual Report for 2022. I did get a glossy BMU brochure but what it contained could hardly be called a report. Thinking my understanding of what a report is, might have changed so I went to a dictionary, and it said, "noun - an account or statement describing in detail an event, situation, or the like." I didn't see any detail and I certainly don't know how the school is functioning. I don't even know how many students from Wells River (or Ryegate, Groton or elsewhere for that matter) are attending BMU. No report about Riverbend, or BMU students numbers. No table of contents, no previous year's annual meeting minutes, no votes tallies, no sample ballot, and no voter instructions.

Richard,

Information given to the electorate at any level is a vital portion of the entire system by which we govern ourselves. Without all of the information available the electorate, whether it be individual voters, or a select board, or a state legislature, those making decisions may very well make an incorrect decision.

No listing of staff, no staff salaries, no OESU report and therefore no way of knowing if we are getting our money's worth from OESU. (I'll leave it at that) No way to contact the school administration, the OESU or our school board members. I could go on, but I won't.

Ostensibly I have heard this was to save money, however just sending a post card with the voting date, time, location and budget amount could have saved even more money. Not much more was in the circular we were sent. The other thing that bothers me about this new and NOT improved mailing is: the voters and taxpayers were not asked what we wanted. I agree the previous reports probably had more information than needed but according to Vermont State Statutes On-line, 16 V.S.A. § 751 and subdivision

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The BMU residents and voters deserve better. Something between what was presented prior to 2021 and what has been presented these past two years and also meets the statutory requirements is the type of report we should be getting.

Richard M Roderick
Wells River, Vermont

There is also a concern by those offering information that too much is not good. Information that they feel is not necessary to make a decision can be left out without malice, but in the end could be a mistake.

It is a balancing act that has a point that can move depending on public input as well as by those in charge.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: Landaff Select Board

To the Editor,

Landaff, NH has only one good choice for Select Board.

What does it take to be a good member of a town's select board? It takes knowledge of the town, its people, its problems, and its potential. It takes a background that includes years of service to the community, a demonstrated love of the town, and the respect of the people who live there. It takes grit, a strong will, and a vision for the future.

For the town of Landaff, it takes Mary Beaudin.

Mary has lived in our town for almost 36 years and has contributed greatly to this wonderful village in the mountains. She has served on the Landaff school board for 15 years and has coordinated Landaff's hugely successful yearly Old Home Day celebration dinner for more than 10 years. Proceeds

Rachael,

I will admit to knowing nothing about the two candidates you refer to that are running for the seat of Select Board Member in Landaff. I do know that any Select Board member should possess plenty of knowledge as well as the ability to listen, learn and then

from this dinner were always split between our volunteer fire department and our own Blue School, a one room schoolhouse that has educated residents and their children since 1858. The money she raised for the school has gone to such things as buying snowshoes for the kids, funding field trips, and expanding school facilities - all without raising taxes in the town one single cent.

Mary, a retired high school English teacher who was well-loved and highly respected by her students, helped start and design the town's website and continues to update it as directed by the town's Select Board through the years, including posting minutes from all the Select Board's meetings.

Mary Beaudin knows this town from the inside out.

Her opponent has lived in Landaff for a few short

years and told the town's Zoning Board of Adjustments at a meeting recently that we should increase lot sizes for building new dwellings, changing the very nature of the beauty of pastoral little town. He also asked at a Select Board meeting (seen in Select Board meeting notes) if there was any way to keep young people from moving to town because they "cost us in taxes". One of our current Select Board members told him that "towns die without the influx of younger people", as we all clearly know.

If you live in Landaff, love the charm of our little town, and want a Select Board member who has continually demonstrated her desire to make the town even better, vote for Mary Beaudin for Select Board member in March.

Rachael Booth
Landaff, NH

make a good decision for the town as a whole.

Town Meeting Day in Landaff is Tuesday, March 14 with voting during the day (last year's hours were 11 am - 7 pm) the deliberative session beginning at 7 PM.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: Selectboard

Elections in Haverhill, March 14

To the Editor,

Voters have a clear choice in the voting for two Selectboard members this year. On one side, you have the Woodsville candidates. This group includes Steve Robbins, who currently serves on the Board. This is the same person who, in spite of his campaign statements, has been anything but transparent, cooperative, and conciliatory. There have been secret meetings, private emails, litigation against our town and ongoing attempts to exclude involvement in town affairs. You also have Dick Guy, who stated in his campaign ads that some people have said that he "had been known to bring people together." Really? Finally, there is Ms. Wyman, who consistently supports the Woodsville position. They are probably all good people, but they have taken, and would continue to take the Town in the wrong direction.

So, if you like the dis-sentiment, name calling, polarization, secrecy, lawsuits and having a Selectboard

Ron,

I can not echo your sentiments enough about getting out to vote. The polls for election of two Selectboard members will take place on Tuesday, March 14 from 8 am until 6 pm at the Morrill Municipal Building in North Haverhill.

But also let me remind our residents that Saturday, March 18 is another opportunity to see your vote count. This will be the annual town meeting session where the voters of Haverhill will go thru more than 30 articles in total to set the path for the coming year. This is the time when you can stand up and be heard, or simply sit quietly and cast your vote when appropriate.

Gary Scruton, Editor

that puts precinct matters above town matters, (as you have seen in the last few years), then these are your candidates.

On the other side, you have two new faces - Joe Longacre and Phil Blanchard. These two men agreed to run solely because they felt that something had to be done to change the direction in which the Town has been taken for the past few years. They are in the race for altruistic reasons - simply to do what is right for our Town - the whole Town! They do not have an agenda, and they will uphold their oath to serve the whole Town, and not just one part of it. Their campaign posters say it all - One Town, One Goal.

It is vitally important that you vote. The future direction of our town hangs in the balance. Woodsville, with just over twenty per cent of the residents, out votes the rest of the town. Every vote counts. If you do not vote, you are part of the problem - not the solution.

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Magic Fingers

by Maggie Anderson

I was in awe of the steady clacking of the needles and Mrs. Ralston's ability to multitask. She could rock a sleeping baby's cradle with one foot, and keep her knitting needles clacking at the pace of a locomotive crossing through half the cornfields in Kansas, all the while weaving stories into her work without breaking her rhythm.

In our congregation there was not a baby unswaddled, or a woman without the warmth of one of Mrs. Ralston's hand knit sweaters to discourage the bracing cold of New Hampshire's winters.

Mrs. Ralston was my Sunday school teacher when I was 7 years old, and from the first moment I saw her at her knitting I vowed I would get her to teach me.

After what seemed like forever, my pleading paid off and Mrs. Ralston promised to teach me to knit. She showed up early one Sunday morning holding a ball of yarn and a pair of translucent plastic knitting needles, the color so like amber I half expected to find a prehistoric mosquito encased in one of them.

She handed me the amber needles and the little ball of yarn, sat down on a pew, patted the spot next to her, dug her knitting from the bowels of the ever-present knitting bag, and said, "Now sit down

and pay attention." I could already hear my amber needles clacking steadily along.

As it turned out I was able to go to Japan this past November, for the first time after a 3 year forced hiatus.

After the purring, the oohing, and the giggles faded away, we teddy bear artists packed up our furry creations and bid one another sayonara until the next convention.

My play time in the city does not begin until the last box of tiny bears is squeezed into the last empty corner of my suitcase. This trip, my first destination was my favorite paper store.

The 3-story building has a museum and a space for classes on the ground level. The paper factory fills the third. If you're lucky when you visit, on the second floor you'll find a kindly octogenarian settled in behind a semi-circular table magically turning scraps of paper into origami figures. He breathes a steady breeze of stories about his factory, his family, and his craft. The whole time he's conjuring enchanting tales there's a rustle and crunch of paper being folded into submission.

Every time I visit him I am reminded of Mrs. Ralston and think to myself she may have come back disguised as an ancient origami wizard.

Thank You, Haverhill!

Op-Ed by
Douglass Teschner

In 1988, I had the honor to be elected to the NH House of Representatives representing Haverhill and surrounding communities. I served for six terms and, in 1998, gave a speech on the House floor that included these words: "There is a great Native American saying, 'The first thing you need to do in life is to find a sacred space to live.' I chose to live in Pike, a village in the Town of Haverhill, a beautiful area where Connecticut River dairy farms bump up against the White Mountains."

But now, the times they are a changing (as observed by my favorite musician Bob Dylan), and my wife Marte and I are transitioning to a senior condo in West Lebanon.

I promote embracing change in my leadership workshops and columns in the New Hampshire Business Review and am getting a big dose of my own medicine! Emptying the Pike house we have owned for 36 years has been a long and at times painful process, trying to decide what to keep and what to leave behind. But I am confident the result will be worth it. I am also excited that some of my possessions will be archived with the State of NH, Appalachian Mt Club, Peace Corps, at the University of Vermont herbarium, among others locations. Very soon, there will be an estate sale for people interested in what we are leaving behind.

As I reflect on my life in Haverhill, I recall many memories.

In 1981, I came back, working for John Wolter as wilderness director for Becket Academy, a Connecticut school which had a farm and bunkhouse in Pike. In 1982 and newly married, Marte and I moved up year-round. In 1986, we bought our house in Pike where we raised our boys Ben and Luke. They both graduated from Woodsville High School, went on to earn advanced degrees, and today they have their own families and successful careers. I later worked overseas in Africa and Ukraine for 12 years, but we kept the Pike house and it was always a blessing to come back home.

I don't think I would enjoy serving as an elected official today, however. Polarization, rancor, and just plain nastiness plague our political life, which is why I volun-

teer with Braver Angels (braverangels.org), a national citizens movement bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

I have been thinking a lot about the divisions and discontent in Haverhill. To some degree, this is nothing new – as a newcomer to town in the 1980s, I quickly noted the disconnect between Woodsville and Haverhill Corner that, I eventually learned, goes back to when the town had two high schools.

Pulling together as one town is needed and was one of the recommendations in the report of the HEEC (Haverhill Entrepreneurial Encouragement Committee) on which I served. But the way our town manager and others have gone about it has only made the problems worse. Trust and teamwork have seriously eroded, but it is vital that folks on all sides sit down in good faith to find solutions. By embracing respect and dignity for all, as well as an assumption that everyone has good intentions, there can be vigorous policy differences without demonizing those on the other side.

In Braver Angels, we envision an America with respectful embrace of political disagreements, where civic friendship flourishes and competing perspectives strengthen our nation. Embracing values of respect, humility, honesty, and responsible citizenship, our goal is not to change people's views of issues, but to change their views of each other.

My political mentor Ray Burton used to share a handout with wise words from long ago on how to help your town, including being friendly with everyone and cheering on people who want to make improvements. Alternatively, the article goes on, ways to injure your town include refusing, "to see the merit in any scheme that does not directly benefit you" as well as discrediting the motives of publicly-spirited people.

I think a lot about Ray and others who have passed like Jim Walker, Gene Puffer, and Wayne Fortier. Will future generations live up to what these people gave our communities? While I won't be voting in Haverhill any more, I hope and pray that the town can find ways to pull together and create a better future for children and future generations.

I also note with sad-

ness that the rich agricultural heritage that defined the character and economy of Haverhill has been in decline. When I moved to town, Haverhill led the state in the number of dairy farms. Today, family farms are largely a dying breed as the economics of agriculture have dramatically changed in recent years. I feel a deep sadness for future generations who will not have as much opportunity to make a living off the land and experience the lifestyle and pride that go with it.

With a low tax base, Haverhill has always had its challenges, but there are also opportunities. On the plus side, the immense beauty and affordable land create potential for more tourism and other businesses. In our 2019 report, the HEEC started with the Peter Drucker quote "The only policy likely to succeed is to try to make the future," and went on to make some concrete recommendations including:

- A more proactive, business-friendly town government with a strategic marketing plan that promotes the town as a whole
- Greater collaboration between the selectboard and school board
- Strengthening relationships between Haverhill schools and businesses with expanded opportunities for workforce and vocational education
- Mentoring and training for future business and town leaders
- More study of ways that other towns, such as Littleton, have expanded their taxbase and created employment opportunities.

We each have an extraordinary opportunity to make a difference in people's lives, including our own. Don't underestimate your impact!

Despite many challenges, Haverhill has many outstanding qualities and wonderful people. I will miss, too, the incredible view from North Haverhill and easy access to favorite hiking trails on Black Mt and Moosilauke. The good news is that we are not far away and will continue to visit to see friends and connect with the town's special character.

Thank you, Haverhill! You enriched my life in so many ways and I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,
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A Hip Story

by Elinor Mawson

Carol was a colleague of mine who was kind of flighty in a lot of ways. At one point she needed a hip replacement, and took some time off from her job to have it done.

After she had recovered and when summer came, she decided to go to California to visit some family, and drove her Honda -- with 260,000 original miles on it -- to get there.

After a few weeks of visiting and hanging out with her sons, she decided it was time to go home. She packed her bags, got into the aforementioned Honda and started off.

When she got to Wyoming, it was time for a break. She checked into a motel and thought she would take a shower and get some sleep, even though it was the middle of the afternoon.

Shower taken, she got out her razor and started shaving her legs; when she bent over, out of its socket came her new hip!

Since she was nude, she had to think awhile before deciding to call for help. A few shouts of "Help" didn't result in any responses. Eventually, a Mexican-American who was going by her window heard her; she asked him to call 911, which he did.

It took awhile, but in time the EMT's came to her door. Carol was still nude, but fortunately the

first person in the room was a woman who apprised the situation and found something for Carol to put on and be "decent". She was transported to the local hospital.

After waiting for a length of time, she looked up to see a sight that defied description! There, in the doorway was a man dressed from head to toe as a cowboy. Ten gallon hat, fringed shirt, huge belt buckle, fringed pants, and the fanciest cowboy boots she had ever set eyes on!

"Who are you?" she gasped.

"I'm your doctor!" he replied.

"Are you board certified?" she asked.

He didn't answer. Instead, he jumped up on the table where she lay, and grasped her leg and gave it a tug. Her hip went back where it belonged, and down he jumped to the floor.

She didn't know what to say, so she just gaped at him.

"That ought to do it," he exclaimed and left the room.

Somehow, Carol got back to the motel where she packed up her things and got into her car. 260,000 miles oir niot, she set out for home.

As far as I know, she hasn't had any more hip trouble. And I think she is still driving that Honda.

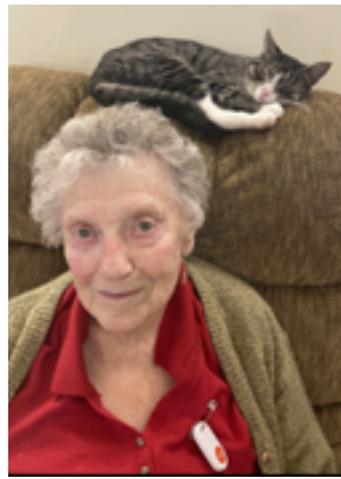
Ann M. Dutile: OBITUARY

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our mother, Ann M. Dutile on February 1, 2023 - Age 87 - formerly of Lebanon, New Hampshire, after a period of declining health. She had been living with her daughter, Kathy and family in Canaan over the last 12 years until moving to the Frances Atkinson Retirement Home in Newbury, Vermont in March of 2022.

Ann was born on June 4, 1935 the daughter of Gernald and Marguerite (Moffitt) Stoodley in Hanover, New Hampshire and raised and attended schools in Hanover and Lebanon. Ann was the widow of Harris Dutile who passed in October, 1986. She was also predeceased by her parents, a sister Maxine Thornton and a brother Kenneth Stoodley.

Ann worked hard all of her life. She was a very thoughtful person who always wanted to help. She was retired from Thermal Dynamics in West Lebanon, NH and upon her retirement always worked part-time at various places like Price Chopper, Shaw's and Walmart. Ann loved her family and took great joy in bragging about them.

Family members include her two children - Douglas R. Dutile and his wife, Barbara of Haverhill, NH and Kathleen Dutile-Herrin and her husband, Chad of Canaan, NH. She had the pleasure of



calling many people her grandchildren but the closest to her heart were her Step-grandchildren, Michael Dunn of North Haverhill and Kristen Herrin of Lebanon. Also, her very special Great grandchildren, Rachel Spear, Natalee Spear and Alex Danforth and many nieces and nephews.

Ann's wishes were not to have any calling hours. A Celebration Gathering and Internment will take place on June 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (her 88th Birthday) at Sacred Heart/Valley Cemetery on 258 Mascoma Street in Lebanon.

Ann's family would like to extend our greatest thanks and deepest gratitude to all Staff at the

Frances Atkinson Home. Their love and compassion shown to Ann in her last months of her life were nothing short of amazing. She truly found a whole new family and loved them dearly. They all called her "Grammie Ann" with the true affection of real love and family.

The family also wishes to extend their gratitude and thanks to Bayada Hospice, most specifically to her "Nurse Deana" for her end-of-life care.

The Atkinson Home has established a "Gazabo Fund" because they are looking for a place for their residents to enjoy the outdoors and comfortably sit, where they are not subjected to the weather elements from Spring to Fall. Ann was looking forward to the new Gazabo.

Memorial Donations may be made in her honor to the Frances Atkinson Retirement Home, dedicated to the "Gazabo Fund", 4717 South Main Street, Newbury, Vermont 05051.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About the Tidy Home

Ma was a stay at home mother, home-maker and house-wife. What is the difference between a home-maker and a house-wife? The dedication to maintaining the family comfort versus the dedication to maintaining a clean and organized house. Ma did both.

A friend was telling me about his mother, a working mom, on the job from 8AM until 3PM--five days a week. He told me how they always had a sit down family dinner every night around 6pm and his mother was so very perfect, one never saw any of the cooking mess in the kitchen, it was always cleaned to perfection before they sat for the meal. Clearly, his mother was Wonder-Woman.

In the busy world of working parents, the idea of a family meal, at a set time, every night would feel like a miracle. Life is busy; there is laundry, dusting, cleaning the bathroom, washing the floors and any number of other chores that go with adulting. How does anyone manage all of life's busy work and maintain any semblance of "family time"?

I look to experts for this advice. It is said we must 'declutter' our lives and home for true success.

The Marie Kondo method: 10 tidying tips to transform your home, found in www.psychologies.co.uk, notes "ten radical but highly effective tidying and decluttering tips from organisational expert Marie Kondo, who argues that if you tidy your home properly now using this method, you'll never need to declutter again. Take a deep breath, lose your received wisdom about cleaning and tidying," Of course, the first step is always to get rid of the stuff you don't need.

Ma was a master of boxing and stacking. All of her life was catalogued into fine labeled boxes that identified the contents and dates of the saved memories. Needless to say, bank records from 70 years ago are not important today but they do reflect what was important to a post World War 2 couple starting out, family history or junk? For space savers, they go bye-bye.

We live in a world where books are available online or in our digital devices, why waste the space on paper books? What we see as adding value to our lives changes through the years, time spent with writers who had stories to tell, that is the written word. I look at the signed copies of books I

have collected over the years, each is in its own way a time capsule to a different time in my own life, for me-true treasures. The space they take in my home is also space in my heart.

Nobody will ever take pictures of my home for 'Better Homes and Gardens' but I maintain organized chaos within its walls. My friends are very special people who are visiting to be with me. The piano is dusty and my refrigerator is clean. We have magazines and books scattered about and my home office is always a mess, but we are happy. The time we spend at home is about cherishing the people in our lives.

"As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has-or ever will have-something inside that is unique to all time." per Fred Rogers.

Everyone, who has ever met Ma, felt a warm and loving connection. Ma would find something special about people and praise that quality. Her smile was infectious and people would leave her company feeling better about themselves. Supper was always on the table at 5PM and she could make toast and a cup of soup feel like a feast.

My life, now, is to strive to emulate her example. I may not have a tidy home but perhaps, one day, I will have a tidy mind.

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WREN's Student Art Show - from right to left - Ciara Pennock, Gordon Chau, Melissa Jones, Tye Simon, & Angela D'Orazio

Littleton Food Co-op (LFC) welcomes Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) as our Partner of the Month for February. As WREN's 30th anniversary approaches, WREN looks to its mission of supporting better lives and livelihoods through education, economic development and community engagement in the North Country to develop a plan to usher in the next 30 years.

WREN's first step has been expanding their programs aimed at supporting and increasing community empowerment and engagement. This February vacation, they are running a zine-making workshop for local middle schoolers, so that they may find an outlet for feeling empowered to share their unique viewpoints. The workshop is a program of WREN's Women's Work Initiative, which is tasked with identifying systemic barriers to success for North Country families. One of the goals of the Initiative is to pilot solutions to eliminate these systemic barriers, and to build equitable pathways for higher learning and long term financial success for women and children in northern New Hampshire.

WREN believes that

amplifying teen voices is a step towards creating equitable pathways to success for North Country children. Amplifying their voices reinforces to participants their inherent value to the community.

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3/7 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 9:30 Interfaith chat, 12:30 Crafting Time, 1:00 Walk the Center, 1:00 Food Pantry, Music by Jane Wilcox

3/8 9:00 Walk the Center, 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Veterans Coffee, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive

3/9 9:30 Bone builders, 10:00 Floral w/Jane, 1:00 Walk the Center, 1:00 Food Pantry

3/10 9:00 Walk the Center, 9:30 Beginner Ballet, 10:00 Popcorn & Movie, 10:30 Senior Ballet/Stretch, 12:30 Herbal, 12:30 Mahjonn, 1:00 Computer help

3/13 9:00 Walk the Center, 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:30 Candy Bar Bingo. 1:00 Card Games, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Dementia Support Group

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Funds Available for Cultural Conservation Projects as DNCR opens FY2023 'Moose Plate' Grant Round

The N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is now accepting letters of intent from organizations seeking "Moose Plate" funding through the department's three grant programs that support the restoration, preservation and / or conservation of publicly owned items significant to New Hampshire's cultural heritage.

DNCR's Cultural Conservation grant programs are administered by its State Library, Historical Resources and Arts Council divisions. While each division's grant program has specific requirements, all require that the property or items to be conserved or preserved are publicly owned.

Organizations seeking Moose Plate grant funding must submit a letter of intent by May 5 that provides a brief description of the project and confirms that the resource is publicly owned. Applicants will be notified if their project fits a DNCR division's program criteria within five days of their letter of intent being received. They may then choose to submit a full application by June 23.

Applicants may only apply to one DNCR Moose Plate grant program in a given year but may seek funding in successive years.

More information about each division's specific

grant program requirements is available at dncr.nh.gov/about-us/moose-plate-program.

Each year, the DNCR receives a percentage of funds raised from the sales of Conservation and Heritage License Plates, best known as "Moose Plates." In addition to its three cultural conservation grant programs, the DNCR also uses funds to support its Division of Forests and Lands' Natural Heritage Bureau and its Division of Parks and Recreation's Historic Sites Bureau.

For more information about the Moose Plate Program, including how to purchase a Moose Plate, visit mooseplate.com.

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Coconut Cookies

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm doing good but not having any luck finding a car I can afford. If anyone has any ideas I'm all ears. I'm grateful for RCT they are great. They take me to Dr. appointments and to the market and Pharmacy which helps me out big time. I guess you have to do what you have to do.



Today's recipe is so "Delicioso" and wicked easy peasy. They are crunchy and chewy and I think if you like coconut you will make these again and again. They are inexpensive and the recipe can be easily doubled if you have a bigger family. The recipe makes 20 nice size cookies. I will double it next time I make it because they are addicting. I had a cup of tea and ended up having 5 cookies.

Well let's get started

with today's recipe and how to make it.

- Ingredients
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
 - 1/2 tsp baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/2 cup butter (1 stick) room temperature
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar packed
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 large egg at room temperature
 - 1 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1/2 tsp coconut extract
 - 1 1/3 cups coconut flakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In small bowl mix flour, baking soda and salt and whisk to mix well and set aside. I used my electric mixing bowl cuz it is so easy. You can also use an electric mixer with a large bowl. In large bowl mix butter, brown and white sugars, egg, vanilla and coconut extracts and coconut flakes until fluffy. Add flour mixture a little at

a time as you are mixing completely. Using your 1 1/2 Tbsp cookie scoop, scoop then roll into balls and place 3" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. You will fit 20 cookies on it. Bake for 10 - 15 minutes until lightly toasted. Mine took 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes then carefully remove and cool on wire racks.

That's it you are done! Your family will love these wonderful cookies and you will be a star! I like to buy different kinds of vanilla extracts from different

areas around the world. I used Pure Madagascar vanilla extract for this recipe. I also have one from Dominican Republic that is a favorite of mine. I'm looking for another different one from Puerto Rico. It's my new obsession!!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try and if you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you out. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off,
Sincerely,
Cin Pin

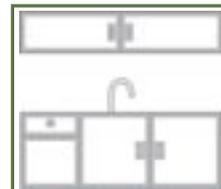
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Live Performances by:
River Bend Band
Bradford and Newbury Elementary music programs
Student vocal performances
Old Church Theater mini performance
Joe Letter Band Performance