

20th Annual Paddle The Border - Spring

by Gary Scruton

It has now been twenty years since the Newbury Commis-Conservation sion, the Haverhill Recreation Commission (now Haverhill Parks & Recreation) and the Cohase Chamber of Commerce came together to sponsor and host Paddle The Border



from the name there is also a fall event that will be held this year on October 1. As is true with both pad-

Spring. As you might tell

dles, Butler Bus Service helps paddlers by providing a ride from the take out site to the launch site. Participants should leave their boats and most other items at the launch site, then drive and park at the take out site. The first bus will leave Bedell state Park at about 10 AM. The last bus leaves at about 11 AM.

The spring paddle has always been launched from the south west corner of the Woodsville Community Field at the bottom of a grass pathway that leads to a quick little portion of the Connecticut River. Depending on how the river is flowing this launch site can send paddlers downstream quite a distance before they even have to paddle. Or, as has been true in some years, can be too swift for boaters to be safely launched and therefore causes the paddle to be cancelled. As in the past the final call will be made on Sunday morning, May 21 with the safety of all paddlers at the top of the list.

Speaking of safety there are always multiple people helping paddlers launch their boats in Woodsville. This ensures that everyone gets off to a dry start.

As in past years the paddle will end at the Bedell Bridge State Park boat launch in Haverhill Corner. Again there will be assistance there to help paddlers out of their boats after the projected three and a half to four hour paddle. Of course many paddlers will stop along the way to visit one of the camping sites along the river banks. Paddlers are reminded to take out whatever you bring in.

Upon arrival at Bedell Bridge State Park there will again be food available for purchase and possibly some displays from some of the participating groups. Or just sit back and enjoy the music of the Strawberry Farm Band. All are welcome to join in the fun. Past years have seen kayaks and canoes, singles, families, children of all ages and several boats have carried "man's best friend", their friendly, adventure loving dogs. It's a fun day for all, and if you are not a paddling person, feel free to see them off from the Community Field in Woodsville, and welcome them back as they come into the Bedell Boat Landing in Haverhill Corner. Bring a chair and enjov.





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TRENDY Dining Guide The Hungry Bear Pub & Grill

by Gary Scruton

It may still be the month of May, but already there are plenty of activities going on. So Janice and I have to sometimes plan well ahead, and sometimes we just jump at the opportunity to visit one of our participating Trendy Dining Guide eateries to enjoy their offerings. It was a Thursday night, the first day I did not have something on the calendar in about two weeks opportunity when the arose for us to travel down to Bradford and visit The Hungry Bear Pub & Grill.

To be honest we mostly go for the grill part, but there does seem to be a very healthy pub section to this establishment. In fact as you walk in the

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front door the first thing you see is a bar area along with a low table and a couple of high tops just away from the bar. There is also a room a bit further back with three low tables and some more high tops. It is here that we normally find an empty table and settle in. We did so on this particular night and soon had the waitress headed our way with menus and an inquiry as to beverages. As we were not yet sure about the food we asked if we could wait for the beverage order. She left us alone for a while so that we could study our choices and when we laid our menus aside she reappeared.

Janice asked for a haddock sandwich and a Coke. I went a bit off track

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from normal and ordered Steak Empanadas the along with а 16 Switchback. We also asked for a side order of the Hungry Bear's onion straws for the two of us to share. We asked for these because we have had them before and really enjoyed them. For further description, onion straws are like very thin crispy onion rings. And I must say that the side order we got was much larger than I expected. It was good that we planned to share, because neither of us could have eaten them all on our own.

The onion straws were

the first item to arrive and we both started in. It was not long before our meals arrived and we could really dig in. Janice's haddock sandwich was a nice sized piece of fish on a roll with lettuce and cheese and tartar sauce.. On the side were hand cut french fries and coleslaw. My Steak Empanadas

were a pair of pastry shells filled with spicy shaved steak, peppers. onions and cheese folded in half and deep fried. On the side was a container of chipotle sour cream.

I will tell you that even

though I probably ate more than my share of the onion straws, Janice was unable to totally clear her plate. In fact I had originally thought about getting some chocolate lava cake, but when I was done with my meal, I was done eating for the night.

For those who have not dined out lately (other than what's the matter with you, it's a great treat) I will add that the Hungry Bear, like many eateries and other businesses, now add a percentage to the bill if paid with a credit card. Our total cost with that fee, plus state taxes, was \$45.63. We left our cash tip on the table with the credit card slip.









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The Littleton Rotary Club, through its 501 (c) (3) entity, the Littleton Rotary Club Charitable Fund, Inc., carries forward a rich 58-year tradition of awarding college scholarship funds to graduating seniors from Littleton High School, Profile School, White Mountains Regional High School, Lisbon High School. the North County Charter Academy, and The White Mountain School. In a typical year, the club is privileged to be able to award \$35,000 to \$40,000 in scholarships to students based demonstrated need, academic achievement, and extracurricular and civic involvement, to help those students continue their formal education and reach their career aspirations. The club also offers funding in the form of nontraditional educational enrichment grants and, in some instances, funding to help college students meet tuition needs in subsequent years of enrollment.

In addition to casino games (blackjack, craps, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em poker) from which chips can be traded in for raffle tickets for an incredible array of prizes, there will be a 50/50 raffle, and top bidders at our silent auction can leave with choice auction items, to include one or more great adventures to add to their resume of unique experiences.

For a modest \$49 per person admission tariff, our guests will enjoy a delectable array of hors d'oeuvres prepared by the accomplished Mountain View Grand chefs; music throughout the evening provided by the ever-popular DC3 Trio; and a starter supply of chips to begin gaming. Available at our cash bar will be all of your favorite drinks (to include a Monte Carlo mar-

tini – shaken, not stirred – of course!). Additional playing chips, raffle tickets and opportunities to bid on the silent auction will be available throughout the evening.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; gaming starts at 6:00 p.m. Black tie dress is optional. Pre-purchasing of tickets online (www.LittletonRotaryFundraiser.com) is encouraged. Tickets may be purchased at the door on May 19.

Please join us for an evening of good food, drink and music; fellowship; and unbridled merriment, all for an excellent cause.

If you are unable to attend but wish to support our students, there are opportunities online on our website to make a personal contribution in an amount of your choice.

For more information, please feel free to email questions to: littletonnhrotary@gmail.com.

Piermont Planning Special Memorial Day Program

Piermont, NH – Several town groups will be participating in a five-part Memorial Day program to be held in the Piermont Village area on Monday, May 29, 2023 that will include a Memorial Day parade and service, library book sale, school lunch, and a special historical exhibit about the turn-of-the-century local artist Adelaide Palmer, alongside student artwork.

The Memorial parade and service at the Veterans Memorial Garden are being planned by the Piermont Fire Department. The Piermont Public Library is sponsoring their Annual Book Sale. The Piermont Village School 7th and 8th Grade Trip Parents will be holding their BBQ lunch. And a partnership of the Piermont Historical Society, Piermont Public Library and the Adelaide Palmer Art Show Committee are

working on the the art program and show. flowers and is credited with creating the first logo

The parade will step off from the Piermont Church at 11 AM sharp and proceed to the Veterans Memorial Garden in the South Lawn Cemetery. There, a special Memorial Day Service will be dedicated to the lives and sacrifices of local veterans.

The Annual Piermont Public Library Book Sale will open at 10 AM and close at 1 PM. It is being held inside the Piermont Fire Station on Route 10. Also, the Piermont Village School lunch will be held from 11 AM to 2 PM and is a fund-raising event for their 2025 class trip.

The art exhibit will highlight the life and achievements of Piermont artist Adelaide Palmer, who lived and taught school in the town during the late 1800s. She gained national acclaim with her still-life works of fruits and

flowers and is credited with creating the first logo for Fruit of the Loom brand. Photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, and stories of Ms. Palmer's career will be shown alongside the artwork by Piermont Village School students.

The Memorial Day exhibit will be the first of two special programs highlighting artist Adelaide Palmer's work and will be held in Piermont Village School auditorium.

The second Adelaide Palmer program will be held at the Piermont Village School auditorium during the afternoon of Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 1 to 3 PM. This program features an art show of over a dozen paintings gathered together for the first time, plus interesting speakers on art restoration, the life of Adelaide Palmer, and her painting style.







The Life and Art of ADELAIDE PALMER Piermont Artist

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Parents' Bill of Rights

Should parents have more say as to what is taught in New Hampshire's public schools? This question has been brought to the attention of the House and Senate education committees on numerous occasions. "A Stockton University survey confirmed what had been strongly suggested by events of the recent year: Two-thirds of New Jersey parents want more say over what their children are taught in schools." When the NHJournal recently conducted a poll regarding who should have the final say regarding health and education choices that affect children, 78% of NH responding parents overwhelming stated that parents should have the final say on matters of health and gender related issues. The Stockton poll also found that adults in New Jersey agreed with adults in other states such as NH, that kindergarten is not a place where adults should be initiating discussions on sexuality.

NH statute requires school districts to adopt a policy allowing an exception to specific course materials based on a parent's or legal guardian's determination that the material objectionable. school is required to provide the parent or legal guardian two weeks advance notice and to make available curriculum materials used for instruction of human sexuality or human sexual education to the extent practicable.

Within the next week, members of the NH House will be asked to vote on Senate Bill 272. "This bill would establish a parents' bill of rights providing that government entities or any other institution, may not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his or her minor child. The bill provides for parental rights regarding health care and health services...." Currently, the school must have parent permission for a child to participate on a field trip. Parent permission must be obtained for the school to administer an aspirin, and much more.

However, question has recently arisen regarding the school's responsibility to either notify or not notify

the parent of the child's desire to change his or her gender identity. Parents have come forward and testified before the education committee stating. "The school needs to tell us the truth about our children; we are the parents." Should a local public school accept the decision of a minor child to change his or her gender identify without notifying the parent or legal guardian of the change? Withstanding a few exceptions such as abuse and neglect, "The Parents' Bill of Rights" would require the school to notify and seek a decision from the parent or legal guardian.

The Constitution, and specifically the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment, protects the fundamental right of parents to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children. SB272 passed the Senate with a 14-10 vote. The bill comes before the House on May

Respectfully submitted, Rep Rick Ladd, Chair, House Education

How Can the Haverhill **Church on the Common Best Serve the Community?**

What Kind of Church Do You Want in the Future?

You are invited to a community meeting and brunch on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM -12:00 PM at the Parish Hall next to the Church.

We want your input about the future and mission of the First Congregational Church of Haverhill. In addition to Sunday services, there are other ways to benefit Haverhill and surrounding towns. The church owns three properties in good repair (the church, parsonage, and parish hall), and church leadership is looking for ways to best use these assets and resources to benefit the community. Think 'outside the box' and let us know your ideas! We need your help! Help us make a

better church!

If you have any questions, contact any of the following:

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Vermont Students Choose Youth Book Award Winners

(Barre, Vermont) – Each year thousands of Vermont kids pick their favorites for three student-choice book awards, and the votes are now in. The Vermont Department of Libraries announced winners on Thursday, May 11, 2023, of all three student-choice literary awards, the Red Clover Book Award, Vermont Golden Dome Book Award, and Green Mountain Book Award.

I Eat Poop. A Dung Beetle Story by Mark Pett wins the 2022-2023 Red Clover Book Award. The book was described by members of the award committee: "Dougle the Dung Beetle struggles with issues of identity and conformity in this charming, crowd-pleasing book. He hides his lunch from home every day, so that no one at the bug school will know that he eats Underneath the poop. humor is a poignant story about feeling different from your peers that reinforces the idea that 'we're all a little weird." Initiated in 1997, the Red Clover Award is chosen by children in kindergarten through fourth grade. With teacher guidance and support, each year thousands of kids read the ten nominated picture books and vote for their favorite.

Alone by Megan E. Freeman wins the 2022-2023 Vermont Golden Book Award. Dome Golden Dome Award committee members described this book: "Twelve-year old Maddie awakens to find herself alone. Evervone else in the town has been mysteriously evacuated, leaving Maddie behind. Now she and her neighbor's abandoned dog, George, must find food, clean water, fuel, and a way to try to communicate with her missing family. As the months pass, Maddie has to deal with the realization that there may not be a rescue forthcoming, and she must face the challenges of her new life alone." Since 1957, Vermont students in grades four through eight select their favorite book from a list of nominees for this award. Students are encouraged to read at least five of the year's 25 nomi-

nated titles before voting.

In an unusual threeway tie, The Mary Shelley Club by Goldy Moldavsky, Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir, and Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao won the 2022-2023 Green Mountain Book Award. Award committee members created three-word descriptions for each book: "Secret Horror Society" for The Mary Shelley Club; "Humanity's Last Chance" for Project Hail Mary; and "Vengeance Feminist Anime" for Iron Widow. Iniin 2005, tiated reader's choice award, intended to encourage high schoolers to become enthusiastic and discriminating readers, is selected by Vermont students in grades 9 - 12. Students read the 15 nominated books and vote for their favorite.

About the Vermont Youth Book Awards, State Librarian and Commissioner of Libraries Catherine Delneo said, "These long-standing and beloved statewide awards promote a love of reading

and allow young readers to explore diverse voices and experiences."

"We thank the committee members who read tirelessly throughout the year to curate the booklists, and the teachers and librarians who support students in reading and voting," said State Library Consultant for Youth Services Jonathan Clark, "We also want to thank Vermont youth, who are at the heart of these studentchoice book awards. Each year they read the titles on the lists and vote for their favorite, which determines the winners. This year we had 18,075 students from across the state submit votes and make their voices heard!"

This program is supported, in part, by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency, through the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Oxbow DAR Announces **Award Winning Graduates**

Daughters of the American Revolution, based in Newbury, VT, is proud to announce the area high school DAR Good Citizens for 2023. These 12th grade students were chosen by their respective schools based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Blue Mountain Union School - Jada Longmoore (So. Ryegate, VT)

Oxbow High School -Laila Ellsworth (W. Topsham, VT)

Rivendell Academy -Zachary Parker (Orford, NH) - State essay contest for our Chapter

Thetford Academy -Charlotte Reimanis (So. Strafford, VT)

Zachary Parker of Rivendell Academy also participated in the DAR Good Citizen Essay contest, with his essay judged at the State level. Zach was given the essay prompt at the beginning of a supervised two-hour writing period, where he wrote without the benefit of any Internet or other resource materials. The Oxbow

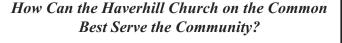
The Oxbow Chapter Chapter is proud of Zach for his common sense approach to "How will the essential action of a good citizen meet the challenges that America faces in this decade?"

> Here is an excerpt from Zach's essay:

"I think that if there are more good citizens in this country it would be kinder. This country would be a much happier place if people didn't have to pick on each other about their little differences. If people helped each other and didn't harm people because of what they look $\overset{\sim}{\mbox{\it Q}}$ like or act like then the 2 country would be together as one. This would make the people in this country a lot prouder of their counin the country is nice to accept the care about each other's $\frac{b}{u}$ differences that the country would be not only a better place to be but a country that is not divided and is united as one."

nd is united as one."

Zach graduates in June and plans to continue with and plans to continue with his lawn care business with his dad.



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St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL 7:00 PM See Article on Page 8 Colonial Theater, Bethlehem

FRIDAY, MAY 19

MONTE CARLO IN THE MOUNTAINS 6:00 PM See Article on Page 3 Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield

THE ROUGH & TUMBLE album release party 7:30 PM tickets:www.courtstreetarts.org Alumni Hall, Haverhill

SATURDAY, MAY 20

COMMUNITY MEETING & BRUNCH 10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON See Ad on Page 5 Parish House, Haverhill Corner

SATURDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 20-27

FREE CLOTHING GIVE AWAY 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM See Ad On Page 6 Warren, NH Town Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 21

PADDLE THE BORDER - SPRING 10:30 AM See Ad on Page 9 & Article on Page 1 Woodsville Community Field

MONDAY, MAY 22

DANCE PARTY MONDAYS 10:00 AM

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

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LISBON MAIN ST. LILAC FESTIVAL 5pm, 9am, 12pm Lisbon, NH

SATURDAY, MAY 27

OLD TYME COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 - 10:00 PM See Ad On Page 11 West Newbury Hall

GRIFFIN WILLIAM SHERRY CONCERT 8:00 PM See Ad on Page 7 Colonial Theater, Bethlehem

MONDAY, MAY 29

DANCE PARTY MONDAYS 10:00 AM St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

PIERMONT MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS Various times see article on page 3 Piermont Village

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY 11:00 AM See Ad on Page 4 Central Street, Woodsville

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4

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

THE LIFE & ART OF ADELAIDE PALMER 1:00 - 3:00 PM See Ad on Page 3 Piermont Village School

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

WOODSVILLE WELLS RIVER 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

PENNY SOCIAL 12;30 PM See Ad on Page 6 Willing Workers Hall, Glencliff

WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY OF SUGAR HILL LUPINE MARKET 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM See Ad on Page 7 Sugar Hill Meetinghouse, 1445 Route 117

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Neighbors

by Elinor Mawson

A new family moved into our neighborhood--in fact, right next door. Thankfully there was a fence separating yards, since somewhere we had heard that good fences made good neigh-

The family consisted of the husband and his two daughters (pre-teens), his new wife and baby. We didn't see too much of any of them except the daughters who waited for the bus at the end of our driveway.

Day after day, they left their bag lunches in the middle of the driveway and my husband, backing out to go to work, had to stop and ask the girls to move their lunches out of his way. He got quite disgusted when they didn't remember to put them elsewhere.

One day he decided to not stop and ask them to put their lunches to one side. He backed over them and went on his way.

Of course the father called when my husband came home. He sure was huffy. My husband, usually mild mannered, defended

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his action but the matter wasn't resolved. The girls DID take care of the matter.

Several months later I noticed that the neighbor's septic tank had overflowed into our yard. I spoke to the wife about it and she said they'd take care of it. A couple of days later there was a pile of horse manure covering their septic tank! When I noticed her out again, I told her that there were some people in the neighborhood who would call the health department if the problem wasn't addressed.

Several weeks went by, and when nothing was done, I called the health department. The result? The house went on the market and there was a \$20,000 septic system in the yard.

The family moved to the town where my husband was a teacher. And guess what? The girls were in his Math classes! At Parent Conferences the father came in and was as nice as pie!

When the new neighbors moved in, they were thrilled with their new septic system.

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The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH is pleased to announce that, after an extensive job search, the position of House and Office Manager has been accepted by Christian Glines. Christian takes the reigns from The Colonial Theatre's long-time House Manager, Jane Storella, who is starting a new adventure this year. Christian brings 15 years of small business management and customer service experience to the role. A native of the North Country region in New Hampshire, Christian previously owned and managed Maple Leaf Music, where he fostered a welcoming, knowledgeable, supportive environment for musicians and built strong relationships by providing education, sourcing quality, handmade instruments, and facilitating workshops. He also served as General Manager for the Wellness Department at Greenfield Community Co-op. "We're so excited to welcome

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time for the start of the 108th season when The Colonial will present a full slate of films and concerts with events running seven days a week through the end of October. The mis-



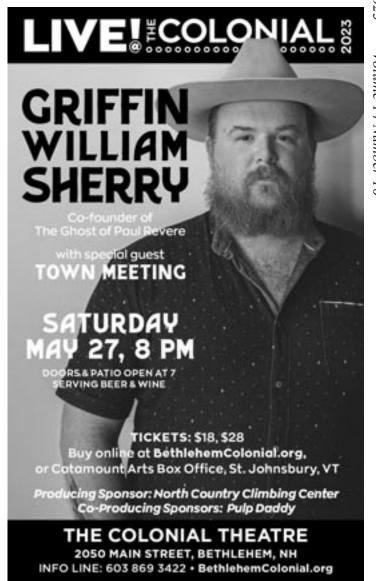
sion of the Friends of The Colonial is to inspire and invite participation in the cultural conversation by preserving and improving this historic landmark theatre, providing high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offering a vision of smalltown revitalization based on the arts.

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Not all Times

IF4 at The Colonial on May 18th

The International Fly-Fishing Film Festival is coming to The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH on Thursday, May 18th as part of The Colonial Theatre's Reel Outdoors series. The International Fly-Fishing Film Festival (IF4), the world's leading fly-fishing film event, is a curated collection of the world's best fly-fishing films.

IF4 2023 features new films from RA Beattie & Jako Lucas, the Braker Bros, Capture Adventure Media, Black Fly Eyes, and an incredible film from Hilton Graham, of Love Affair Creative, that honors the life and contributions of John Turner, former Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. "We are excited to partner with Trout Unlimited for this event", says Director of Programming, Susanna Brent, "We have been working on this with them for months and we finally get to share this great event with the community!"

Among the films in the festival are Crouching Tiger, Hidden Damsel, with oversized tiger trout, a prolific damsel fly hatch, and an obscure mountain lake; Of the Sea, brothers explore the elusive Banco Chinchorro off the coast of Xcalak; Jacks, giant trevally attacking from deep ocean water; Father Nature, a guided trip on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park; A Slam that Saves, four species of bass found only in the Appalachians; and Dollar Dog, Atlantic salmon in Cape Breton's Margaree River. Others include The Focus, a story of three anglers who re-



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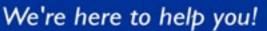


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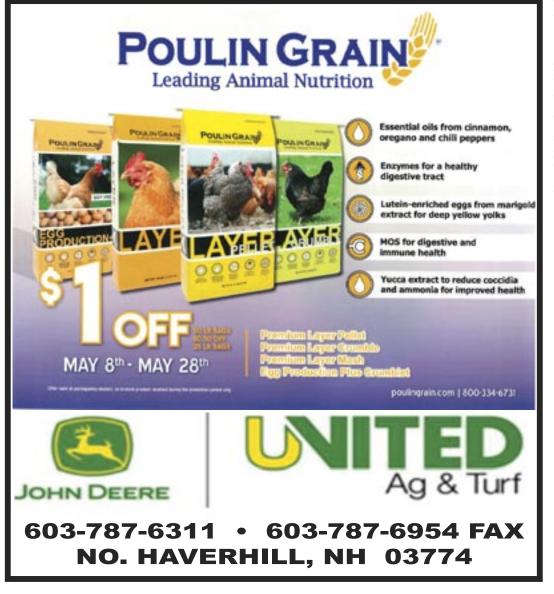
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Letter to the Editor: Spring

To the Editor.

Earth Day and Easter have come and gone, and spring is bursting forth all around us. Tiny green shoots pushing up, sudden greening of the grass, and trees bursting out with strange flowers and tiny pale green leaves-who doesn't love it? I really love the quiet cold of winter, but even so, I cannot resist the joy of the earth coming back to life once again. It seems like this is something everyone can support and enjoy.

Nevertheless, 80 degree days in early April in the North Country are not really to be celebrated. They are an ominous portent of our warming planet and the 90+ days of summer to come. The Republican Party and its candidates seem to be primarily supportive of business and corporate development. They do not support restrictions on development or industry. They have no interest in protecting and preserving the environment. For the past 150 years the driver of economic prosperity has been the burning of fossil fuels, spewing CO2 into the atmosphere at an alarming and destructive rate, and

Cynthia,

I would certainly agree that saving the planet we inhabit should be a top priority. Of course there is bound to be arguments about how best to move down any path, whether it be environmental, monetary, or

The problem lies in who accepts which facts and how strongly they believe the information they are given and accept.

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now we are experiencing the consequences. There is no longer any doubt that the warming of the earth and the oceans, and the resulting erratic and violent weather patterns, caused by human activity—our addiction to fossil fuels and the speed and comfort they provide.

The people who, so far, have been most affected by these changes live in the equatorial latitudes of Africa and Central and South America. They find that they can no longer grow crops to feed their families, because it is too hot and too dry. We should not then be so surprised that they are willing to pack up their children and whatever they can carry and travel North, looking for a home where the Earth is still habitable. It is a wave of migration that will not, cannot, be stopped, because people who are desperate will risk everything to survive.

The Biden Administration has unexpectedly passed the most extreme legislation so far, the Inflation Reduction Act, to reduce the production of greenhouse gases, giving new hope for saving Earth for future generations, for

the young children already living today. And yet, the Republicans in Congress will cancel this legislation, if they have the power to do so, even if it means crashing the economy by not raising the debt limit (which is authorization to pay for money already spent, not for new spending). Their commitment is to the corporations that fund their campaigns and to their constituents who cannot imagine a future that is clean, strong, and different. But the economy is ultimately based on the earth and the oceans, water and air, that support life for everyone and everything. That's all there is.

What if Spring doesn't come? Because there is no winter respite, because the ground is too hot, too dry, and there is no shade. It's time to stop thinking only for today, grabbing what we can. It's time, past time, to do all we can to save this beautiful, amazing planet for all the animals and plants and even the humans, who have been so busy destroying it.

Sincerely, Cynthia Lanchester Easton, NH

In this space I have attempted to first and foremost, not take sides. Secondly I try, when possible, to offer a differing view. But sometimes I feel it best for me to simply say, look around, see what you can with your own eyes. Feel what you can with your own feelings. And then decide if you want to keep going in the same direction, or change course and make a difference. Gary Scruton, Editor

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Consider these four key uses of cash:

- Everyday spending Of course, you need sufficient cash on hand to pay for your cost of living - mortgage, debt payments, utilities, groceries, etc. You'll likely rely on your savings or checking accounts to pay for these needs.
- · Unexpected expenses and emergencies – It's never a bad idea to establish a monthly budget. But, as you know, life is unpredictable – and sometimes you may encounter "budgetbusting" expenses, such as a major home repair or a large medical bill. If you haven't

planned these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your IRA and which 401(k), can result in taxes, penalties and less money for your retire-

ment. A better alternative is to prepare in advance by building an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses in cash, or at least in a highly liquid account, held separately from your regular checking or savings account so you won't inadvertently spend the money.

• Short-term savings goal -When you are investing for a long-term goal - especially retirement - you will likely need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stockbased mutual funds. The value of these investments will fluctuate, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down which may make them unsuitable for short-term goals. But if you're aiming for a goal that you want to achieve in a year or so - a wedding, a long vacation, and so on - you'll want to be sure a specific amount of money is there for you when you need it. Consequently, you'll want to put away cash for this type of goal, possibly in a short-term savings or investment vehicle that might pay somewhat higher interest than a regular checking/savings account.

> · Source of investment - In regard to your longer-term investment strategy, cash can play two important roles. First, it can serve as its own asset class, alongside other classes,

such as stocks and fixed-income vehicles. Unlike these other classes - especially stocks and stock-based mutual funds - cash won't fluctuate in value, so it can potentially help lessen the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, having the cash available in your portfolio gives you the opportunity to quickly take advantage of other investment opportunities that may occur. And you may be able to use your existing investments to help replenish the cash in your portfolio. For example, if you choose to take stock dividends in cash, these dividends can be "swept" into your brokerage account and held there until you're ready to invest them. (However, depending on your comprehensive financial strategy, it may be a good move to simply reinvest the dividends into the same stocks or stock funds.) Keep in mind that you won't want your investment accounts to contain too much cash, as its purchasing power can erode due to inflation.

By managing your cash efficiently, and putting it to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits - and you'll help yourself to keep moving toward your short- and longterm goals.

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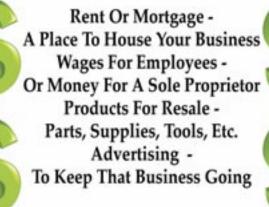


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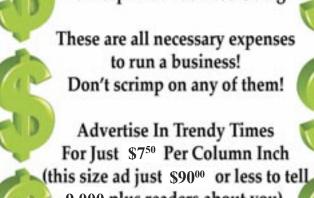
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Letter to the Editor: Two Tiered System of Justice

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment Alex Foryan on his editorial in the Trendy Times (May, 2, 2023), "Attacks on the Catholic Church by Our Own Government." He succinctly pointed out the hypocrisy and the attacks by the Biden Administration on conservative groups who happen to disagree with its radical agenda.

In addition to the areas that Mr. Foryan raised, let me outline a few other examples of direct interference in the political process by the very government agencies that are supposed to maintain a position of neutrality. With all due respect to editor, Gary Scruton, I must disagree with his response to Mr. Foryan, when he stated that neither the Democratic nor Republican party has a monopoly on attacking their opponents. I've been watching the political scene for many years and my observation is that while the Democrats play hardball, using unscrupulous means against their opponents, the Republicans in turn tend to play slow pitch softball, or maybe croquet.

Let's take a look at some of the most egregious attacks on the Republicans.

Thank you for your letter and for your comments. I applaud anyone willing to put their views down on paper for all to read.

However, I will stand by the comment you referred to above. In your letter I saw no evidence that Republicans do not attach their opponents, only a reiteration that Democrats do. One can not disprove a point by merely repeating a counterpoint.

During the 2016 Federal Election, with the aid of the FBI and the CIA, the Hillary Clinton campaign hired Fusion GPS, a strategic intelliaence firm, which subsequently hired British spy Christopher Steele. Using unsubstantiated and dubious Russian informants, Steele formulated the Steele Dossier which purported to show deep connections between Russian officials and Donald Trump. This was paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign and dogged the Trump Presidency throughout his term until it was finally debunked by Steele's own admission.

Fast forward to the 2020 election. In 2019 Hunter Biden dropped off his laptop at a computer repair shop and since he never returned to claim it the laptop was considered abandoned. During the course of working on the laptop, the repair shop owner discovered pornographic images and copies of emails showing corrupt business dealings with foreign countries. Subsequently, the repair shop owner turned the laptop over to the FBI in October of 2019, over a year prior to the 2020 elections. The New York Post broke the story of the infamous laptop in October of 2020, a few days prior to the 2020 debate and election. Subsequently, the FBI and the DOJ colluded with Twitter, Facebook and other media outlets to suppress any information from the laptop reaching the American public. The Biden election campaign went as far as to have 51 former intelligent officials co-author a letter stating that the laptop was part of a Russian disinformation ploy. We now know that that letter was a fabrication. Recent polling has shown that approximately 17% of those who voted for Biden would not have done so had they been aware of the existence of the laptop. This would have been more than enough votes to swing the election to Donald Trump, thus avoiding the disastrous policies of the Biden Administration that we are all suffering under. Unless you have been hiding under a rock for the past seven years or so, you would have witnessed first hand that the Democrats will resort to any means necessary to win elections.

Robert Briggaman North Concord, VT

At the same time I can not disagree with the concept that facts are withheld from the general public by politicians, especially just before an election, if those facts are detrimental to their campaign or cause.

It would be great if we could all get along, but I feel that ship has sailed, and until it makes its return trip we will all have to work our way through another campaign. Gary Scruton, Editor

Not Exactly

by Maggie Anderson

I had plans for Saturday, but they have changed. Sadly the changes are because a friend's husband has died. He had been unwell, with various maladies, and the problems associated with a sedentary life, coupled with the aches and pains of his illness and the attempts to get ahead of it.

In life we lose people,

it's simply a fact, and the older we are the more we lose. But this one hits a little closer to the center of my target. These two were married the same year Hank and I were. They were older, of course, they thought waiting to lose their baby teeth before the wedding was a good idea, but still, they'd been married 56 years when we got the news that she had lost

Saturday, when my friend is surrounded by well-meaning people who tell her how sorry they are for her loss, and those who tell her they know exactly how she feels, some in that crowd will have a closer idea of that. We know what a lifetime together means, and how quiet life will be alone. Though we won't tell her we know exactly how she feels.

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Adam W. Smith

Letter to the Editor: Let's Stop The Rioting

To the Editor,

It's no secret that the Left "HATES" White folks. The proof is in the pudding.

I want to begin by saying that in my opinion, murder no matter who the victim is, their race, religion, or otherwise. Murder is wrong. Horrific. Devastating to all the parties associated with the Victim and the Offender. Not to mention the rest of us.

Hundreds if not thousands of Black-on-Black violence cost Black lives from innocent babies playing in their front yards to babies strapped in a car seat. Innocent victims of all ages and sex have fallen victim.

Every time there is a Black-on-Black death. BLM and the far Left there is "never a peep." However, whenever there is a Black death as a result of a White person, the Left and BLM want to act as Judge. Jury, and Executioner.

Marching through cities such as New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and so on screaming "Burn it down", "Burn it down".

Well, I was thinking to myself, I can't afford to do that protesting stuff because I have what used to

be known as a JOB and because of said job, I have to get a minimum 8 hours sleep a night to work a full 8.5 hours the next day.

And then it came to me these people rioting probably do not have jobs. I would guestimate up to 75% of them are living off the back of the taxpayers (our tax dollars at work) with so called entitlements such as SSDI, Section 8 housing, Food Stamps, Medicare (most with no deductibles), heat and electric assistance, Welfare and so on.

Solution: Let's be diligent and have the D.O.J. do the same Complete thorough job as they did with the J-6 rioters and arrest every one of them and hold them till their trials in the most run down, filthy and rat-infested prison. The same as the J-6 rioters and don't stop there. Suspend ALL Federal benefits they are receiving for Five (5) years minimum up to life.

And I can almost guarantee you those rioters will rethink their racist, destructful, intimidating rioting.

J. Martel Littleton, NH

I have to agree that rioting is not good. It destroys or at least diminishes lives as well as property. Plus, in the end, it accomplishes very little. A civil discussion is so much better. A nation where laws are enforced no matter who you are, what you stand for, or where you live, if you break the law you should be punished. How deep or drastic that punishment is should be decided by an independent, fair and just judicial system. That is the country I know, that I grew up in, and I still love. Gary Scruton, Editor

The memory of an enfuneral comes to mind. A woman walked up to me and asked me what was wrong, she said I wasn't my usual self. When I told her I'd just come back from my father's funeral she placed her hand on straight in the face and said, "I know exactly how you feel, I just buried my dog."



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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About the Flower Garden

As the warmth of spring sets in, the flower garden calls me. Ma had so many beautiful flower beds around her home. Each garden had a story and as they expanded with more and more lovely flowers that tempted the bees and let their fragrance dance on the breeze, her love of flowers had no limit.

Ma had a small, 5 feet in diameter, garden to the front of her home. Her husband Bob had made it for her as a Mother's Day gift, many years ago. I had the privilege of going with him in the spring and picking the flowers for it. Begonias in varied shades of pink, Hydrangea with it's pink and blue snowball burst of blossoms, Iris and day lilies with their bright blossoms. Ma would clap her hands and call us over to see each new bloom as it arrived. The garden was a symbol of Bob's love, a living memory with each springs blooms.

Ma and Pa have gone on to their great reward. flower gardens around Ma's home have suffered for their loss. Remembering the importance placed upon having the garden fresh with new plants for Mother's Day had inspired me to make the time to restore some of the grandeur of yesteryear. I don't have the

green thumb that Ma had but I make an attempt. Iris's and Lily of the Valley struggle to find their place next to the Hosta that reclaims it's spot in the garden every spring. Bee Balm tends to fill in the empty spaces and I make space for tea roses and gladiolus.

There are many sources available that give advice on what are the best flowers for the region and how to care for a garden. flower thoughts while in the garden go back to my grandparents, my aunts and of course ma and my own sweet mom. The Farmer's Almanac was always on hand in my household but more recently, Marthastewart.com and thespruce. com provide solid information on gardening and landscape art.

A flower garden can and is a living work of art with the mix o flowers with their varied colors. It is an extension of the home beauty. Making and taking the time to put out a well groomed flower bed is like art for the community. The health of our environment is improved with flowers.

Happy Mother's day and if you have the opportunity, do play in the dirt and make a garden. The joy that it will bring will make you glad.

Letter to the Editor: To Pay or Not to Pay for Little Leaguers

To the Editor,

Two weeks ago I wrote about the Newbury Select Board dithering about whether all little leaguers In Newbury are equal or whether the Wells River Little Leaguers were not as equal as the Newbury Leaguers. I ended the letter with "The Wells River BMU Little Leaguers are just as equal as the Newbury Elementary Little League players. This is not 1984." Right author, (George Orwell), but the wrong book. The last sentence should have been "This is not Animal Farm."

At that time the Select Board, after three meetings still needed more information to decide whether to use some of the \$995.80 that Wells River taxpayers paid into Newbury Recreation Department 2023's \$13,000 budget to pay the \$675 that Wells River parents paid for their children to play Little League. To be clear we are talking Wells River students, not Rye-

gate or Groton students. The parents of NES students had their costs covered by the \$13,000 Recreation Department budget which includes money from Wells River taxpayers. The Select Board has now had 4 meetings to do the right thing and has again postponed it to a fifth meeting on May 17th. They need to fish or cut bait. They are disrespecting all Wells River residents and abusing the budget process. There is money available from the Recreation Department budget.

I have another question, where is the Recreation Department? The town's website says "The Recreation Committee is a town appointed board that coordinates recreational events including sports and holiday celebrations for all Newbury children in grades K-6." Why aren't they at the select board meetings advocating for equitable treatment. Why is this even before the select board? Why didn't the recreation department fulfill their mission and include all Newbury children in grades K-6, that means Wells River students too.

I hope to see the Recreation Department at the next select board meeting, or at the very least, that they send a letter to the select board supporting the Wells River CV Little Leaauers.

To paraphrase a campaign by the Florida Orange Juice Growers, "Orange Juice not just for breakfast any more." "Recreation, not just for NES Students anymore."

Finally, It is a money and a fairness issue, because not to pay for Wells River players, means paraphrasing from Animal Farm, "All students are equal (Wells River), but some are more equal than others, (Newbury NES)".

Richard M Roderick Wells River, Vermont.

Richard,

When a person or group of persons feel they have been wronged it is their right to stand up and be heard. It appears, from your statements, that the families of Wells River Little League players feel they have been wronged. It also appears they have been heard, on multiple occasions. But for a res-

olution to occur there must also be some sort of action from the party that is accused of the wrong doing. It does seem that the Newbury selectboard has had the time to discuss, discover and decide. Let's hope this saga ends soon so that everyone can "Play Ball!".

Gary Scruton, Editor

What's Your Opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor and then sit back and see what response you will get.



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WHS NHS Spring Clean up at Bedell Bridge



Woodsville High School's National Honor Society (NHS) students, led by their dedicated advisors, Mrs. Mulliken and Mr. Nichols, recently participated in a community service spring clean-up at the beautiful Bedell Bridge State Park.

The students, embodying the core values of NHS - scholarship, service, leadership, and character - worked tirelessly to ensure the park remains clean, safe, and welcoming for all visitors. Their commitment to community service reflects their integrity and dedication to positively impacting our community.

"We are incredibly proud of the effort our NHS students have put into this project," said

Mrs. Mulliken, lead NHS Advisor. "Their work serves as a reminder of the important role we all play in preserving and protecting our natural spaces."

We invite the community to join us in acknowledging the dedication and service of these students. The next time you're at Bedell Bridge State Park, we hope you take a moment to appreciate the clean surroundings made possible through the hard work of our NHS students.

Pictured from Left to Right are: Aaralyn Evans, Brianna Youngman, Aliza Boutin, Riley Restelli, Abigail Crocker, Izze Rutherford, Courtney Taylor, Stevie Warf, Emma Hilner, and Mackenzie Griswold.

WHS Top Four Announcement



Woodsville High School proudly announces the Top 4 academic achievers of the graduating Class of 2023. We honor these students' exceptional academic accomplishments and dedication to personal and academic excellence.

In 4th place for academic honors, we celebrate Brianna Youngman, whose consistent hard work and passion for learning have earned her this prestigious recognition.

Securing 3rd place for academic honors is Riley Restelli, whose unwavering commitment to academic excellence has set a strong example for her peers.

We are delighted to announce Paige Smith as our Salutatorian. Paige's academic journey is a testament to her diligent work ethic and study dedication.

Lastly, we are proud to acknowledge Aeona Cuaresma as our Valedictorian. Aeona's exceptional academic performance and commitment to intellectual growth have genuinely set her apart.

"These students have consistently shown a drive for learning and a dedication to their studies that is truly admirable," said Hayden Coon, principal Woodsville High School. "They embody the spirit of academic excellence that we strive to cultivate in all our students at Woodsville High School. We are incredibly proud to honor them as the top academic achievers of the Class of 2023."

Please join us in congratulating Brianna Youngman, Riley Restelli, Paige Smith, and Aeona Cuaresma for their outstanding academic achievements.

Woodsville High School is a public high school in Woodsville, New Hampshire. We are committed to nurturing an environment of academic excellence, respect, and personal growth.

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Stefanie Schaffer "Finding New Roads" Tour Stops at Wells River Chevrolet

New Roads" Tour, author Stefanie Schaffer will speak about her recovery and share how the North ence and how she over-Country Chevy Dealers came the odds to "Find and Wells River Chevrolet helped her explore life on the road again with a fully adaptive Chevy Equinox.

WHY: In 2018, Stefanie Schaffer's life changed forever. After surviving a horrific boat accident, Schaffer became a bilateral amputee. Schaffer's memoir, "Without any Warning - Casualties of a Caribbean Vacation," is a first-hand account of the accident that forever changed her life. Schaffer will be on-site at North Country Chevy dealerships throughout Ver-

WHAT: On the "Finding mont. New Hampshire. and Northern New York in early June to speak about her life-altering experi-New Roads.

> WHEN: June 9, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m.

> WHO: The community is invited to come listen to and meet speaker, author, and influencer Stefanie Schaffer.

> WHERE: Wells River Chevrolet, 10 Railroad Street, Wells River, VT 05081

> "I'm excited to visit my Chevrolet family and to see everyone who has been part of my recovery journey," Schaffer said. "I look forward to sharing my story with the community."

Birding with Bill

get out side and play. Come join the fun!

Birding with Bill on the CT River Birding Trial May date to be set 23rd year!

Attention Birding enthusiasts, the Newbury Conservation Commission Invites you to the

It's that time of year to with BILL in BOLTON-VILLE" on Saturday May 20 at 6:30 AM (rain or shine) Meet at the very end of Industrial Park Rd. (next road to Blue Mt Union School) for an interesting and exciting bird walk through wetlands and woodlands of the 22nd annual: "BIRDING "Wells River Conservation preciated

Trails" with Thetford's famous birder and director of the "CT River Birding Trail", Bill Shepard. Please dress appropriately for damp and cool woods conditions.

For more info please call (802) 584-4077** donations accepted and ap-

Old Church theater Summer Drama Camp

collaboration with Bradford Public Library is excited to offer a Summer Drama Camp this year for thespians from 12-18 years old.

Classes on designing and building sets, script writing, costumes, makeup, finding your way around the stage, using stage voices, Becoming Your Character, and more will be presented. Camp will begin daily from Mon-

Old Church Theater, in day, June 26, 2023 to Friday, June 30, 2023, between the hours of 10am and 3pm.

Interested members of the camp will also be encouraged to write ten minute one-acts before camp begins that members of the camp will prepare for a performance at Elizabeth Park on July 1st. (We hope to get 4-5 script writers!)

Auditions will be held at the Bradford Library on

Sunday, May 21st between 2-4 pm.

Our local boy scout troop has been invited to make hot dogs and hamburgers for sale, along with chips and drinks, for campers and audience members. Anyone who wants to attend the performance is invited!

Contact Melissa Mann melissa.mann@oldchurchtheater.org more information, or to register.



Peachy Cake

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I am fine just enjoying the weather. So many tick's this year it's the most I've found ever. The pets have flea and tick protection and they haven't been bad on them it's me I keep finding them on. They must be flying off the trees in the wind because every day I have found one or two. They give me the heeby jeebies. I'm going to get some application you use on your lawn. Hopefully it'll help a bit. My cat Bella had surgery this week. She had a tumor under her tongue. She is doing well. She isn't home yet but will be soon, but she is really missed by me and her furry family.

Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients 9" Round cake pan

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt 3/4 cup butter softened

(1 1/2 sticks) 1 cup granulated sugar 2 large eggs

1/4 cup sour cream

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

1 can 14 oz diced peaches drain

1 can 14 oz sliced peaches drain and keep juice because you will need 1 Tbsp for drizzle frosting.

Frosting ingredients 1 cup confectionery sugar sifted in small bowl. Add 1 Tbsp peach

A few pinches sugar

juice and mix well.



Preheat oven to 350 degrees and

Grease your 9" round cake pan (I used Spray). In medium bowl mix flour, baking powder and salt whisk to fluff up. In mixing bowl beat butter and sugar until light and creamy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs one at a time mix well. Add sour cream and vanilla extract and mix well. A little at a time add flour mixture scraping sides and bottom. When mixed add diced peaches and fold in. Spread batter into your prepared pan and top with sliced peaches about 5-6 pieces put in circle on top and sprinkle sugar on top of those peaches. I didn't use the whole can of sliced peaches. Bake 40-45 minutes until toothpick in center comes out clean and top browned. Mine took 42 minutes. Cool on wire rack for 30 minutes then remove from pan. Cool completely then make drizzle frosting and drizzle on top. Voila you are done. Easy peasy right! And "Delicioso "! I thought it was good and tasted really good next day. Cover with plastic wrap. My friend Jane heated hers and put butter



tea or milk.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try, your family will say you are a star. Hoping all you moms out there enjoyed Mother's Day.

Until next time I am signing off,

Sincerely, Cin Pin



