

Court Street Arts: KRAY VAN KIRK

Master singersongwriter brings myths new to Court Street Arts to tilt the 21st century windmills. A fine finger-style guitarist with a precise baritone, Kray Van Kirk has a Ph.D. from the University of Alaska, but he set science aside to write songs, tell stories and summon heroes. He will bring those songs and stories to Alumni Hall in concert on Saturday, May 3rd. The summoned heroes? They are

the audience. "We are driven by myth and the seasons of the heart," he says, "and the stories are all true. There is a dark cave inside each of us, and monsters of all kinds lurk there, all the more lethal for being hidden. The quest is to journey inside, render the monsters powerless, find whatever it is that burns at the core of your soul and bring it back into the light. In a world divided it is critical to write



and tell songs stories that show absolutely everyone they get to be the hero. Nobody is left behind."

Thus his songs: Thunderbird resurrects the Phoenix

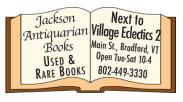
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diner in the Ameri-Southwest can (yes, the Phoenix drives a Thunderbird), The Queen of Elfland plucks Thomas the Rhymer from the English-Scottish border in 1250 and drops him and the Queen into a subway car, The Library Song has Superman moonlighting among the stacks, Rosa and Hector ride through Sherwood Forest on canes and a wheelchair, and The Midnight Com-

in an empty desert mander celebrates an insane old man leading the city of New York to take up arms (and underwear) against hatred.

> Of this charming, Quixotic, and decidedly eclectic performer, the Borderline Folk Club in New York wrote "it what every is singer-songwriter should aspire to."

For more information and tickets: www.courtstreetarts.org/events







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Well folks, I am back. This issue I decided to go to Jamie Lynn's it was a Thursday afternoon. It was just me myself and I I had some errands to run in Woodville, New Hampshire, so I decided to stop for lunch as always it's a warm welcoming when I got there because it was

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only me I sat at the bar. I decided to order a raspberry margarita. The waitress Jacqueline always pleasant asked if I knew what I wanted for lunch. I had checked their Facebook page as I do frequently and decided that I would get the lemon salt and pepper haddock with a

mashed potatoes and some broccoli. Which was on special that day. They always keep daily updates on the different concoctions they come up with. And also a little joke more than not. I'm not sure if everyone is aware, but they are now open seven days a week.

As people know from my previous articles that they also have an array of wonderful seafood. It was an outstanding meal. Only ate half so I decided to take the rest home. Asked for the bill they have a little white do hickey machine. So Ι paid my card which came to \$42.50 and of course left a good tip. Then headed for home. I hope if you get a chance, come out and see everyone at Jamie lynn's you won't be disappointed.









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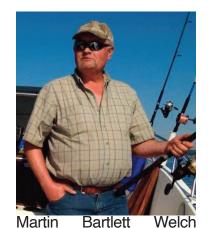
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passed away on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at Che-Medical Center. shire following years of declining health. He was born April 13th, 1960, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont to Kendall Shirley and (Barnes) Welch. The youngest of five, Martin was predeceased by his parents, as well as his brother Erwin. Left behind to carry on his memory are his children, Jennifer and Billy White of Pike, NH, and Bryan Welch and Ashley of Granville, NY, grandchildren Dylan, Olivia, and Sailor, as well as his loving and devoted cat Boots. Martin is also survived by his siblings, Winifred and Jim Hill of Haverhill, NH, Kendall Welch of Newbury, VT and Alice Welch of Bath, NH, along with many nieces and nephews.

Martin grew up in Newbury, VT on his parent's dairy farm, his youth was spent tending to the many farm chores and raising cain, he enjoyed hard work, fast cars, and small-town life. Following a fire at the farm, Martin joined the

OBITUARY: Martin Bartlett Welch.

Newbury Fire Department, where he served for many years. Martin had many employers over the years including Smith's Farm, Renfrew Building, Newman's Lumber, Davidson Lumber, Vermont Home Specialties and Field and Sons. He was proud of his work, and it showed. In keeping the farm spirit alive, Martin liked to always keep busy, he enjoyed gardening, baking, hunting, fishing, sugaring, haying, all things politics. and Sunday dinners with family.

Martin may have been known by some as a man of few words and yet to others a man of many. When he was working, he was patient and happy to teach to a point yet easily frustrated and liked things iust so. He was sarcastic and loved to joke. He had an opinion about almost everything and was never afraid to let you know it. His mind was always working, a carpenter by trade, he would wake up in the middle of the night thinking of the next steps or the next big project. A man that did not often say, "I love you," he showed his love by offering a hand, a tool or advice, whether solicited or not.

Martin will be missed by all that he has left behind, but the many memories and the knowledge that he has returned home, and his suffering is over will comfort us all. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

The family would like to extend extreme gratitude to all the ICU staff at Cheshire Medical Center whose kindness, care, and understanding not only with Martin, but to the entire family was far above and beyond during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Second Chance Animal Rescue at 1517 Meadow Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

The family will be hosting a celebration of life at the home of Jennifer and Bill at 1315 Mount Moosilauke Hwy., Pike NH 03780 on Saturday, May 24th, 2025, at 1 PM.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

REACH FOR THE SKY By Maggie Anderson

I slept through my stop to Ueno and ended up at the station beneath the Sky Tree, still short of my room at the inn. The first thoughts that came to me - after my initial self loathing about having slept right through my intended station - were of the first time Hank and I visited Tokyo's brand new cell tower aptly named Sky Tree.

The thing is massive. It reaches so high, when you look heavenward from almost any place in the city all you see behind it is wide open blue sky.

When I saw it for the first time, all I could think of was imagining the city council asking for ideas on how to bring more foot traffic and tourist trade to that area of the city. I pictured some eager young guy frantically waving an arm for attention, then giving the council his idea.

"Here's a thought, we live in the most earthquake prone place on the face of the earth. How about we build a cell tower twice the height of Eiffel's just to show him up?"

Our young friend garnered a standing O and a resounding, YES!

On our first foray to Sky Tree's 30th floor observation tower Hank and I stepped into a glass elevator promising a breath-taking view of the world's biggest city. Then it filled like a New York subway at rush hour.

Hank was afraid of heights.

I'm claustrophobic. But our biggest problem was feeling like bugs smooshed onto the windshield of a speeding car.

The view didn't matter so much after that.



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Achieving financial stability doesn't happen overnight — it takes a journey. And, as with every journey, you'll need to make some stops along the way. These stops, or milestones, can tell you how far you've gone — and where you need to go next.

Milestone 1: Build a foundation

When you're first starting on your financial journey — typically, when you are beginning your career — you'll want to build a foundation by acting on key issues, such as saving, paying down debts and investing for the future. Here are some suggestions:

Start your emergency fund. Eventually, you'd like to have several months' worth of living expenses kept in a liquid, low-risk account to deal with unexpected costs, such as large medical bills or a major car repair. For now, though, at least try to put away a few hundred dollars or a month's worth of expenses. To make it easier, have some money moved automatically each month from a checking or savings account into your emergency fund. Take your employer's Contribute match. enough to your 401(k) and health savings account (HSA) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Pay down your higher-rate debt. Try to pay down as much highinterest, non-deductible debt as you can afford. If possible, refinance debt at lower interest rates.

Milestone 2: Gain a better foothold

Once you've got your financial foundation in place, and you're established in your career, consider these steps to gain an even better foothold:

Continue building your emergency fund. Try to get at least a couple of months' expenses in this fund.

Put away more into your retirement accounts. If you can, try to put anywhere from 10% to 15% of your gross income into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Check your debt-toincome ratio. Divide your monthly debt payments by your monthly gross income to calculate your debt-to-income ratio. If you're paying a mortgage, try to keep this ratio to 35% or less. Without a mortgage, try for 20% or less. Maintain your emergency fund. By now, you should be able to keep up to six months' worth of expenses in your emergency fund. A sizable emergency fund can help you if you need to switch jobs and enable you to meet larger expenses without dipping into your long-term investments.

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Review your retirement goals. At this stage of your life, you should review your retirement goals regularly to determine whether you're still on track toward meeting them. If you aren't, you may need to adjust your investment strategies. Of course, your goals may have changed over time, and this, too, may require adjustments on your part. You may want to work with a financial professional who can suggest appropriate moves to help you on your way.

Reaching all these milestones will take diligence and commitment — but it will be worth the effort in helping you on Come listen to April every other friday morning on WYKR for the lastest news in Trendy Times



Milestone 3: Keep moving forward

As you move into your middle years — and beyond — it's time to further solidify your financial situation and keep making progress toward a comfortable retirement. These moves can help: your journey toward financial stability.

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Woodsville High School is proud to recognize the excellence and dedication of its English Language Arts Department in this week's Staff Spotlight, shining a well-deserved light on Mrs. Kaiser, Mr. Weiss, and Mrs. LaFond.

These exceptional educators are known for their unwavering commitment to student success, fostering an environment that promotes literacy, critical thinking, and creative expression. Through thoughtful instruction and engaging lessons, they guide students in discovering the power of language and the importance of finding their own voice.

As the world prepares to recognize International English Language Day on April 23, Woodsville High School takes special pride in highlighting the profound impact its ELA educators make on campus and beyond.

"Our English Department exemplifies what it means to empower students through language," said WHS Principal Mr. Hayden Coon. "Mrs. Kaiser, Mr. Weiss, and Mrs. LaFond bring energy, creativity, and

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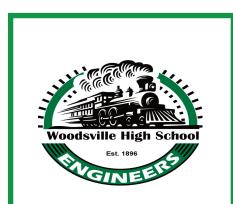


Woodsville High School is proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding dedication and leadership of our WHS Class Advisors in this week's WHS Spotlight. These incredible staff and community members play a vital role in supporting and guiding each student class throughout the school year. From organizing fundraisers to planning major events like prom and graduation, their efforts help make the WHS experience truly unforgettable.

Senior Class Advisors – Ms. Richardson & Mrs. Marston

Junior Class Advisors – Mr. Scianna & Mr. Bonanno

Sophomore Class Advisors – Mr. Lester & Mrs. Heath



Freshman Class Advisors – Miss Locasio & Ms. Lundin

"We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and heart our Class Advisors pour into our students," said WHS Principal Hayden Coon. "Their work behind the scenes ensures that each class has the support and opportunities they need to succeed and enjoy their high school journey."

Whether it's leading class meetings, brainstorming spirit week themes, or supporting milestone celebrations, our Class Advisors are always there—offering guidance, encouragement, and school pride.

Thank you for your leadership, commitment, and for being such an important part of the WHS community.



Woodsville High School is proud to recognize senior Taylor Wright for her outstanding commitment to Woodsville the High School JAG Program and Jobs for America's Graduates - New Hampshire program (JAG-NH) throughout high her school career.

Taylor began her journey with WHS JAG as a freshman and has grown into a key student leader within the program. She served as a Class Ambassador from 2021 to 2023, was selected as Social Coordinator in 2024, and currently serves as the Vice President of Communications for the WHS JAG Chapter. Her leadership extends beyond the local level, as she is also the Social Media Manager for Jobs for America's Graduates - New Hampshire, supporting communication efforts across the state.

In the fall, Taylor will attend the University of Findlay in Ohio, where she will major in Equestrian Studies with an emphasis in Western Riding and Training—a step toward turning her passion for horses into a lifelong career.

"Taylor brings heart, humor, and hustle to everything she does," said Mrs. Jill Nichols, Senior Career Specialist for the WHS JAG program. "She's a natural leader who leads with kindness, and her passion for JAG and her future career is nothing short of inspiring." Woodsville High School and the entire JAG-NH community congratulate Taylor on her accomplishments and wish her continued success as she begins this next chapter.

purpose to every lesson, helping students find their voice and engage with the world around them."

Woodsville High School extends its gratitude to these outstanding professionals for their passion, leadership, and the meaningful role they play in shaping the future of our students

Engineering a better future by inspiring our students to become independent, life-long learners.



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The Loading Dock presents: Thanya Lyer

Friday, April 25th at 8pm, doors open at 7:30. Alternative experimental jazz pop singersongwriter from Montreal and a NEK based artist that blends pop and r&b with catchy hooks and heartfelt lyrics. 18+ unless with a parent or guardian.

Thanya lyer is an enigmatic songwriter who crafts sparkling experimental pop music. Her live band, with Pompey, Emilie Kahn, and Daniel Gélinas, wields acoustic and electronic instruments to flesh out these serene, spiritual compositions. Thanya and the band's arrangements empower listeners to embrace mindfulness, aesthetic beauty and the interconnectedness of all things. Thanva has performed all over North America supporting acts like Julia Holter, Land of Talk, Kimya Dawson, Reverend Kristin Michael Hayter, Jeff Parker, and Kevin Drew. Following their 2020 Polaris long-listed, sophovisual album more "KIND", the band's new record. TIDE/TIED, navigates the rhythms of EP, "divine," showcasing

communal identity, healing, and loving, within a dissonant world.

"...a lovely set of expansive, exploratory, earthy pop that's characterized by spacious jazz and ethereal folk tendencies as well as a subtle experimental and improvisatory streak."

-KEXP, on KIND

"The Montreal-based singer-songwriter and violinist's music feels like an invitation to reflect. Each song recounts not just stumbling and uncertainty, but a sense of motivation." -Pitchfork

"lyer writes songs that flow seamlessly across textures and styles, never staying in one place too long." -NPR

Charlotte Rae is the fresh voice of pop music that fans have been waiting for. With a dream of becoming a popstar since she could remember, Charlotte has been pouring her heart and soul into her music, and it's finally paying off. In August 2024, she released her highly anticipated debut

her signature blend of catchy hooks and heartfelt lyrics. She is looking to define her genre as a pop/r&b artist in her upcoming work. Her main modern influences include Jessie Revez, Renee Rapp, Sabrina Carpenter and Omar Apollo. Embracing her identity as the "off duty pop princess," Charlotte invites listeners into her world - one filled with glittering melodies and storytelling. relatable Known for her intimate approach, she captures the essence of youth and empowerment in every note.

The Loading Dock is a non-profit creative space dedicated to presenting original art. The venue is located on Mill Street in Littleton, the entrance is next to a loading dock directly behind Topic of the Town and just up the street from Bad Art. The best parking is on Main Street or in the free parking lots on Pleasant Street behind the movie theater and also behind the laundromat.



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Frederick (Fred) Alan Stevenson, age 71, of Peacham, VT, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2025. He was born on August 17, 1953, in St. Johnsbury, VT, the son of Stuart Otis and Esther (Gadapee) Stevenson.

attended Barnet Fred Schools and graduated Johnsbury from St. Academy in 1971. On November 9, 1974, he married Cheryl Berwick, the love of his life, and together they shared 50 wonderful years.

Throughout his life, Fred was a hardworking and versatile individual. He worked for Harold (Jr.) Dunbar Plumbing, various local farmers, and Caledonia Sand and Gravel, where he cherished the opportunity to work alongside his father. He also contributed his skills to Fairbanks Scales in both electronics and on the factory floor, earning bonuses for his cost-saving suggestions. Fred further worked for EES Carpentry and the Town of Peacham, often juggling multiple jobs simultaneously.

A true entrepreneur, Fred established his own auction business. He possessed a genuine passion for auctions and a remarkable talent for the "song" of the auctioneer. He also fondly remembered plowing snow for his father.

Fred was deeply involved in the Masonic fraternity, holding the distinguished titles of Past Master of Pulaski Lodge, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and Mount Sinai #3 Shriner. He was incredibly proud of his affiliation and spearheaded a significant yearly donation from the Masons to the Alzheimer's Association in loving memory of his mother. Fred also served his community as a Fire Warden and past Fire Chief, playing an integral role in organizing the annual fireworks display for Peacham. He was a dedicated member of the Vermont Auctioneer's Association and the National Auctioneer's Associgenerously ation, volunteering his time to raise thousands of dollars fire departments, for

OBITUARY: Frederick (Fred) Alan Stevenson,

churches in Vermont and Hampshire, New and schools. In his leisure, Fred found joy in mowing lawns, often doing so for family and friends simply for the pleasure of it and to lend a helping hand.

A devoted fan of car racing, Fred traveled extensively to races in New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Canada, and Florida, as well as many local tracks. He shared a special bond with his nephew, particularly during his younger years, when they were inseparable at the races. In his younger days, Fred also enjoyed ice fishing and hunting and was known for his spirited adventures snowmobiling. He and Cheryl enjoyed many years of camping and motorcycle rides together, where Fred readily struck up conversations with fellow campers. He held a deep appreciation for nature in all its forms, marveling at the sky, especially the moon, and admiring architecture. Travel was a shared joy with his wife and his aunt



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Laura, with a memorable stop being a tour of the State Penitentiary in West Virginia. He even convinced his in-laws to join them on a trip to Tennessee. Fred also developed a fondness for the Amish country of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

An enthusiastic cook, Fred loved preparing breakfast for any visiting hunters. Old Orchard Beach in Maine held a special place in his heart as his favorite vacation spot, where the sound of the ocean brought him immense peace. Fred was a talented woodworker, crafting birdhouses, end tables. beds, risers, chairs, tables, and countless other items. He generously shared his skills by teaching woodworking to 4H girls and assisting children at the local school in building birdhouses.

Fred embraced life with a spirit of fun and approached everything with sincerity. He was known for his infectious belly laugh and a mischievous smirk that often hinted at impending good-natured trouble.

He was a loving companion to his dogs, with his last dog, Paisley, being a particularly devoted buddy who stayed close by, especially when he wasn't feeling well. Above all else, Fred cherished his family. He would visit www.rickerfh.com do anything for them and consistently extended his kindness and support to neighbors and friends with the same unwavering passion. Fred is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Cheryl Stevenson; his siblings, David Stevenson of Barnet, Cheryl Slayton and her husband David of East Ryegate, Richard Stevenson of Barnet, Virginia "Ginny" Douse of East Ryegate, Norman

Stevenson and his wife Penny of West Barnet, and Janice Page and her husband Frank of Groton; and numerous cherished nieces, nephews, greatnieces, and greatnephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stuart Otis and Esther Stevenson; his sister-in-law, Marilyn Stevenson; his brother-in-law, Timothy Douse; and his sister-in-law, Paula Stevenson.

Donations in Fred's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929 online and at www.stjude.org/givehome, or you could donate to the Shriners Children's, PO Box 947765, Atlanta GA 30394 and online at www.shrinerschildren.org and click the donate button.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of the NVRH Medical/Surgical Unit, The Pines Rehabilitation, Peacham Rescue, and Calex Ambulance for their compassionate care. Services will be on Monday April 21, 2025, at 11AM at the Peacham Congregational Church with the interment to follow at the Peacham Village Cemetery.

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Rose Marie Welch, 82, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 11, 2025, while residing at the Grafton County Nursing Home in New Hampshire. Born on March 1, 1943, in Glens Falls, New York, Rose was the beloved daughter of Mary Effie Brown (née Wheeler) and Warren Earl Brown. She grew up in New Hampshire and was a proud graduate of Lebanon High School in Lebanon, NH. A woman of many talents and passions, Rose lived a life full of joy and simple pleasures. She found happiness in square

dancing, cooking, bingo, arts & crafts, and traveling. She loved planningattending-parties and and rarely passed up a chance to go out to eat with friends. She loved spending time each year at the Haverhill Fair and enjoyed the ox pulling in particular. A lifelong fan of Elvis Presley and John Wayne, Rose's vibrant spirit and warm heart left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. Over the years, Rose worked as a seamstress at Carter & Churchill, as a baker at a restaurant in Bradford, VT, and as a cook at the Grafton

County Nursing Home-

where she would even-

OBITUARY: Rose Marie Welch,

tually return as a resident in her later years.

Rose was predeceased by her beloved husband, Carl Welch, and later found love and companionship again with her partner, Paul Williams, who also preceded her in death. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Ruth Gray and Rita Ryan, and her brother, Daniel Brown.

She is survived by sisters Joyce Greene of Florida and Irene Heath of New Hampshire, brother William "Bill" Brown of New Hampshire, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Rose will be remembered for her creativity and vibrant personality. She will be deeply missed.

Calling hours will be Friday, June 13, 2025, from 5-7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville, NH. There will be a graveside service for Rose on June 14 at 10 AM at the Ladd Street Cemetery in Haverhill, New Hampshire.

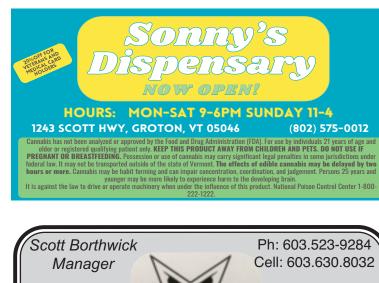
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Mallard ducks in N. Haverhill, NH CnB Arts/Cyndi







The Bath Library Book Club

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "Interior Chinatown" by Charles Yu on Monday, May 12 at 5:00 pm at the Bath Public Library. "Interior Chinatown," a recent winner of The National Book Award, is both engaging and thought provoking. The following micro-review by June Sham intriguingly sums up how Yu's book allows him to present worthwhile insight into the Asian-American experience.

Willis Wu dreams of the spotlight. However, as a Taiwanese-Americannot like Hollywood cares to differentiate between Asians-there's only one big role he can get. So he practices martial arts, perfects his fake accent, and, every day, shows up to play another random Asian guy in the background of the procedural cop show Black and White, hoping today will be the day he graduates from Background Oriental Male to coveted Kung Fu Guy.

Books may be picked up at the Bath Library; hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information, please contact the library at 603-747-3372 or email bathlibraryljh@gmail.com

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Local 2025 DAR Good **Citizen Award Winner** Takes State & Regional

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The Oxbow Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, based in Newbury, Vermont, is pleased to announce that Shane Morse, a senior at Oxbow High School in Bradford, Vermont, is the Chapter winner of the 2025 DAR Good Citizen Award. Additionally, Shane achieved first place honors at both the Vermont State Society and Northeast Regional levels for his outstanding essay on how service fosters a strong sense of community and strengthens our American identity.

Excerpt from Shane's essay:

"Despite having a confusing past, America's identity has grown to become one that people are proud of, centered around service and community. These two ideals must go in tandem to each other: communities can not exist without people willing to serve and people willing to serve will always

create communities. Without these people, the American collapses identity and creates a void, for what is America if not people working for the common good of the community, no matter what the community may be?"

Shane is a high-achieving student and leader at Oxbow, a dedicated community volunteer and Eagle Scout, and a young man of character whom his recommending teacher noted "makes [Shane] the best role model and a strong leader. His natural leadership skills, which go unnoticed by him, command the respect and admiration of his peers." He is the recipient of the Dartmouth Book Award, the 2025 UVM Green & Gold Scholarship, among many other honors, and plans to pursue study of marine science beginning this fall. He will graduate high school with an impressive 25 college credits already

The Hub Teen Center Announces **Exciting Move to New Location in** Bradford, VT

VT BRADFORD, [April 18, 2025] - The Bradford Teen Center thrilled to is announce its relocation of The Hub to a new. larger space at 174 Main Street in Bradford. Vermont, in June 2025. This location was most recently home to the Space on Main, and the Teen Center is eager to build upon the community-focused initiatives established there while expanding its own mission to serve the wider Bradford community.

Having experiremarkable enced success in its current location, with teen attendance at an alltime high, The Hub has outgrown its existing facilities. The move to 174 Main Street will enable the organization to increase its capacity and broaden the services and opportunities it offers. Notably, the new location will undergo

renovations to include a full kitchen, allowing The Hub to continue its popular summer culinary program for teenagers and potentially introduce new food-related initiatives.

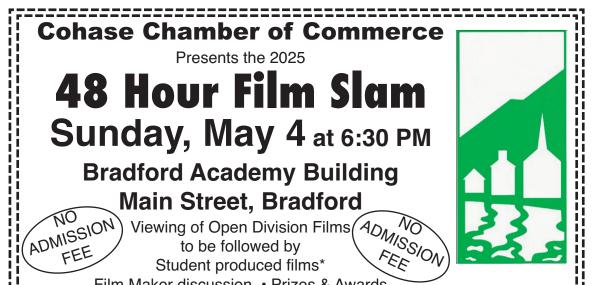
The Bradford Teen Center will continue its mission to provide a safe, enjoyable environment where teenage youth are heard, encouraged, and empowered. With this move, the Teen Center also looks forward to extending its reach and impact, fostering a vibrant and supportive space for both teens and wider Bradford the community, including the continuation of spaces co-working previously offered at the Space on Main.

"We are honored to build on the foundation that Monique Priestley created at the Space On Main," said Patrick Peters, founder and president of the board of directors. "We are

also privileged to be able to utilize many of the valuable resources that were part of the Space, including audio and video recording equipment, 3D printers, soundproof phone booths, and more. This will significantly enhance the opportunities we can provide to teens and to the broader community."

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The Bradford Teen Center is deeply grateful for the ongoing support of its many partners and supporters, including Pacilio. Vincent owner of our current location, as well Monique Priestley, and Vin and Angela Wendell, the owners of the new location at 174 Main Street. Their generosity has been instrumental in making this exciting transition possible.







Kray Van Kirk sat, may 3, 7:30pm

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To the Editor,

The assault of the rule of law and the American ideals continues under the current Administration. Unidentified and masked Administration Trump gunmen continue to abduct legal immigrant residents for exercising their free speech rights. The latest is Mohsen Mahdawi who was abducted in Vermont when he went to an immigration services center to take a civics test that is the final step in the process of becoming a naturalized citizen. Mahdawi moved to Vermont from the West Bank in 2014 and has been a legal permanent resident, (a green card holder), since 2015. Everyone should be concerned about this. Once Legal residents are abducted it is not a big leap before American born Americans are abducted because the administration doesn't like what we are saying or writing.

Meanwhile Abrego Garcia who has a protective order that states he is not to be deported to El Salvador sits in an El Salvadorian prison even though the US Supreme court has ordered the Trump administration to facilitate his return.

Now is the time to act and stand up and be counted so that when they come for you there will be someone to stand up for you.

Harvard University has stood up and Princeton University vows to stand up when the administration comes for them. Governor Mills of Maine has stood up. America's democracy and free and fair elections depend on standing up and taking action. These are scary times but be strong and be brave and speak out.

Richard M Roderick Wells River, Vermont

Richard,

I have often heard that no single person is above the law. That should pertain to elected officials, at any level, as well as those of us who consider ourselves average citizens. Of course there are certain aspects of the law that protect elected officials, especially when it comes to slander. However, our own unalienable rights should never be questioned. As you said, if we do not speak up for others, who will speak up for us?

Gary Scruton, Editor



TRUMP WINS, AMERICA LOSES BIG TIME To The Editor,

Yeagh, Trump won the last presidential election, and conditions in this great country have been sliding down the slope to hell since. A slope greased by this bragging old fool. A fool, a clown, a dangerous clown.

Every now and then I read a good letter-to-theeditor in TRENDY TIMES, a letter thoughtful and farsighted. It does not happen often enough, I'm sorry to say, but often enough to remind me that my reasoning is cleareyed enough. One such writer is Rachel Booth, who reasons and writes with clarity and integrity.

There are others of course, one of whom has consistently been Richard Roderick, of Wells River, VT. He recently submitted a letter addressing the significance of a supreme court election victory in Wisconsin. In closing Mr. Roderick wrote, "I hope there will be elections in 2026".

So do I hope. And Mr. Roderick is right to be concerned. Today's political and financial topsy-turviness is orchestrated and celebrated by a spoiled brat child, an entitled tantrum-thrower who's about 80 now, and becoming more demented by the hour. He pretends he's a patriotic president, but he proves daily that he is exactly the opposite. It makes you and me

wonder - will there actually be any upcoming elections while this preening old loser continues to corrupt our democracy into a dictatorship?

Trump's second term in office has barely begun, yet Americans are already paying the price of his chaotic and cruel actions. Huge, blanket tariffs on Canada and Mexico - they will drive up costs of everything from gas to groceries. Already doing it.

Firings of essential federal workers from National Park Rangers to aviation safety officials. Frozen federal funding, impacting family farmers and critical local programs.

And why? You know why. Trump's ending all these programs and firing all those folks, not to cut waste and corruption as he lies - he does it all to get money, big money he's giving to already rich folks, in tax breaks. His friends, so rich that they are already BILLION-AIRES, yeah, that's right billions with a B. Multi-billions in many cases.

You mind paying for all that? What'd you clear last year? What are you going to do about it? Lots of decent folks who voted for Trump know now it was a huge mistake, sorry they did it.

Could be you are one of them. Um hmmm. Come voting time.

Robert Roudebush North Haverhill, NH

Robert,

As I said to Mr. Roderick, I also hope there will be elections next year. As an eternal optimist, I really believe it will happen.

In regards to tax breaks for those who have so

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Barry Demers, 52, of Franconia, NH, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2025, at Lafayette Nursing Center in Franconia, NH. Interment will be at the Horse Meadow Cemetery Annex on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 10 AM. www.rickerfh.com

D. Beverly Masure, aged 88, entered eternal life peacefully at home on December 11, 2024, in Bradford, VT. A service to honor her life will be held on May 3, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Sawyer Cemetery in Bradford, VT. www.rickerfh.com

WEEK 2

Marjorie Doris (Hatch) Bone, 80, of South Ryegate, VT, passed away peacefully on the night of March 7th, 2025. Burial Service will be at Pinehurst Cemetery in South Ryegate, VT on Tuesday, May 6th, at 1 pm. www.rickerfh.com

Willis "Willie" G Applebee, 69, passed away at his residence in North Haverhill, NH, on December 2nd, 2024. There will be a graveside service for Willie on June 7th, 2025, at 1 PM at the Center Haverhill Cemetery. www.rickerfh.com

Roger Kenneth Brickner, 94, died peacefully on Friday, March 21, 2025, at his home due to complications from a stroke. Roger will be laid to rest at the Ladd Street Cemetery, 88 Cemetery Road, Haverhill, NH. www.rickerfh.com Helen Torrey, 89, Newbury, died

on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Atkinson's Res-

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Thirdly, we can only print the letters to the editor that are sent in. I wish more people were willing to write down their thoughts and opinions and send them in. It does not matter what they are (unless they are so far out there that they could cause harm). We print letters from both sides and hopefully from the middle as well. It is our desire to create conversation and discussion in order to move forward. So please keep the letters coming.

Gary Scruton, Editor

idence. The burial will be on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 10 AM at New Oxbow Cemetery, Oxbow Rd, Newbury, Vt. www.rickerfh.com

Milton George Bedell Jr., 76, of Bradford, VT, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. A graveside service to honor Milton's life will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the East Corinth Cemetery, 8 Tillotson Ln, East Corinth, VT 05040. www.rickerfh.com

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It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that our family announces the passing of Everett Fowler Sawyer III. Known to his children as "POPS" and to family and friends as "FUZZY." He passed away on April 11, 2025, at the age of 72, at his home in North Haverhill, New Hampshire.

Everett was born in Woodsville, NH, on July 8, 1952, to Everett F Sawyer Jr. and Barbara Sawyer (Waterhouse).

Everett will be remembered for his dedicated work ethic and his unwavering love and support for his family. Serving on the local town and state road crew for more than 30 years. At the time of his death, he was working for NAPA auto parts out of Bradford, VT. He built strong relationships with many of his former peers and colleagues.

Beyond his work, Everett had several passions that he deeply enjoyed. He was a devoted and diehard fan of his beloved New York Yankees, NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., NBA legend Dikembe Mutombo, and can't forget local legend Stub Fadden. Everett was an avid historian, assisting many

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OBITUARY: Everett Fowler Sawyer III "POPS" "FUZZY."



members of the community with family tree research and cemetery plot locations. Everett enjoyed the simple aspects of life, the outdoors, spending time with friends and family, and cannot forget his love for his green machine and equally vibrant and wellkept lawn.

Everett was predeceased by his wife Brenda Sawyer (Mason) whom he married on September 8, 1972.

Everett is survived by his sister Pamela Davis of Las Vegas, NV, his daughter Michelle Lee Emerson of Topsham, VT and his sons Everett Sawyer IV of Englewood, OH and Joshua Sawyer of Bath, NH. He was a grandfather to 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

At this time it is unknown as a time and place for service and Celebration of Life.

Thank you all for your love and support during this emotional time.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

It took eight hours of long and often contentious debate this past Thursday for the New Hampshire House of Representatives to pass a \$16.3 billion budget proposal for FY26 and FY27. Based upon a projected revenue shortfall of \$770M the approved House budget contains a number of targeted spending cuts necessary to close the revenue gap. Much of the revenue shortfall resulted from the loss of Covid era Federal funds, court order settlement obligations, and the possibility of future cuts at the federal level. At session's close, the budget as amended was approved, 198-167; however, there was a moment when the Speaker had to call an abrupt 30 minute recess to allow for the majority caucus to regroup and focus on the day's primary task, to pass the budget. If HB2 had not been passed, the House would have defaulted all budget making authority for the next biennium to the Senate.

Cuts to the budget negatively impacted a wide range of departments and agencies such as: the state Liquor Commission, the Department of Safety, the Department of Corrections (elimination of more than 100 jobs), the University System New Hampshire (less \$50M), the Department of Health and Human Services (less \$42M), and no new construction funds were appropriated for school building aid projects.

In regard to K-12 public education, funding

recommendations made by the Education Funding Committee remained untouched. The education adequacy budget was adjusted by increasing special education differentiated aid by \$28.1M. The education funding formula also re-establishes fiscal capacity disparity aid to better target municipalities having low property valuation per pupil ratios. The total K-12 state education grant for FY27 was set at \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$29.9M from FY26. As passed Thursday evening, the House budget eliminates the proposed school funding cap.

The House had to make a number of very difficult decisions to close the gap between projected revenue and priority need expenses. Upon receiving HB1 and HB2 (the budget bills), the Senate will initiate public hearings, obtain recent quarterly revenue information and rewrite the budget from that body's perspective. The Senate Calendar will announce scheduled public hearing dates for those wanting to provide testimony on specific aspects of the budget. The House and Senate will meet in June to resolve differences before sending a completed budget package to Governor Ayotte for her consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, Rep Rick Ladd Chairman, Education Funding

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Hello hello my fellow chefs!

Today's recipe is a chopped small copycat of Olive Gardens very popular soup. It's very "Delicioso"! I used bouillon cubes instead of chicken broth but use what you have. Also I used 2% milk and it was fine. If you want it a little spicy use hot Italian sausage, I chose sweet Italian sausage. I found that putting the spices in a small cup to add altogether worked out well. Remove the ribs from the kale and tear or chop leaves. I bought kale in a bag that was clean and ready to use and guesstimate 4 cups, I used 4 handfuls. It mix then add broth and looks like a lot but when S o

1-2 Tbsp olive oil add Parmesan cheese on 1 lb Italian sausage top. That's it you are done. your next few weeks. casing removed 1 Tbsp minced garlic. Your family will love it,

3-4 cloves

1 medium onion

1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp thyme

4 medium russet potatoes peel and sliced thin then quartered

chicken broth

2 cups 1% milk

4 cups of chopped kale In a soup pan heat olive oil and add sausage meat breaking up as cooking. Add garlic and onion and toss to mix, add potatoes and spices toss to milk mix. Cook for about

serve it with garlic bread or crusty bread. We enjoyed a bottle of Chardonnay with it also. Remember to drink responsibly. It reheats well in microwave or on top of the stove. I thought it was different and will definitely make it again.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. I know you 4 cups or 32 oz will love it and your family will think you are a star so enjoy. Please give this recipe a try you will be surprised how good it is. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off. Sincerely, Cin Pin

From April:

cooked it's not. 15-20 minutes add kale Due to our very loved let's get started with pushing it down into the Cin Pin I wanted to wish her well and send her of today's recipe and how to soup and cook for another make it it's easy peasy. 15-20 minutes or until kale with an old recipe that is Ingredients is cooked. Serve hot and delicious. I am also hoping to have a new column going in next issue. Enjoy







