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## Lights, Camera, Action! Cohase Chamber of Commerce Film Slam

Lights, camera, action! We have probably all heard that phrase used when it comes to movies. Well, how about "Genre, props, line" to get your groups started on a film of their own. Sunday, May 4 at 6:30 pm will be the showtime for this year's crop of productions to be aired for the Cohase Chamber of Commerce's 7th annual Film Slam.

The rules are fairly straight forward. Put together a team, as big or as small as you want, and register at Cohase.org. There is a division for students as well as an open division. Each group will be given a specific genre of movie to make (horror, comedy, drama, etc.) Then you are given a specific item or items that must

be part of the final project. Next you are given a specific line that must be used. And finally you are given a location that must also appear in your finished project. Add to that the fact that you will have a limited time to pull all this together. Student teams will be given their instructions on Friday, April 28 with a deadline of Saturday, May 3 at 3:30. Open division teams all gather on Friday, May 2 at 5:30 pm in Bradford for their kick off. They will have 48 hours as the deadline for submission is Sunday, May 4 at 5:30 pm. The night of the showing, which is



open to the public by donation, at the Bradford Academy building beginning at 6:30 pm, will begin with the very first airing ever of the Open Division films. A panel of judges will watch them along with

the general public. When they are done, the judges will retire to discuss and decide. Meanwhile the audience will be entertained by the pre-judged student productions. When those are done, awards will be handed out, and if time allows there will also be a question and answer session with many of the film makers themselves.

No special skills or equipment are needed to enter this competition. Most modern cell phones have plenty of capabilities to edit videos. Though some teams will use higher quality editing programs, there is no re-

quirement or restriction on either.

There will be cash prize awards given to the top film makers in both divisions. Those prizes are thanks in part to our generous sponsors, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Wells River Savings Bank, Copeland Furniture and WYKR. The Cohase Chamber of Commerce is still accepting sponsors for this event in order to give bigger and better prize money. A final prize structure will be announced at a later date. If you wish to enter, or become a sponsor, please go to [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org) and look for the Film Slam tab. Enter your team and prepare to get creative.

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## SOUP SUPPER and SPEAKER PROGRAM COMING TO ORFORD ON APRIL 12

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We have just the answer for you. The Friends of the Orford Libraries (FOL) and the Orford Historical Society (OHS) are partnering on a special event on Saturday, April 12 at the Orford Church on Main Street.

A wonderful

Soup Supper will be served from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. with local chefs making 8 different kinds of soup for your dining pleasure. Another 20+ people will also be making and serving Salad, Rolls, and a variety of delightful Desserts under the direction of FOL members Lesley Butman and Chris Bunten who will head up the kitchen and dining room work teams. Donations are requested to support the important work of the Friends of the Orford Libraries.

Following dinner at 7:00 p.m. will be a program with well-known New Hampshire speaker, Steve

Taylor talking on "Late in Arriving: How Electricity Changed Rural NH Life." Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the program cost.

Much has been written about Mr. Taylor over the last 30-40 years. For the few of you that aren't natives of this region, he is a Newspaperman, Farmer and Public Servant of long standing. Among other things, he served as the NH Commissioner of Agriculture for 25 years, he served his hometown of Plainfield, NH as town and school district moderator and was a founding member and Executive Director

for the NH Humanities Council. Steve Taylor also wrote for The Valley News and the Claremont Eagle from the early days of his career, covering many big regional stories over the years. He served in the military. He has also written a book for family and friends called "Steve Taylor: Recollections of a Life in Newspapering, Farming & Public Service." Steve attended UNH and served as an ex officio member of the University System Board of Trustees.

He is an engaging storyteller with a folksy style and a head full of knowledge collected over a lifetime of service on the farm, in the newspapers and as a public servant. You will be well-entertained and

most likely smarter at the end of the evening.

Come join us for both events at the church on Main Street in Orford on Saturday, April 12 starting with the Soup Supper being served from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. with Steve Taylor speaking at 7:00 p.m. Donation buckets on the tables for the Soup Supper, and a donation basket will be placed at the entrance to the speaker program.

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## OBITUARY: Jane Musty Wilcox,

With great sadness, we announce the passing of 78, on Friday, March 7, 2025, at her home in Piermont, NH. Jane was born at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, NH, on September 28, 1946, to Edgar and Katherine Musty. She was raised on a dairy farm in Piermont, NH, alongside her two brothers, Peter and Sam Musty, and her sister, Susan Musty. They have many good memories of life on the farm.

Jane attended Piermont public school, then Bradford Academy, where she was in the chorus and was a majorette in the marching band. During her school years, she took piano lessons from Miss Munn of Bradford, who was a great encouragement for Jane to continue her music career. She played in church and in a local popular music band. After graduation, she went to Plymouth State College for a year, then transferred to the New England Conservatory of Music, where she studied and graduated with a Bachelor's in Piano Performance. She later went on to earn a Master of

Education degree from Cambridge College.

Jane married John Stewart in 1969, with whom she had a son, Oliver, in 1978. She worked as a secretary and receptionist for an architectural firm in Harvard Square and taught music in the Cambridge Public Schools, with a long tenure at the Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School. She loved the students and was always looking for instruments to use in her classes when she had time over the summer. With fellow faculty musicians, she gave memorable concerts for her students of classical repertory. As a fine singer with a beautiful voice, she sang with the Cantata singers, a well-known vocal ensemble in Boston that continues to this day. On one occasion, she sang the solo alto part in the Bach Magnificat in concert.

Jane married Larry Wilcox in 1989, and Larry's son, Todd, joined the family. After she retired from the Cambridge Public School System, she worked at Roma Tile as a consultant. She and Larry enjoyed remodeling several houses and using their creative talents to upgrade and beau-

tify those homes. She also gave private lessons, both voice and piano, to many students over the years, and they put on recitals that were a fun and joyful time. During her retirement, Jane and Larry took yoga and helped set up and close the room, and they also organized and led many trips for the seniors at the YMCA. They loved to travel and took many trips, including Portugal, Costa Rica, Mexico, Japan, Croatia, and Iceland.

In 2020, Jane and Larry returned to her roots, moving from Newton, MA, to Piermont, NH. They found joy in their home, tending to their gardens, exploring art and garden tours, and cherishing time with family and friends. A celebration of life is planned at the family home on June 21, 2025, at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association on her behalf.

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

## Lisbon Lions Clubs 21st Annual Spring Senior Dinner,

The Lisbon Lions Club is once again showing their appreciation to local senior citizens by sponsoring the 21st Annual Spring Senior Dinner, free for all senior citizens living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, on Saturday, April 12th. The meal will include ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, applesauce, roll and dessert.

This year's dinners will be offered as home deliveries only. Meals will be delivered as close to noon as possible.

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What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

Create a budget — and stick with it. Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories.

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Pay yourself first. Like everyone, you have a lot of bills to pay each month. But why not pay yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

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How can you boost your savings?

Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly

times or for buying certain items.

Cut down — or consolidate — your debts. It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

Get some help. Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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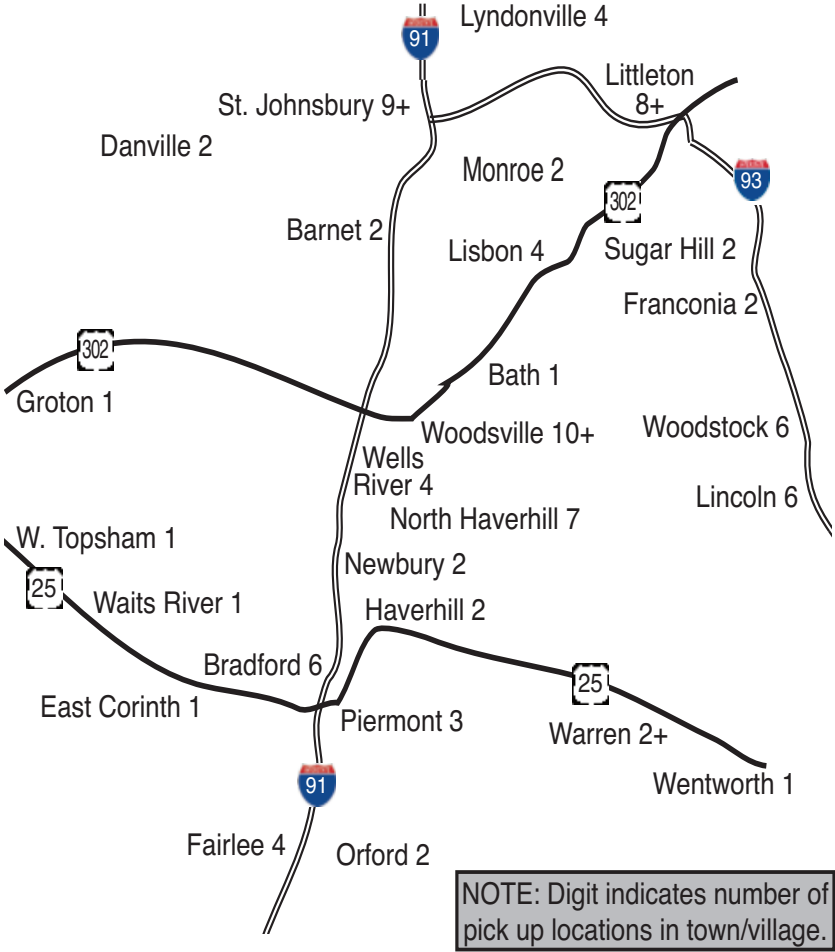
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Emily actively participates in daily class discussions and consistently volunteers for community service opportunities. Her kindness and positive attitude are evident in everything she does, making her a valued and respected member of the JAG program.

"We are thrilled to welcome Emily into our JAG family," said Mrs. Jill Nichols, JAG Specialist at Woodsville High School. "Her willingness to get involved and her genuine care for others exemplify the values we strive to instill in all of our students."

# Woodsville High Shool News



Woodsville High School is proud to announce that Principal Mr. Hayden Coon has been named Administrator of the Year by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association (NHMEA).

Mr. Coon received this prestigious honor in recognition of his outstanding support for music education and the arts at Woodsville High School. Under his leadership, WHS has continued to foster a creative, student-centered environment where the arts are valued, supported, and celebrated.

"Mr. Coon is the kind of leader every music program dreams of," said Mr. Wright, Band Director for SAU 23. "He champions the arts, believes in our students, and understands the power of music in shaping young minds. This award is so well deserved."

Mr. Coon accepted the award surrounded by his wife and children, a reflection of the deep values of family, community, and student growth that he brings to WHS every day. His commitment to creating an inclusive and inspiring learning environment has made a lasting impact on students, staff, and the wider SAU 23 community.

Superintendent Dolores Fox and the SAU 23 leadership team extend their heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Coon for this well-earned recognition. His dedication to the arts ensures that students at Woodsville High School continue to thrive in programs that support not only academic excellence but also personal expression, creativity, and collaboration.



Woodsville High School is proud to recognize the exceptional work and dedication of its Special Education Department in this week's Staff Spotlight, honoring three outstanding team members: Mrs. Jodie Maccini, Ms. Alejandra Herrera, and Mrs. Deb Herrera.

These educators play a vital role in supporting students with diverse learning needs and are known for their compassion, patience, and deep commitment to student success. Together, they create an inclusive environment where every student is given the tools and encouragement they need to thrive both academically and personally.

Woodsville High School Principal Mr. Hayden Coon shared his appreciation, saying:

"Mrs. Maccini, Ms. Alejandra Herrera, and Mrs. Deb Herrera are the heart of our Special Education team. Their teamwork, professionalism, and care for students are unmatched. WHS is stronger because of them."

The WHS community extends its heartfelt thanks to these three educators for the invaluable work they do each day. Their impact reaches far beyond the classroom and helps shape a positive, supportive culture throughout the school.



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Peter Tice  
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Haverhill Historical Society

## Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee is looking for Volunteers For The 2025 Season

Once again the Woodsville Wells River Fourth of July Committee is looking for your help. And this time you might even get paid for it. We are looking for public input into this year's theme. There is a long standing tradition of paying \$25.00 to whoever offers up the chosen theme for each year. The theme is used by parade participants as part of the judging for cash prizes. You can submit your suggestion(s) to our Facebook page, or send an email to president@wwr4th.org. A decision will be made at the April 28 monthly meeting of the committee.

We are also looking for nominations for both Parade Marshal and Grand Marshal. These honorees will be invited to participate in the parade as well as see their picture and a short write up in our souvenir booklet. Parade Marshal shall have military background, while the Grand Marshal is a person, or couple, who have given back to the community.

The Committee is also in need of vol-

unteers for several other tasks such as: Parade / street watchers. These folks are assigned a street to block off just before the parade starts. Then keep traffic from entering the parade route until it is finished. Then simply leave and let the traffic sort out on its own.

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The 2-cylinder club will have a meeting at 12 noon, but the plowing will continue until they are finished, or the sun goes down, or they have simply had enough fun for one day.

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Rachel Strout, (left) from Bath, New Hampshire, majored in both Secondary Education and English, with a minor in Modelling Mathematics and a certificate in Women, Gender, and Leadership. She is a former Community Assistant, has been a tutor at the Student Success Center for two years, and has been working for the University's Marketing and Communications department as a content creator for the last year. She is the president of SISTUHS and an active member of Pierce Activities Council (PAC), as well as the secretary of Education Club and the Vice President of her class in the Student Government Association.

Rachel is a four-year member and captain of the Raven Thunder Dance Team and plays the piccolo in the Marching Band. She is a member of the Phi Lambda Theta Honor Society, President of Franklin Pierce's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society, and a new inductee to the Sigma Zeta Honor Society. She plans to pursue a career as a high school English teacher.

Rachel expressed her appreciation to "everyone who believed in me and thank you to anyone whose words or actions helped me grow into the confident woman I am today. Even small, seemingly insignificant interactions had a large impact, and I'm grateful for all of them!"

Franklin Pierce University is proud to announce that Rachel Strout has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian for the Class of 2025, and Gabrielle Oliva has been named the class's Salutatorian. These two outstanding undergraduate students will be formally recognized at the University's Baccalaureate Ceremony and Commencement Exercises on May 9 and May 10 on the Rindge Campus.



Gabrielle Oliva, (right) from Gardner, Mass., graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 2024 with a degree in Health Sciences and is a member of the University's Honors Program and Alpha Chi Honor Society. She conducted research on opioid use disorder during her time at Pierce and tutored students in Anatomy & Physiology.

In January 2026, she will begin the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Gabrielle would like to express her deepest gratitude to her professors for their mentorship and dedication, which have shaped her passion for medicine, and to her family for their unwavering love and support every step of the way. Gabrielle also shared a favorite personal quote by A.A. Milne to help sum up her experience at Pierce - "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."



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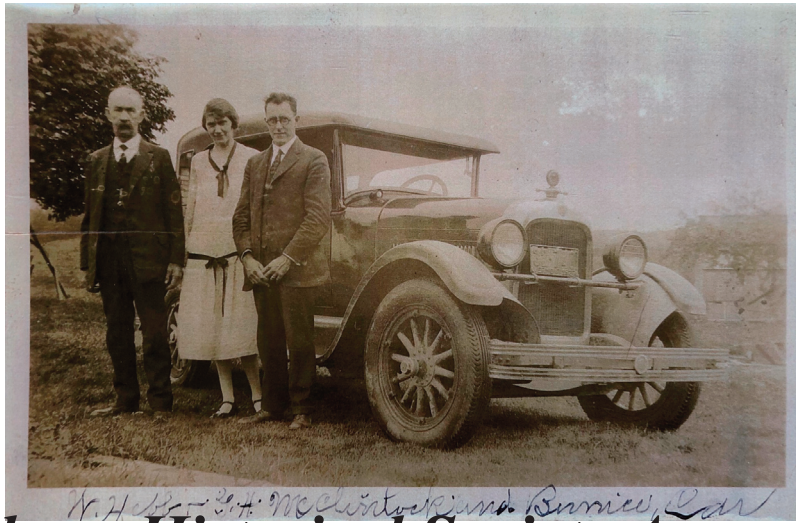


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## Newbury Historical Society Announces Gilbert H. McClintock Scholarship

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Gilbert McClintock served as a Lister for the Town of Newbury for many years. As Historical Society member Aroline Putnam remembers, he "knew Newbury's landscape and history perhaps better than anyone." Grand-nephew Greg Allen provided more of his extraordinary uncle's biography. McClintock was a self-taught surveyor who often made his own tools. Of particular interest was a wooden tripod. In fact, he taught himself a wide range of skills, including

plumbing, electrical wiring, and carpentry. Always reading, he kept detailed notes of everything he learned.

Niece Doris McClintock, granddaughter Kim McClintock, and grandniece Heather McClintock filled in the picture of Gilbert as a man devoted to his community and reluctant to spend more than a night away from home. Born next door to the Newbury Center Town House at the home now owned by Doris McClintock, he also lived in the farmhouse at the junction of Peach Brook and Scotch Hollow Roads. Fittingly, vintage weaver and historian Justin Squizzero now lives there and reports that the plumbing, wiring, and carpentry done by Mr. McClintock all still work just fine.

The family fondly recalled that Gilbert loved to talk and once claimed that he must have been "vaccinated by a phonograph needle". At age 90,

shortly before his death, he gave a program on Newbury history at the Town House. Not surprisingly, an attentive audience filled the hall.

The Gilbert H. McClintock Memorial Fund, established in 1990, has since then been awarding recognition and a history book each year to a graduating Newbury Elementary School 6th grader with a strong interest in history. Newbury Historical Society Chair Valerie Putnam stated, "With the enthusiastic support of the McClintock family, we are pleased to widen the reach of the fund with this high school scholarship, and we welcome the opportunity to expand the legacy of such a beloved, community-minded Newbury resident." Scholarship guidelines, eligibility requirements, and an application are available at the Guidance Department of each school or from Newbury Historical Society at newburyhistorical@gmail.com.

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## From The Editor

To the Editor,

The voters in Wisconsin in a non-partisan election have spoken that money doesn't always buy elections and chainsaw government is not what they wanted or expected from the current president when they cast their ballots last fall. Susan Crawford didn't just win the State Supreme Court contest but won it handily with a 10-point spread, 55% to 45%. And in Florida 2 solidly Republican districts did elect Republicans, but only by margins of 14% and not by the 30 points that Trump won by in 2024,

And I don't think people voted for America to abandon our allies and certainly did not vote for world-wide tariffs.

The people of America need to continue to make

their voices heard and stand up and take action against the tyrants, the dictators, the bullies, and the yes men in this administration, and also to the Republicans who blindly follow this administration.

Too often dictators win an election then become dictators - like Putin in Russia, Maduro in Venezuela, Orban in Hungary and Ortego in Nicaragua.

Don't let the words of Big Yellow Taxi come true. "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone? They paved over paradise and put up a parking lot"

Don't let it happen in the USA.

Now is the time to stand up and take action.

I hope there will be elections in 2026.

Richard M Roderick  
Wells River, Vermont

**Richard,**

*America was founded on the belief that people have certain unalienable rights. I still believe that to be true. One of those rights is that we are allowed to vote for the person of our choice using a secret ballot. I strongly believe that this activity will not end unless there is a major uprising that fails.*

*I have been proud to vote in every election for many, many years. That includes local, state and national elections. I have not missed one in years, and do not plan to miss one as long as I am able to do so. At this point I will hope and trust that this right will continue for the American public.*

**Gary Scruton, Editor**

"Heard at the County...won't support it!"

To the Editor,

Consternation and concern arose in me when I heard Grafton County Commissioner, Martha McLeod, make the following comments at the March 25th Grafton County Commissioners' Meeting re: 287-G:

- Bad idea to cooperate with ICE
- We're using our manpower & money
- Lots of costs
- Bad timing
- Won't support it!
- Liability with Civil Rights violations
- Concern for public safety
- Division between law enforcement and immigrants
- President Trump's Administration's policies are arbitrary & inhumane
- I would fight against these policies

Immediate questions came to mind: will the blood be on the hands of the Grafton County Commissioners if one of our legal Grafton County residents is robbed, raped, beaten, or murdered as is happening in other states with the infusion of millions of illegal aliens and gang-bangers? Additionally, postpone the building of a new courthouse, and use some of that money to fund the Sheriff's Budget in order for her department to cooperate with ICE? Refer to Commissioner McLeod's comments above, bullet #5 & bullet #10.

This meeting strangely seems to have been "staged" under the guise of responding to "constituent concerns" re: identifying and retaining undocumented aliens in Grafton County under a Program entitled 287-G. Unusual, sudden attendance!?

287-G, was enacted as part of the Illegal Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act

of 1996 (IIRAIRA) which is a program that allows state & local law enforcement agencies to partner with U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enforce federal immigration laws, deputizing local officers to perform certain immigration enforcement functions. 287-G was enacted in 1996 during the Administration of President Bill Clinton, and actions to end the program during the Administration of President Biden did not seek any cuts to the \$24.3 million for the 287-G Program. (Google)

Under questioning by Grafton County Commissioner, Wendy Piper, to High Sheriff of Grafton County, Jill Myers, "...are you an elected official under the New Hampshire Constitution, and if you don't do this [participation in 287-G], would you be fulfilling these (Constitutional) duties? High Sheriff Myers responded that "... she had to do this to meet her responsibilities."

At one point in the discussion, Commissioner Piper enunciated to Commissioner McLeod that she [McLeod] was using partisan rhetoric, which led to what seemingly was a heated exchange between the two Commissioners. This was a pretty exciting emotional exchange between these 2 Commissioners in what is normally a "sleepy" series of weekly meetings! Yeow...catfight!!

At one point, Commissioner Piper stated that this was a "fact-finding mission." Through observation over the past 10 months, I have found Commissioner Piper very astute and thoughtful in her methodology of questioning at these meetings. I queried to myself that Commissioner McLeod was "throwing her hat in the ring" perhaps for the Governorship of NH or maybe the po-

sition for Congress from CD-2, since both of these positions will be open in 2026?! Her comments and actions seemed to have all the markings of "grand-standing" and partisanship.

Under public comment, I thanked Sheriff Myers and Sgt. Adams for their straightforwardness and professionalism. I further stated that "... all the questions being asked [by the Commissioners] are moot because they [Sheriff's Dept. personnel] have not had the training." I added that "...The Administration's [Trump Administration] policy is to keep them [and all Grafton County residents] safe." In addition, I stated, "...we live in a 'transitory county' [with Rte 93 running north/south from Massachusetts to Canada, and Rte 91 in Vermont running north/south parallel to NH with bridges running east/west into NH.] "We do not know exactly who is in our county." "They [Sheriff's Dept. personnel and ICE agents] are protecting citizens who are here legally, and people who are undocumented should not be in our country." My point: we are a viable route for illegal aliens to enter our state.

Under current policies of President Trump and Governor Ayotte, we are not a sanctuary country nor a sanctuary state thus President Trump's Executive Order directs Undocumented Aliens to be deported. Under Governor Ayotte's policies, New Hampshire is not Massachusetts!

Surely, the mainstream news networks which Commissioner McLeod claims to watch are reporting these facts?!

Nick De Mayo,  
Sugar Hill, NH

**Nick,**

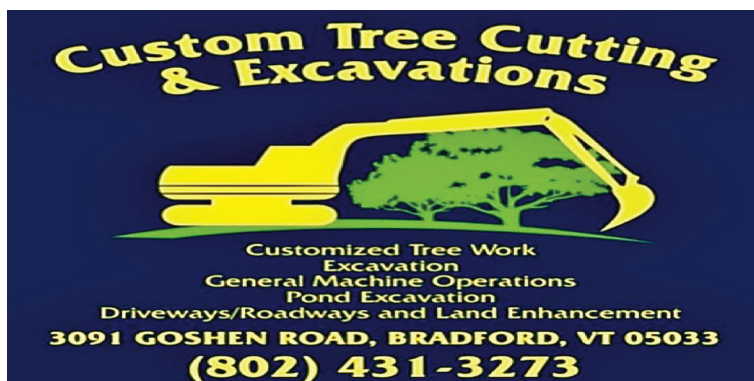
*I believe that most would agree that our immigration system is broken, and has been for many years. There are businesses that depend on migrant and/or immigrant workers to perform tasks that they can not fill with American workers. There can be a shortage of such workers. A new system needs to be instituted to allow for such workers to live in the US for whatever time frame is needed to complete the task they are hired to perform.*

*I do certainly agree that way too*

*many people crossed into our country illegally and I hope that situation can be better handled.*

*In regards to local, county and state law enforcement working with the federal law enforcement agencies, I think most would agree that local control is important, but not by completely ignoring the role of those federal officers. In other words, cooperation is a better tract that confrontation.*

**Gary Scruton, Editor**



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# Haverhill Select Board Update by Gary Scruton

Once again I had the opportunity to sit down with Select Board members Ron Hurlburt and Joe Longacre. This was our first meeting since Town Meeting 2024.

One of the top priorities of the Select Board continues to be the hiring of a new Town Administrator. The board has once again begun a search for viable and qualified candidates. There is some momentum towards hiring one or more outside agencies to facilitate that recruitment. Of course this will entail new costs. There is also some discussion about adjusting the pay scale for the position in order to better attract candidates.

One of many items that passed at town meeting was the spending of \$100,000 for a forensic audit. The Select Board has not yet made a decision regarding exactly how this will happen, or who will be hired in order to complete this task.

Also coming from a vote a town meeting, the Select Board has authorized the Haverhill Fire Chief to sell the fire truck that is housed in Haverhill Corner and to place an order for a new truck. The new truck is not expected to be completed and delivered for about three years.

One item that was decided at the March 31 Select Board meeting was to

sell a piece of property in the Industrial Park to an abutter. The plan is to build a new work area in order to expand the business and possibly employ about six more individuals. The sale was contingent upon the payment of a sewer hookup fee as required by the park regulations. The sale price was \$12,000. and puts the property back on the tax roles.

It should be noted that this article is being written before the April 8 meeting of the Select Board. That meeting will include the organization of the current board, that is the election of a chair and vice-chair., as well as assignment of board members to various commissions and committees. It can be noted here that the most experienced member of the current board is Joe Longacre who was first elected two years ago. Rod O'Shana, the current chair and acting Town Administrator, has only been on the board for 13 months. Theresa Paige has now won two elections, though the first was only for a one year term. Ron Hurlburt was appointed about one year ago, and won re-election this year to a one year term. The fifth and newest member of the board is Vickie Wyman who won a three year seat this year.



## Budget Downshifting

The current US Department of Education was officially established on May 4, 1980, and prior to that date, it was a division within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In approving this department, Congress was led to believe, that the newly formed department would: ensure equal access to education, improve the quality of education, and regulate federal education programs.

Since 1980, Federal promises and costs once made in Washington, D.C. have been watered down, contributing to a long list of unfunded mandates and compliance regulations containing the threat of lost revenues if not followed.

Several years ago, I asked the NH Department of Education to identify the revenue sources supporting department employees. Of the total number at that time, 193 were supported by federal funds, 37 were paid from the state general fund, and 9 from other sources. Another 64 approved positions remained vacant. This data isn't surprising, and poses the question, "Has NHDOE become an extended arm of the federal department? Federal reach has impacted local decision making and our property taxes. The U.S. Department of Education through law and regulation is a controlling force telling state and local boards how federal "grant" funds shall be used, and often mandating a one size fits all education program for all.

It shouldn't come as a surprise, that one in four education dollars in New Hampshire are directed toward special education. Al-

though NH's K-12 population has decreased 25% in the last several decades, special education enrollment continues to expand, currently serving 31,500 students. When IDEA (Individual Disabilities Education Act) was signed into law, states were told that 40% of costs would be paid by the federal government. In N.H., that figure is now in the single digit range with the state, local districts and local property tax payers picking up the downshifted difference. To support this scenario, local boards are often forced to raise local taxes or eliminate other school budget programs. A statewide performance audit of special education is currently underway to determine and seek efficiencies regarding; program management, delivery of IEP services, oversight controls, fiscal accountability and much more.

Lastly, due to projected statewide revenue shortfalls identified by House Ways and Means, the projected FY26 education budget reflects a 2% increase for adequacy. The proposed budget for FY27 does reflect an additional 2% increase, re-introduction of fiscal capacity disparity aid to assist challenged communities, and a requirement that excess SWEPT funds (approximately \$28M) be annually returned to the State Education Trust Fund by the excess SWEPT towns effective FY27.

Respectfully,  
Rep Rick Ladd, Grafton 5

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*With great sadness I have been informed by The amazing Cin Pin. She is no longer able to continue with her recipes. Well my fellow chefs I wish you all well. Stay safe and healthy my friends. I am signing off now.*

*Sincerely,  
Cin Pin*

## Court Street Arts Rupert Wates:



Friday, April 11th  
7:30pm  
\$20

Rupert Wates was born in London and studies at Oxford University. He has been a full-time songwriter since the late 1990's, when he signed a publishing contract with Eaton Music Unlimited. In London, he worked with some of the best performers in the city. Moving in 2001 to Paris, Wates formed his own quartet and began playing live regularly. In the fall of 2006, he came to the US. He is now based in New York City and Colorado. Since coming to the US, he has won more than 50 songwriting and performing awards.

His music is an eclectic mix of acoustic, melodic, art/folk, with flavors of jazz, vaudeville and cabaret. He has released 12 solo CD's. The have received outstanding reviews in the international online press and tracks from them have been played on radio all over the world.. In addition, Wates' songs have been covered by other artist in the UK, Canada and the US.. Rupert Wates averages 120 live shows every year, in front of audiences totaling more than 3,500, in acoustic venues in every state in American, Canada and Europe.

Despite Wates' British background, and underpinning the universality of his music's appeal, Folk Music Exchange has called him,

"..a prime figure in American Music.", and goes on to say, "This is one gifted s.o.b. If you are not hip to this guy yet, you are missing out!"

The Bailiff's Café will be serving up pre-ordered dinners along with desserts and beverages. Doors open at 6pm. Dinner is served from 6:30-7:30pm

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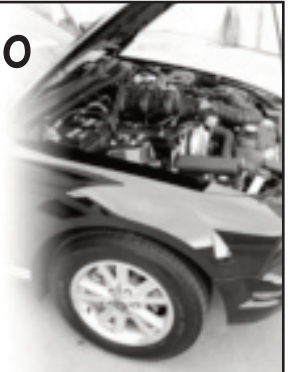
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