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HasBrouck Stepping Down As SAU 58 Superintendent



Br. Richard Cote blesses Boots Bouchard's bike during Sunday's the blessing of the motorcycles at the GNWCA in Columbia. Oblate Associate David Lazu also assisted with the blessing. The Great North Woods Motorcycle Blessing was coordinated by the Manchester Motorcycle Club. Charles Jordan photo.

This week, SAU 58 has announced that Superintendent of schools Dr. Ronna HasBrouck will be leaving her position, effective June 30. In a message to the public, the school board wrote, "SAU 58 would like to wish Dr.

Ronna HasBrouck the best of luck with her family and any new adventures she may pursue in her future," and thanked her for her years of service. Advertising has already begun to find
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The Haven Closes Doors

The Haven, an emotional support facility for those looking for daily mental and emotional support and comfort, was closed by its operator, Alternative Life Center (ALC) of Conway, last

week. According to Barbara Payer, who is executive director for the North Country region, the goal of ALC is to offer peer support services, promote interac-
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Eversource Transfers Ownership Of Former Northern Pass Properties

(Editor's note: Eversource sent to the media the following press release regarding its transfer of ownership of properties purchased for Northern Pass project.)

Eversource announced that it

has finalized agreements to transfer ownership of the properties that the energy company previously purchased to support the Northern Pass transmission project, including several to pri-

vate parties who previously owned certain parcels. The remaining agreements, which represent the majority of the approximately 5,300 total acres, are with R&B Rentals LLC (Bear Rock Adventures) and Dead Water LLC (managed by Wagner Forest Management). Bear Rock Adventures has long been committed to supporting outdoor recreation, as well as economic development and environmental stewardship in New Hampshire, and similarly, Wagner has a longstanding presence
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Fourth Of July Plans Set

Area Fourth of July events have been announced and it will be a packed schedule from Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4.

The Colebrook Kiwanis is

once again hosting festivities in Colebrook, starting on July 1 with the Putt a Round for Kiwanis Mini Golf Tournament, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. This
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The color lights and music of the MTV years will be back when the '80s Decade Dance Party returns to the GNWCA in Columbia on Saturday, July 8, beginning at 8 p.m. Charles Jordan photo.

'80s Dance Party Returns To GNWCA On Saturday, July 8

Remember Madonna's "Material Girl," Michael Jackson's "Beat It," and Billy Idol's "Dancing With Myself?" Can you name hits by The Eurythmics, Van

Halen, The Police and Tears for Fears? If you can, you remember the 1980s.

The Great North Woods Cen-
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Stratford Celebrates 250th, Cuts Ribbon At Grange



Left photo: Among the floats in Stratford's 250th parade on Saturday was one recalling the early logging days. Aboard were, from the left, Bennett Brooks, Zander Timmins, Hannah Campbell, Jacqueline Giroux, Don and Stacey Campbell. Right photo: At Sunday's ribbon cutting at the restored Stratford Grange building, from the left, Stratford Grange Master Dora Farrar, Selectman Clayton Macdonald, Town Administrator Suzanne Goulet, and Barbara Marcoux, fifth generation granddaughter to Isaac Stevens, the original builder of the 1820s Town House/Grange. Charles Jordan photos.

HasBrouck

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her replacement.

The SAU Joint Board (Stratford, Stark, and Northumberland School Boards) has requested feedback from the communities served by the SAU, which includes Stratford, Stark and Northumberland. The joint boards are looking for public feedback on the type of person the board should be looking for to be the next superintendent. The deadline to return the survey is July 7, and the survey can be found online at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSFJsmoszo9.../viewform>.

In a letter to the public, Hasbrouck wrote, "I have been dedicated to SAU 58 for the past four years to bring excellence to the students, staff, families, and community in partnership with all of you. It is important to leave the woodpile higher every day. This can only happen when you achieve a healthy balance between home and work. The need to be closer to my parents and family has been more apparent than ever throughout the winter months and with their continued health challenges this spring. They need my attention in their golden years, and the distance of two hours is just too great. This is compounded by spending many long days and weeks alone without my husband. I have wrestled with this decision for the past two years, and have finally concluded that it is time."

HasBrouck said she will continue providing superintendent services while the boards seek a replacement "to provide consistency and stability in services." She added, "Being your Superintendent has been an honor, and I care about Groveton, Stark, and Stratford with my entire being. I have great hope for the future success of your students, that they may achieve their highest dreams. I will miss the relationships that have been built, and the precious students and staff. You are all fortunate to have such devoted community members."



A sign placed on the door of The Haven on Park Street in Colebrook reads: "Closed. Opening in Groveton soon. ALC (Alternative Life Center)." Charles Jordan photo.

The Haven

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tions, and focus on what's best for people in allowing each other to move toward whatever vision they have in life. "The goal of peer support is to learn from each other," she said.

Payer said the decision was made to close the Colebrook office on Lombard Street and that ALC is now in negotiations to offer services at another facility in Colebrook. "We will be offering the services in a different site to the members of ALC, and we are in negotiations for a new site in Groveton," she said. "We are going to be offering transportation from Colebrook to Groveton if our members wish to come to the new Groveton site, and to the new Colebrook site. So our members will be able to have two choices. There will be more information coming for our members when that happens," she said. It is anticipated the new sites will be opening imminently.

"We need to focus on continuing to offer the community the peer support services in spaces that are appropriate for our services," said Payer. "This is a state-provided program. We offer approved services by a specialist, offering groups, support, and meeting people where they are at, in spaces that are appropriate

to do so."

The **Chronicle** learned of the closing of The Haven when former employee Joanne Hill submitted a letter to the editor this week, explaining the needs for the facility. During a phone interview this week, Hill said that a representative of ALC had arrived at the Colebrook location, notified her they were immediately closing it down, and placed a sign on the door. "They came in and said that it was the last day the Haven was open," said Hill.

Payer said the plan is to move forward with the two new locations in order to continue offering peer support services to people who need that help. "We still offer the warmline, a number that members and people that need peer support services can call, which is 603-447-1765," she said.

Eversource

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in the state, conducting sustainable forest management and partnering with the state on recreational and conservation initiatives.

"Regardless of the outcome of any individual project or proposal, we're committed every day to supporting our communities and the state in efforts to spur economic development and promote environmental stewardship to help keep New Hampshire a special place to live, work and visit," said Eversource President of Transmission and Offshore Wind Projects Bill Quinlan. "We're pleased that Bear Rock Adventures and Wagner Forest will be taking responsibility for the use of these parcels moving forward and are confident they will do so in a manner consistent with their longstanding support for the state's strong interest in recreation and environmental stewardship. We also look forward at Eversource to continued collaboration with our communities, the state and other partners across New Hampshire to support the Granite State's success."

"This transfer of property represents the ongoing commitment that Eversource has continuously prioritized—being a good steward to the North Country," said Corrine Rober, President of

Bear Rock Adventures. "This opportunity represents meaningful economic development as Bear Rock continues to grow and expand access to recreational and tourism-based activities in the community. We were thrilled to work collaboratively with Eversource on this effort and appreciate their desire to see these industries continue to grow and thrive in the North Country."

The transfers represent a final step in the closeout of the Northern Pass project and cover a total of 92 properties spanning 15 towns and four counties, varying in size from seven to 330 acres. A majority of the properties are located in Coos County.

July 4th

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adult-only, 24 team, 18-hole event promises to be a fun-filled day. The tournament will be held around downtown Colebrook at local businesses and landmarks. There's even a hot dog stand to get a bite to eat and a quick drink. It's a great way to come out and support children's programs offered by Kiwanis throughout the year.

After the tournament, at 4 p.m., join the Kiwanis for the 19th Hole Party at the Black Bear Tavern. Take a break after a day of putting around, catch up with old friends, and take part in the 50/50 raffle (you can even purchase a "bear length" of tickets). Throughout the day there is silent auction in the Tavern's function room where you can pop in and bid on a ton of great items, including the Moose statue that has been at Kiwanis Park and four pavilion front row seat tickets to Fenway Park vs. the Mets on Friday, July 21. The auction goes live at 4:30 p.m.

On July 3, fireworks will take to the skies of Colebrook at the Colebrook ballfields. The show will start at 9:30 p.m., so grab a blanket or park in one of the many spots available near town and enjoy the spectacle with your friends and family.

On Tuesday, July 4, the Colebrook Kiwanis annual fishing derby at McKinnon's pond takes place just off Rte. 145 on South Hill Road. This event is an opportunity to introduce kids to the joys of fishing, or to enjoy a

leisurely morning by the water. There will be prizes for the biggest catch of the day, smallest, first to limit and first fish. The derby will start at 8 a.m.

The American Legion Post 62 will host their famous pancake breakfast at the Congregational Church that morning, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., with a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and bacon, all for a great cause. The proceeds from the breakfast go towards supporting local Legion scholarships.

The highlight of the day is sure to be the 4th of July parade, which will start at 11 a.m. on Colby St. in Colebrook. This year's parade is extra special, as it celebrates "100 Years of Warner Brothers." Expect to see some of your favorite characters from the big screen, as well as plenty of floats, music and fun. Anyone interested in entering the parade—walkers, autos, ATVs, and floats—can register between 10-10:30 a.m. between Brooks Agway and C4 Automotive, at the end of Colby Street. There are prizes for closest to theme, funniest, most patriotic, and best overall for floats, and also best walking entry, best ATV, and automotive entries.

After watching the floats go by, head over to the Kiwanis chicken barbeque held on the former Colebrook Academy lawn for a fill of chicken, salads, and watermelon. The chicken sells out fast, so get there as soon as the parade is over.

Events in Errol will be held on Saturday, July 1, starting with a Kids Fishing Fun at 10:30 a.m. (the pond is in the center of town), and vendors along the main street from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. A parade kicks off through town at 1 p.m., with the theme, "What Do You Think of When You Hear Errol?" A kickball game takes place at 2 p.m., and fireworks will celebrate the holiday at dusk.

The Stratford North Country ATV club is hosting a Parade of Lights celebration on Saturday, July 1, at 8:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. there will be a cookout. Fireworks will follow the parade.

Lancaster hosts a parade at 10 a.m. on July 4 with the theme, "Music of the '80s."



Left photo: On Sunday, June 25, the traditional Blessing of the Motorcycles returned to Columbia. Held at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts, the former Our Lady of Grace Shrine, bikers came from near and far to have their motorcycles blessed. The event, now called the Great North Woods Motorcycle Blessing, was coordinated by the Manchester Motorcycle Club. Right photo: Ralph and Barbara Lynch lead a family contingent. Charles Jordan photos.

'80s Dance Party

Police, Fire, EMS

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ter for the Arts is bringing back the decade of music and dance, and of course many more of these hits, on Saturday, July 8, starting at 8 p.m., at the Center in Columbia. A similar dance was held in January 2020 and again in July 2022, has been so well received the organization decided to make it a regular fun night as a fundraiser event.

"We'll have concessions selling our usual assortment of soft drinks, water and snacks, and one room will be dedicated to a place for sitting and relaxing between dance tunes," said Charlie Jordan, President of the GNWCA. "The dancers will be inside the larger theater room, with doors and windows open, and the air conditioner running, keeping them cool as the night heats up." Everyone is encouraged to dress in their 1980s finery and come in to the open-air summer night of dance and music.

"We're excited to host this fun night of music from the era of MTV and Big Hair," said Jordan. "We'll be decorated throughout the building with music posters and lighting, and dancers will have plenty of room to dance the night away."

Jordan said that many people have asked for the event to return, either because they attended a previous one and had such a great time, or because they missed a dance.

Admission to the '80s Dance Night is \$15 per person, and all proceeds will go to the GNWCA, which is a multi-arts center on the former Shrine of Our Lady of Grace property in Columbia. For more information about this and other GNWCA shows, or to purchase tickets online, visit gnwca.org, or call 603-246-8998.



All the hits of the 1980s return at the GNWCA Dance Party July 8.

COLEBROOK POLICE

On June 19, at 10:54 a.m., police handled an issue in reference to elderly services. At 2:04 p.m., police performed a VIN verification on a boat. At 2:53 p.m., police received a report of a violation of a restraining order at Beaver Brook Falls; the case is under investigation. At 9:36 p.m., police responded to UCVH to take possession of a firearm that was located on a patient.

On June 20, at 8:16 a.m., police responded to the parking lot in back of the Colebrook Carpet Center for a report of a male subject who was slumped over in his vehicle and wasn't moving; the subject was contacted and found to be okay. At 9:06 a.m., Colebrook Police Dept. assisted N.H. State Police at the Rest Area with an arrest. At 11:05 a.m., police assisted DCYF with a case investigation. At 12:52 p.m., police received a request to check the welfare of a subject in town; the subject was contacted and was found to be okay. At 3:02 p.m., police responded to a noise complaint on First Street in reference to what sounded like a gun going off for more than an hour; investigation revealed Noyes Chevrolet was setting off airbags. At 3:49 p.m., police received a report from Littleton Police Dept. to be on the lookout for a subject who was wanted for first degree assault—criminal threatening. At 3:53 p.m., police received a request from Adult and Elderly Services to check the welfare of a subject on Main Street.

On June 21, at 4:31 a.m., police received multiple 911 hang-up calls from Parsons Street; contact was made with the calling party and it was revealed that the person was trying to reboot their phone. At 5:09 a.m., police received an additional call at that same residence. At 12:17 p.m., police stopped a vehicle on Main Street for a hands-free violation, and arrested Jason Davis, 40, of Canaan, Vt., for a hands-free violation and driving after revocation/suspension, and he was subsequently charged with controlled drug possession (a Class B felony); while booking Davis, he experienced a medical emergency, and 45th Parallel EMS was called to the station, where he was evaluated and released back to police custody; he subsequently refused a bail commissioner and was transported to the Coos County Jail for arraignment; Davis was currently out on bail on previous charges from Colebrook Police Dept. for a hands-free violation, arrest on a warrant, driving after revocation/suspension, and possession of a controlled drug; he was arraigned the next day by Coos County Superior Court where he was released on PR bail. At 12:53 p.m., police received a report of an elderly male walking on Route 26 who had dementia; police located that male and gave



Just before supper Wednesday a call came into the Cookshire-Eaton Fire Service reporting a major crash on the Rte. 214 near Bury, Que. Upon arrival of the first rescue they found a six-wheel truck firmly planted against a culvert. The truck contained a male in his 20s and an older female. The older female was the passenger and was suffering what appeared to be major injuries. The driver of the truck was deceased on impact. The woman was quickly taken to hospital to be treated for her injuries. Corey Bellam photo.

him a courtesy ride to a friend's residence. At 5:23 p.m., police received a complaint of a vehicle parked in the road at the junction of Parsons Street and Main Street; a tow truck was called, as it was a disabled vehicle. At 9:34 p.m., police received a 911 call in reference to an unwanted subject on Hartlen Avenue; police responded to the scene. At 10:39 p.m., police responded to a lock-out at Big Apple.

On June 22, at 11:21 a.m., police received a call of a possible intoxicated subject at the Big Apple attempting to get into his vehicle; police responded and assisted with the subject. At 2:21 p.m., police received a complaint of animal abuse and a complaint about the living conditions of a residence on South Main Street; police responded to the residence for a welfare check and found multiple dogs and cats living in feces with unlivable conditions; some animals were turned to a neighbor, and some were turned to the Coos Animal Sanctuary; the case is under investigation, being looked after by the health officer of Colebrook.

On June 23, at 12:42 p.m., while doing a security check at UCVH, police observed multiple skirt panels missing on the clinic's trailer; the case is under investigation. At 12:26 p.m., police received a report of a vehicle parked at Family Dollar with a dog in the car and the windows only partially open; police responded and spoke with the owner, who rolled the windows down further. At 1:44 p.m., police assisted the First Circuit Court with serving paperwork. At 2:27 p.m., police took a report of possible harassment. At 5:36 p.m., police received an inquiry of where someone could ride their ATV in town. At 5:45 p.m., police and the health officer were off on South Main Street checking out the complaint from earlier in reference to animal living conditions. At 9:23 p.m., police took a complaint on South Main Street

and Main Street of people riding pedal bikes and weaving around.

On June 24, at 7:44 a.m., police took a complaint of vehicles allegedly tearing up a hayfield on Bear Rock Road; police responded and found the incident may have been in Stewartstown, and after responding, observed no signs of criminal mischief to the field. At 9:38 a.m., police received a report of a vehicle being driven erratically on Route 3 by the Colebrook/Columbia town line; police were unable to locate the vehicle. At 9:14 a.m., police responded to Piper Hill Road for a report of someone identified on a security camera that did not belong there; police responded and found it was the exterminator on the premises. At 10:59 a.m., police received a report of harassment on South Main Street. At 2:49 p.m., police received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of the Catholic Church on Pleasant Street suspected of possible drug activity; the vehicle was gone upon arrival. At 3:08 p.m., police received a report of a vehicle that was possibly sideswiped while parked at Agway. At 8:26 p.m., police received a call from Walgreens stating they had two propane tanks too big to put in the store; police contacted Walgreens and Walgreens stated they would put the tanks in a secure location.

On June 25, at 6:40 a.m., an individual was at the police department inquiring about the border crossing. At 7:30 a.m., police received a report of a tree down across Route 145 by South Hill Road and Beaver Brook Falls blocking the northbound and southbound lanes; police responded and the tree was eventually removed. At 9:43 a.m., police received a report of a person by Beaver Brook Falls slumped over in his vehicle; police responded and called a family member due to finding an aerosol can that the person may have been huffing. At 12:13 p.m.,

a subject was at the police department to speak with an officer in reference to a possible domestic issue. At 12:27 p.m., police received a report from a subject who was concerned about her friend showing signs of dementia and worried about her making threats. At 1:12 p.m., an individual was inquiring about the smoke in the air. At 1:46 p.m., police performed a sexual offender registration. At 4:20 p.m., police received a report of a theft off of East Colebrook Road from a residence; the case is under investigation. At 5:32 p.m., police served a juvenile abuse petition. At 6:04 p.m., police received a complaint of someone being kicked out of their residence; police responded and assisted with the situation. At 6:51 p.m., police were patrolling on Fish Hatchery Road where they observed Jason Davis drive by; police attempted to stop that vehicle knowing he was under suspension, and the vehicle failed to stop for the officer, driving down Route 26 and eventually stopping at Dunkin' to drop juvenile subjects off and continue south on Route 3 at a high rate of speed, passing people on double yellow lines; the pursuit was terminated due to the reckless nature of Davis's driving and the fact that his identity was known to the officer; an arrest warrant is outstanding for operating after suspension—subsequent offense (a Class A misdemeanor); disobeying an officer (a Class A misdemeanor); two counts of endangering the welfare of a child (a Class A misdemeanor); reckless operation (a violation); two counts of failure to stop for a stop sign (a violation); two counts of failure to use turn signal (a violation); two counts of passing on a double yellow line (a violation); and speeding of 26 mph above speed limit (a violation); an arrest warrant has been issued, and Davis is also pending additional charges from Coos

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View From The 45th Parallel

Independence Day!

We're going to let the fine lady at the right say it for us.

During this Fourth of July let's put aside our differences and celebrate all the things that are *good* with America. It's a pretty nice place to hang your hat. wouldn't you agree? We have—and always have had—plenty of reasons to celebrate our nation.

Happy Fourth of July!

Charles J. Jordan



Letters

(Editor's note: The following letter addressed to the town of Colebrook was submitted to local media for publication.)

To the town of Colebrook,

The Alternative Life Center (ALC) has decided to close their Colebrook branch (The Haven), which is one of their four sites, and open a new one in Groveton, which in all reality is leaving numerous members over 18 with mental and emotional problems without a place to get together. This non-profit organization has been in existence since 1993, which is long before ALC took it over.

By closing the Haven, it has left numerous people with no place to go and interact with one another as well as learning new ways to better their lives. We had groups such as anger management, self-esteem, and feelings, just to mention a few.

The Alternative Life Center seems to think these people are able and in agreement with transferring this center. However, members may not be able

to adhere to their hours since they are able to enter and leave the center at will at the moment. They have also suggested a mobile unit, which would be held in one of the clinic or hospital rooms that they may be able to use, but again, many of the members are not able to walk up and back from this destination. They would also still have the problem of being able to enter and leave at will due to transportation.

I am not saying the Haven was perfect, but we had two active members that became CERT certified and active members of the Red Cross, which is no small accomplishment, since neither were able to read or write before this journey. We have also helped many others with everyday life problems such as just a listening ear, or trips to doctors, pick up prescriptions, food, and many other situations.

We have worked many a bake sale and yard sale to build up a membership fund for our out-of-town trips, as well as gifts for

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The Way We Were...



We go all the way back to the Fourth of July 1960 for this one, showing a float paying tribute to Nathan Hale and his famous statement. This week David Collins takes a look back at Colebrook's Independence Day parades of the past. Courtesy photo.

Our Yesterdays

By David S. Collins



IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE

I have previously written on the history of the Fourth of July parades in Colebrook. Recently, however, I came back from a trip to Washington, D.C., and was inspired by the many stories I heard of our founding father, George Washington. This week I wanted to share a few stories on how the Fourth of July in Colebrook has always been a celebration of the people.

The date July 4, 1776, is synonymous with the time when members of the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. This Declaration told the King of England that the members of the Thirteen Colonies were now free and independent. For those of us who have studied our American History, we all know that our independence from England did not happen immediately but it after a long battle with them.

However, we must note that the Fourth of July is not about the date, but rather it is about the people. Individuals like Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams and Benjamin Franklin showed the fortitude to make what to them could have meant certain death for making such a proclamation. Other men like George Washington, led the Continental Army to victory over England. When Washington was made the first President, he made certain the position was not for life or that of a monarch becoming the true symbol of the



The Lemington Stillbillies float during the parade on July 4, 1968. Courtesy photo.

“father of our country”.

In 1870, July 4th became a federal holiday. There is an interesting article from *The Northern Sentinel* just one year later, on July 4th, which shares some of the people who made that day important. On that Fourth the residents of the Colebrook area enjoyed a Basket Picnic, held on the meadow owned by the Lombard Family, which is now the present-day lower golf course at the Colebrook Country Club. Residents of the area gathered at the Congregational Church on Main Street and, led by the Honorable Hazen Bedel with the local Cornet Band in tow, proceeded over to the Lombard Meadow. There they enjoyed an afternoon picnic with several orations. Professor

Converse read the Declaration of Independence for all and the listened to those memorial words. A highlight of the afternoon was a young girl, Bessie Marshall, who spoke a song “The Faded Coat of Blue.” This was a prominent song from the Civil War era. The day closed with fireworks, as we do to this day, but it was the people there celebrating our country's independence that made it memorable.

Memories of the Fourth of July of 1895 were the local schoolboys who spent the eve of the 3rd putting debris across the road near Dugway, present-day Parsons Street. They did this so the people who came home from a gala at Dixville Notch had a challenge in the dark to get down

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A group of Colebrook Masons cut a fine image back during the Fourth of July in 1997. Columnist David Collins, who provided the photo, wasn't sure of everyone in the picture but recognized Mike Divney, Bill Cummings, Robert Davis, and Roger Young, second, third, fourth and fifth from left. Courtesy photo.

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the lane. In the parade the next day, Leon Remick, the local jeweler who I wrote about in a prior article, rode a bicycle in the parade with wheels that looked like watch faces. Even local druggist T.J. Hill placed a larger-than-life "pill bottle" in back of his wagon to advertise his services.

The July 4th of 1933 saw nearly 3,000 local citizens head out to Dixville Notch to watch the large fireworks display put on for the public and guests of the Balsams Hotel by owner Frank Doudera. During the fireworks, Al Hewitt and the Balsams Orchestra played in the area near Lake Gloriette, to offer music that coincided with the display.

During the years of World War II there was not much to celebrate, and July 4th celebrations were lulled. However, on Aug. 15, 1945, when the news made it to town that the war was over, the locals came out in force to celebrate our country. Orville Trask, veteran of World War I, lead the parade on his horse, but the float that was the most inspiring was the one depicting the raising the flag at Iwo Jima. A group of ladies lead by Ruth Walker, Jean Walker, Josephine Nugent, Frances Hughes and Sally Hill, put this together as a

sign of patriotism for our country and those who fought to preserve it.

On July 4th in 1960 part of the celebration was a gathering of the Colebrook Academy Alumni at the Colebrook Country Club. During this event the Guest of Honor was a native and nationally recognized writer, Stewart Holbrook. Mr. Holbrook wrote such books as **Holy Old Mackinaw**, **Ethan Allen** and **The Old Post Road**. Holbrook had never completed his formal academic requirements, but did attend Colebrook Academy for two years. Due to his commitment to literature, the Superintendent presented Holbrook with an Honorary High School Diploma from Colebrook Academy.

By the mid to late 1960s a group from across the river was beginning to make a regular appearance at the July 4th Parade. The so called "Lemington Stillbillies" made up of friends and families from Lemington, Vt., began a tradition they carry on to this day. Generations of families in Lemington have poked a little fun at their rural town by providing a well-beloved annual float in the Colebrook parades.

Another tradition that dates back to the 1960s is the bell ringing at midnight by the Hughes Family. Done originally as a way to have a little fun on the eve of the Fourth, each year the Hughes Family makes their way into the Congregational Church and at the stroke of midnight ringing the bells for all to

know that the celebration of the Fourth of July has begun. I wonder how many people have woken up on the morning of the Fourth and said to themselves, "I am sure I heard church bells ringing last night."

No doubt the lockdown of the COVID Pandemic in 2020 will be remembered by those today. I was working with a group planning a major parade on July 4th for Colebrook's 250th, but the pandemic stopped any plans we had. However, a group of hearty citizens bucked the trend and formed a cavalcade of cars who sported red, white and blue flags and drove around town celebrating our nation.

A thought to ponder. I recall as a young boy celebrating our nation's bicentennial on July 4, 1976. I dressed up in my best attire, sported a red, white and blue hat reminiscent of the 1920s and watched the massive parade passed by. I saw many people I knew enjoying themselves as they celebrated our Nation's founding. That is what the Fourth of July has always been here, celebrating the people both past and present, local and afar who make this country great. Happy Fourth of July!



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Christmas with some help from some of the businesses, which we are totally grateful for, because our hearts are always bigger than our pocketbook at that time of year. We have supplied two Kindergarten classes with gift bags for one year and have supplied whole families as well as the elderly Christmases as well. We are open every Thanksgiving and Christmas, so we have a real family holiday for members who do not have families, or families in the area, or just feel like we are all family.

Now that everyone knows what we are, or should I say what we were, I am asking anyone who knows how to open a non-profit organization to please call me (Joanne Hill) at 603-348-2008 to give me a call and assist with opening another organization such as this. I will be happy to train anyone to run it, since I am now retired. I just don't know how to go about opening one. Thank you very much for any assistance at all.

Joanne Hill
(for the members of
the Haven)

Letter to the Editor:

The new rainbow road signs scattered across the North Country bear the words "Live and Let Live," which was first recorded by the Dutch in the "Ancient Merchant Law" published in 1622. The Cambridge Dictionary defines this idiom to mean that people should accept the way others live and behave, especially if they do things in a different way. This philosophy is basically requiring us to remove ourselves from the larger issues at hand and ignore individual behaviors, even if it's expressing concerns about child sexualization in opposition to tolerance, intelligence, and good faith. There is a very

high price to pay for avoiding conversations that impact the most vulnerable of our society (the children).

The Drag Queen Story Hour's (DSH) mission statement is clear, "Drag Queen Story Hour celebrates reading through the glamorous art of drag. Our chapter network creates diverse, accessible, and culturally-inclusive family programming where kids can express their authentic selves and become bright lights of change in their communities."

Drag queen "Gothy Kendall" (aka Samual David Handley) explained to PinkNews, "A lot of kids identify with dressing up, with exploring gender and sexuality." Kendall insists that DSH events are just harmless fun and provide spaces for children to be themselves.

However, some drag performers have criticized DSH by indicating drag is a sexualized art form and inappropriate for children. Kitty Demure has openly spoken out against DSH in numerous forms of independent media, podcasts, and interviews.

"My problem is this: they are there for an agenda. They're not there to read Alice In Wonderland and just leave. They're there to talk about gender. They're there to talk about being different, and, you know, then the whole lifestyle gets talked about—homosexuality, trans issues, the 10 million genders that we now have; you know, they'll tell boys 'hey you can be a girl if you want.' These are topics that are not meant for a child's mind. You know, they don't even know what they want for dinner. It's like, how do they know anything about gender and sex and sexuality? They're educating the kids on these issues."

Many inquire about the DSH agenda that Kitty Demure (aka William Browning) speaks of. The idea of the DSH program was conceived by Harris Kornstein, stage name "Lil Hot Mess," University of Arizona professor, DSH board member, and per-

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*(Editor's note: Each week we publish, in serialized form, classic material from the region's past taken from our collection of North Country stories. Since publishing the account a while back about the moose hunters who ventured into the Magalloway in the 19th Century, many readers have asked for more by author C.A. Stephens. The following excerpts are from his book **The Knockabout Club in the Woods**, published in 1883. It tells of a group of young adventurers who headed into the woods of northern New England and neighboring Quebec.*

THE KNOCKABOUT CLUB IN THE WOODS Part 15

These lakes are the headwaters of Alleguash River, which makes out to the north here at

the old dam, joining the St. John, of which it is the east fork, seventy or eighty miles below. We set off the following day down the river, finding very rough canoeing for six or seven miles, then emerging on two fine, long lakes, or bulges of the river, where we were able to use our rubber blankets as sails for our three canoes. The forest scenery is good here along; and our guides had numerous odd, often weird, stories to tell of old-time adventures in the lumbering days.

One of these, told by Uncle Amos, so impressed Karzy, from its singularity, that he has written it out — to be a warning (he wishes it stated) against playing practical jokes.

It this very strange but true story — as told us by Uncle Amos — has the effect of showing the foolishness and danger of playing

mischievous tricks, it will well repay the trouble of telling it. The incident occurred many years ago, on the Alleguash River; and the subject of it was a most tricky, monkey-like youngster, named Peter Lougee. That, at least, was the name he gave on presenting himself to hire into the logging gang that winter. But it was not ascertained where he was from, or whether his parents, or, indeed, any of his relatives, were living. He was eighteen years old — so he told the lumber company's agent — but he did not look over sixteen.

The agent at first refused to hire him as a "chopper," but Peter, laying hold of an axe, showed so ready a hand and so clean a scarf with it, that he took him without further question. The agent declared afterwards that "Peter had a droll eye in his head."

He was told off into gang No. 13, numbering twenty-four men, and sent up the Alleguash, early in December, under a boss named Sweetser. The company went into the woods for the winter, taking their supplies with them. The men were a miscellaneous gathering of Mudawaskians (French), Maritimers, Yankees, and a few Indians from



A SCENE ON THE ALLEGUASH.

Tobique. During the winter they were to cut the lumber on a certain tract along the river; and in the spring they were to "drive" it down the St. John, to Fredericton.

For the first few days the men were occupied in building and thatching their camp; then began the winter's work of felling and drawing the logs to landings on the bank, ready to roll into the

stream when the ice should break up.

It was a good-natured gang; that is to say, the men worked well together, and got along without "rows," or serious disputes of any kind. That is more than can always be said where a lot of rough fellows, of all nationalities, are brought together in one camp.

But during the second week an odd piece of mischief was done. On going out to grind the axes one morning, it was found that grease had been turned on the grindstone, which hung in a frame close by the camp-door. In the fire-bed there was set an old pan of grease, with a swab with which the men greased their moccasins. This pan of hot grease, as it seemed, had been poured on the stone, completely encrusting it. It took half the forenoon to scour the grease from the grindstone, thus causing loss of time and annoyance. Sweetser could not find out who had caused all this trouble, even after strict inquiry; still less could he discern any motive for so absurd a trick. The men all declared that they knew nothing about it, and they appeared innocent. Sweetser told them that whoever did it, if found out, would have his time "cut" to offset the loss.

The second morning after, the stone was found greased again; Then there followed great excitement among the men. "It's Old Nick himself," the Maritimers said. "The thing's bewitched." The Madawaskians said "sacred!" and the Indians grunted.

The boss observed the gang closely, but was as much puzzled as before. He was, however, satisfied that the trick had been done during the night. He said nothing, but resolved to watch, without letting any one know it.

That night he lay down as usual, but kept awake. There was no sign of mischief, and the stone was not touched. The next night it was also undisturbed.

By the third night Sweetser had grown very sleepy by reason of his vigils.

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Letters

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former. Kornstein along with queer theorist Harper Keenan went on to write “Drag Pedagogy: The Playful Practice of Queer Imagination in Early Childhood.” These coauthors blatantly describe the teaching methods, learning activities, and assignments behind DSH.

Our community can stay silent and look the other way from DSH (live and let live) or more closely examine their pedagogy. In many respects DQSH aims to break taboos that have already been broken, to upend self-assurance, and to implant a measure of confusion in children. Ironically two hundred years after this idiom was coined on paper, Danish author Hans Christian Andersen went on to write the literary folktale “The Emperor’s New Clothes.” The title of Andersen’s book is now commonly recognized as a figure of speech implying something obvious and embarrassing that is politely ignored or that goes unacknowledged. Drag Story Hour just may be the current narrative of the 19th century fairytale. The two Danish idioms (Live and Let Live and The Emperor’s New Clothes) are now intertwined in our North Country.

Drag Queen Story Hour was built on the logical fallacy of using an “art to read books to kids in libraries, schools, and bookstores.” Unfortunately, the reality is DSH isn’t fiction, but is a dangerous ideology encouraging innocent children to reject gender norms. The “Live and Let Live” signs dispersed across our beautiful landscape provoke the population to widely accept DSH as true and praiseworthy by virtue of an unwillingness to criticize or be seen going against popular “progressive” opinion. The naked king proudly parading in the streets has been replaced with a man dressed as a hyperbolic caricature of a woman in a wig, heavy makeup, a sparkly gown, and high heels, proudly parading around little ones with a book in his hands.

DSH’s agenda will eventually be exposed just like the Emperor and his tailors in Andersen’s folklore. The difference is that DSH is a fabricated story that is intended to deceive and corrupt its audience. Hans Christian’s classic tale has a moral to be honest and speak up for what is right where at the end the innocent child exposes the truth. The North Country might want to consider complimentary signs to “Live and Let Live—Everyone Belongs” that read “The Emperor’s New Clothes—Protect Childhood Innocence.”

Cassandra Percey
Lancaster

Healthcare



On June 24, Sandy Alonzo of the National Alliance for Mental Health was at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts to help host an open house for the current display of Magnify Voices exhibit. The exhibit, which showcases art work from students in Grades 5-12 throughout New Hampshire, will be on display until July 10. During the weekend, a large number of the bikers viewed the exhibit during the Great North Woods Motorcycle Weekend Blessing event held at the Center in Columbia. See more about the exhibit in our interview with Alonzo in the Video News of the Week at www.colebrookchronicle.com. Charles Jordan photo.

Police, EMS

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County Superior Court for violating bail conditions. At 8:52 p.m., police received a report of a possible domestic violence restraining order violation. At 10:09 p.m., police stopped a vehicle on Main Street and ended up arresting Bethany Leblanc, 24, of Colebrook, for operating under suspension of vehicle registration, driving after revocation/suspension, and uninspected vehicle charges; she was taken into custody and later released on a summons to appear on Aug. 10 in Colebrook District Court.

On June 26, at 12:24 a.m., police responded to Hartlen Avenue to investigate an untimely death. At 7:15 a.m., police received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked behind Ducret’s Sporting Goods; that vehicle was found to be left there with permission for the weekend. At 7:42 a.m., police assisted a subject with contacting another.

COLEBROOK FIRE DEPT.

On June 12, at 10:50 a.m., an activation came in from a residence on Route 26 in Colebrook. Crews found a malfunctioning detector and notified the homeowner. They were clear and in service at 11:25 a.m.

On June 14 and 17, an accidental alarm activation came in from the same house on Route 3 in Columbia. No action was needed either time. Both times the call was canceled by dispatch.

On June 21, at 10:08 a.m. the

department responded along with the 45th Parallel EMS to mile marker 197 on Route 3 in Columbia for a report of a motorcycle accident. Colebrook Fire Dept. was canceled en route by the N.H. State Police.

BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Dept. was called on Saturday at 2 p.m. for a fire alarm activation at the Coos Nursing home. There was no fire—it ended up being a false alarm caused by a faulty smoke alarm.

45TH PARALLEL EMS

The following is the ambulance call activity report for the period from June 18-24:

The 45th Parallel EMS went to 17 medical emergencies in Colebrook, Columbia, Canaan, Stewartstown, Clarksville, Norton, Averill, Errol, Beecher Falls, and Pittsburg. Eleven patients were taken to UCVH. They provided nine interfacility transfers.

LANCASTER POLICE DEPT.

On the evening of Saturday, June 24, the Lancaster Police Dept. held a sobriety checkpoint in the Town of Lancaster on Main Street. It was executed in collaboration with the assistance of the Northumberland, Colebrook and Gorham Police Departments, N.H. State Police, the Essex County (Vt.) Sheriff’s Office, and the Grafton County Sheriff’s Office.

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During Sunday's motorcycle blessing, Becky Bunnell (top) sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Jeannette Belanger (above) the Canadian anthem in French. Charles Jordan photos.

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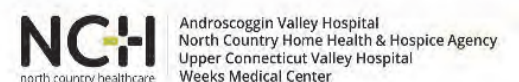
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COOS COUNTY NURSING HOSPITAL

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Canada was celebrated with a video tour of Canada. Resident reminisced about visiting Canada while they enjoyed ice cream, donut holes to dip in maple syrup and maple cream cookies.

Everyone had a good time playing a fishing game on the patio and the garden group enjoyed getting into the dirt. The first day of summer was celebrated with a watermelon social. Aron Swift sang and played guitar for a packed room this week. Both floors played bingo for cash and prizes.

Residents on the third floor enjoyed adult coloring, bin sorting, poetry, reminiscing about the year 1947 and tracing.

The Wellness Committee is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available in the front office and from Wellness Committee members. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will take place on July 1.

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People enjoy getting together to paint outdoors as the area we live in has many beautiful natural scenes artists can capture. The Connecticut River Artisan Group (CRAG) sponsors the following plein air events. All events start at 10 a.m. except for Beaver Brook Falls, which starts at 12 noon. People should bring a bag lunch and beverage. Please bring a bag for trash and remember, "Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints."

Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, Poore Farm, 629 Hollow Rd. (Route 145), Stewartstown.

Tuesday, July 11, Beaver Brook Falls, Colebrook.

Monday, July 17, various locations, Meridan Hill Road, Columbia.

Monday, July 24, Cow Palace, 27 Grey Rd., Columbia.

Monday, July 31, Trail's End, 92 Fish Pond Rd., Columbia.

Monday, Aug. 7, Jackson's Lodge, Rte. 114, Canaan, Vt.

Monday, Aug. 14, Dennis Steven's house, 723 Bishop Brook Rd. (Route 145), Stewartstown.

Monday, Aug. 28, Pam Choquette's house, 51 Choquette Dr., Pittsburg.

Monday, Sept. 5, Dennis Steven's house, 723 Bishop Brook Rd. (Route 145), Stewartstown.

Monday, Sept. 18, Peggy Moon's house, 495 Piper Hill Rd., West Stewartstown.

For more information, contact Evie Moder at cloud9poodles@gmail.com.



People gathered for the newly remodeled Stratford Grange building's ribbon cutting on Sunday afternoon. The historic structure is located along Route 3 across from the Center Cemetery in Stratford. Charles Jordan photo.

ST. TIMOTHY'S JULY 4 COMMUNITY SERVICE

St. Timothy's Chapel in Lost Nation will hold its Annual 4th of July Community Morning Prayer Service, followed by a strawberry shortcake social, on Sunday, July 2, at 10 a.m. The Reverends Tim Brooks (St. Paul's, Lancaster) and Liz DeNauw (St. Stephen's, Colebrook) will co-officiate. Music for the worship service will be provided by Suzan Derby, Tim Berry, Joyce Ball and Lyndall Demers. The music will continue under a tent during the strawberry social. Corn hole boards and other outdoor activities will be available for everyone's enjoyment. Come for the service, come for the social or come for both. It is suggested you bring a lawn chair and an umbrella.

LUNENBURG OPEN MIC ON SATURDAY, JULY 8

Lunenburg's second Open Mic of the warmer season will be held on Saturday, July 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at the historic Old Congregational Church building. It is at the top of the Lunenburg Common, on Route 2 in the center of town. It is accessible, with a portable restroom nearby.

Music lovers will find a family friendly, relaxed, small-town atmosphere at this gathering and are welcome to bring along their instruments, voices and dancing feet, or plan to sit and enjoy the evening in the beautiful historical setting. Please bring a finger food to share; beverages will be provided. Admission for adults is \$3, performers and kids (when accompanied by an adult) are admitted free. A door prize drawing will take place during the evening. Proceeds benefit the restoration project of the Top of the Common Committee.

For more Open Mic information, call Chris 802-892-6654 or email questions@topofthecommon.org. More Lunenburg events can be found at www.topofthecommon.org.



At Sunday's ribbon cutting, Stratford Grange 238 presented its Community Citizen Award to Suzanne Goulet, recognizing her many efforts on behalf of the town and its people. From the left, Stratford Grange Lecturer Alan Farrar, Suzanne Goulet, State Master Tricia Taylor, and Stratford Grange Master Dora Farrar. Charles Jordan photo.

BACKCOUNTRY WORK DAY SCHEDULED

High in one of New Hampshire's more remote and little known notches, Gadwah Notch, the Cohos Trail Association hopes to assemble a dozen volunteers or so at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, at the very end of the Nash Stream Road at the Mile 11 gate for a bog bridge work project in beautiful terrain.

Once assembled, volunteers will have permission to open the gate and drive in a quarter mile or so. From there, ATVs will ferry folks into the high country just below and at the 3,000-foot elevation level of Gadwah Notch where all the bog bridge (punchon) materials were stashed last winter.

The project will consist of assembling the mud sills and

planks into bog spans, then covering the planks with non-skid chicken wire. Thirty punchcons need to be fashioned to greatly improve the threadway in that backcountry region. Those who may be interested in joining the effort are asked to bring gloves, good footwear, a snack and lunch, plenty of fluid to keep hydrated, a hammer, insect repellent, and sunscreen. Eye protection is advised.

"Over the last few years, volunteers working on the Cohos Trail in the backcountry of Great North Woods communities have installed nearly a quarter mile of punchcons to help trekkers keep their feet dry in moist soils. This Gadwah Notch project should add another 300 feet to the total. Volunteers do make a big difference," a press release states.

MOHAWK GRANGE

Members of Mohawk Grange gathered for their regular meeting at the hall in East Colebrook on Monday evening, June 19, with Worthy Master Les Avery in the chair, four brothers and eight sisters present. After the flag salute, the opening song was "This Land is Your Land." Stephanie Lyons read the roll call of officers and the minutes of the previous meeting.

Elaine Haynes reported that broadleaf clover or red clover is used to purify the blood by acting as a diuretic (helping the body get rid of excess fluid) and expectorant (helping clear lungs of mucus), improving circulation and helping cleanse the liver. Native Americans used it to reduce symptoms of menopause.

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Members of the Stratford 250th Committee, who made the weekend celebration a success during the town's milestone. Front, from left: Patrick Carr, Sarah Kennett, James Kennett. Back: Nicole King, Renee Kennett, Molly Carr. Charles Jordan photo.



Stratford School's longtime lion mascot made an appearance during Stratford's 250th parade. Charles Jordan photo.

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Mohawk Grange was invited to help Stratford Grange celebrate the opening of their newly renovated Grange Hall on June 25 during the 250th anniversary celebration of Stratford. Kathi Raymond reported there will be a blood drive on July 25 at the Congregational Church from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We extend get well soon wishes to Theresa Avery. Yvonne Burrill gave her treasurer's report. Lynda Gaudette read an editorial from the **Coos County Democrat**, "Celebrating Juneteenth: A Reflection on Freedom and Equality." It was very informative and thought provoking. We should all try to understand that we all have differences but we all have a right to equal opportunities and rights. Just be kind to each other.

The closing song was "God Bless America." The next meeting will be July 17 and Wayne and Leta Brown will provide dessert. After the meeting Kathi Raymond judged the three jelly rolls made for the contest. Sally Hodge made a pumpkin jelly roll

with cream cheese filling and a raspberry jelly roll topped with raspberries, and Elaine Haynes made a strawberry jelly roll with whipped cream and strawberry filling. Sally Hodge won the contest with her raspberry jelly roll. The Grange enjoyed the jellyrolls for dessert after the judging. The Grangers agreed that they were all delicious.

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC AT WHITEFIELD CHURCH

The Community Baptist Church at 27 Jefferson Rd. in Whitefield will be hosting its second annual free Community Picnic on Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. on the front lawn.

All are welcome to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, various salads, chips and desserts. There will be some games set up for the young at heart and plenty of time for good conversation and fellowship. Join in or if you would like to help call 603-837-2469 or email cbc1816@gmail.com.

Worship service is at 10 a.m. and all are welcome to join and then stay for the picnic, or just come for the picnic

ORTHWOODS MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Northwoods On Main Gifts, a gift shop at 95 Main St. in Lancaster, is marking its first anniversary on July 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. "We are a small family-owned gift store serving the community and tourists to the area," a press release announced. "What began as an idea to bring a small gift shop and penny candy store to Lancaster has blossomed into such a treasure for people to find that special unique gift for someone such as jewelry, signage home décor clothing as well as fill that sweet tooth desire with all the retro candy selections offered as well as locally made chocolates and fudge."

The owners say that this year "has been filled with an immense feeling of gratitude to all our loyal customers. We would not be

celebrating without your support. We feel we have been embraced by the community and look forward to continuing to offer everything we can to keep you shopping locally."

The store carries locally made items, as well as provides a space for local artisans to sell their creations. It is the first store in the state of New Hampshire to carry N.H. Fish and Game Law Enforcement merchandise for sale, partnering with the agency to carry T-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, hats and more. The only other option was to drive to the Concord headquarters to purchase any products prior to the collaboration.

For "Northwoods Law" fans, on July 15, N.H. Fish and Game Sgt. Glen Lucas and Conservation Officer Eric Fluette with K-9 Moxie will be at the store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The public is invited to stop in to meet them.

Also present will be product suppliers, including Sama Chocolatier of Windham New Hampshire, New England Candle Company, as well as many others. The store will offering sales as well as giveaways on that day.

For more information, visit <https://www.Northwoodsonmaingifts.com> or follow the business on Facebook.

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Around The Region

TEN YEARS SINCE MEGANTIC DISASTER

The 5th of July 2013 was a normal day in the town of Lac Megantic. People were hustling and bustling around town heading to work and going shopping in the many downtown stores. The sun was shining and many boats were out on the lake. Later in the day the Musi-Bar was hosting some special singers and entertainers. All were excited about that. Supper was had and the smell of barbecue was drifting in the air. Later that evening the train rolled into nearby Nantes like it had done hundreds of times over the years. Train engineer Tom Harding parked the locomotives and train of 72 tankers of rough crude oil just like he had done many times. He left the main locomotive running to maintain the air brakes and he also put on a few hand brakes for added security. Harding then called a taxi to pick him up and take him into Megantic so he could get some shut-eye. All was secure.

A little before midnight, a call came into the Nantes Fire Dept. reporting a small fire on the main locomotive. This type of thing had happened before, so firefighters were quick to the scene and put out the tiny fire, but the main locomotive was shut off following rules set by the railroad company. The shutting off of the locomotive resulted in the air brakes to starting to bleed away. This caused the locomotive and its 72 tanker cars to start to roll slowly but surely down the

ever-so-slight slope towards Lac Megantic. It gained speed as it rolled towards the unsuspecting town. When it came barreling into the downtown of Lac Megantic, it was going more than 100 km/h, or just over 62 mph. The locomotives zipped right through town but the sloshing crude-filled tankers started to pile up on a curve, causing them to split open. The oil gushed out and down the streets of the downtown. The oil ignited instantly and of the 72 tankers of oil, 63 exploded right in the downtown very close to the full Musi-Bar.

The Megantic Fire Service was called, as was Surete Quebec and ambulances. When the Megantic Fire Service arrived they knew it was too large to handle themselves. Many fire departments from both sides of the border were quickly called for help. The blaze was spreading very fast and people were being evacuated as fast as possible.

This reporter himself had got up to make a sandwich and heard the call for the small fire on the locomotive. Being nothing really out of the ordinary, we decided to listen for a while. This time we had a feeling something was not the same. We grabbed our camera and hopped into the car to head towards it. It was raining very hard the whole way. When we rolled into Nantes, which is about six miles from Megantic, we could see the sky was bright orange and as we got closer the smell of smoke was getting very strong. We were soon passed by Surete Quebec

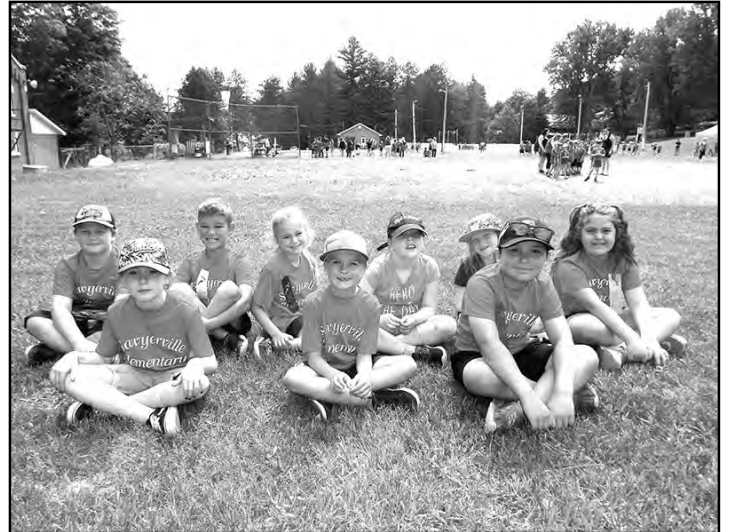
cruisers going at top speed. We came into the roundabout going into Megantic and started into the town. We couldn't believe what we were seeing. We could see the lake and it had flames about two feet high on one end from the oil on the water.

We parked and stepped out of the car and all we could hear were the roar of the fire, sirens, and massive explosions that almost knocked us off our feet at times. The rain was falling but we hardly felt it as we grabbed our camera and safety vest and headed down the street to take photos. We soon came to a police tape and a line of ambulances. People were walking around blank-faced. The sound of the fire trucks and explosions filled the air.

One thing we will never forget is, as we were standing there snapping photos, a lady came running up to us asking if we had seen her son. We asked her where her son lived and she pointed to a house that was fully ablaze. We took her to a police officer.

We could see the historic old St. Agnes Church just above the fire zone. It was still standing, watching over the town. We stayed in Megantic until after daylight and then headed back home for dry clothes and food. By 9 a.m. that morning, we were back in Megantic and that was the start of 17 days of traveling morning and night to attend media events. At that time, police had no idea of a death toll.

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A group of young athletes from Sawyerville Elementary take a moment during the annual track meet for area schools on June 20 at Bury's Memorial Park. Corey Bellam photo.



Cookshire Elementary School students were the winners of the day during the annual track meet between over 200 students of Sawyer-ville, Bury, and Cookshire Elementary School held at Bury's Memorial Park on June 20. Corey Bellam photo.

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More info: www.PooreFarm.org 603-237-5500

Northumberland Board of Selectmen

Proposed Meeting Schedule for balance of 2023 and first quarter 2024

- Scheduled meetings may be subject to change.
- All meetings held the **first** and **third** Mondays of the month at 6 pm ~ Meeting room at 10 Station Square unless otherwise posted.
- Some meetings may be on Tuesdays if Monday falls on an observed holiday.
- Meeting notices are posted on the town website at www.northumberlandnh.org, at the Northumberland Public Library, the SAU 58 office, and the Town Office.
- Copies of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes may be obtained the following ways: Paper copies may be purchased at the town office, please see Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator assistant, digital copies by emailing b.craey@northumberlandnh.org and can be viewed on the Town website and downloaded

- July 10-Highway and Water/Sewer
- July 17-Ambulance and Police
- August 7-Highway and Water/Sewer
- August 21-Ambulance and Police
- September 5-Tues-Highway and Water/Sewer
- September 18-Ambulance and Police
- October 2-Highway and Water/Sewer
- October 16-Ambulance and Police
- November 6-Highway and Water/Sewer
- November 20-Ambulance and Police
- December 4-Highway and Water/Sewer
- December 18-Ambulance and Police
- January 2-Tues-Highway and Water/Sewer
- January 16-Tues-Ambulance and Police
- February 5-Highway and Water/Sewer
- February 20-Tues-Ambulance and Police
- March 4-Highway and Water/Sewer
- March 18-Ambulance and Police

Northumberland Board of Selectmen

Around The Region

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The downtown was still ablaze and the burning rail tankers could be seen. Firefighters were cooling unexploded tankers. By that time, all media from both sides of the border were on scene doing live interviews.

The next day, then-Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper was in Megantic and described it as a "war zone." Surete Quebec raised the death toll to five that day and estimated at least 40 more were still missing. Tom Harding issued a statement that shutting off the locomotive caused the crash. The death toll raised to 13 on July 8. Edward Burkhardt, chairman of Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway (MM&A) visited Megantic to a negative response, and was later taken out of town by police. That afternoon, the death

toll was raised to 20. On July 27, the Town of Lac Megantic held a memorial ceremony for the 47 victims of the rail disaster with over 10,000 in attendance.

Now, ten years later, the town of Lac Megantic has rebuilt their downtown in a different spot with many memorials erected around ground zero in the honor of the victims. A shrine has been built where the Musi-Bar once stood. Most of the victims lost their lives at that location, or very close. A lot has changed in ten years, but one thing that will never change is the memories of that night.

The Canadian government is talking about moving the train tracks out of the town of Lac Megantic, but it is still being studied. The train still goes through the town twice a day and residents still stop and think about that night.

—Corey Bellam

CBC COMMUNITY PICNIC

Celebrating the 4th on the 2nd, the Community Baptist Church, 27 Jefferson Road, Whitefield, will be hosting their second annual free community picnic on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. on their front lawn.

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Obituaries



Marjorie LaValley

MARJORIE LAVALLEY

LUNENBURG, VT.—Marjorie A. LaValley, 102, of Sunrise Acres, passed away early Sunday morning on June 25, 2023, at Weeks Medical Center.

Marjorie was born in Lunenburg on Sept. 27, 1920, the daughter of Bert and Dora (Willson) Brown. She attended Lunenburg School and graduated from Goddard Seminary, a private high school for girls. She also attended Goddard Finishing School.

She was a lifetime resident of Lunenburg where she raised her family and worked 42 years for the U.S. Postal Service following her mother's example. In her free time, she enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, cross stitching, bird watching, and watching the Red Sox and Patriots. Her favorite thing in the world was her family and spending time with them and especially enjoyed watching them play at her camp at the Neal's Pond. She and her husband built a camp there in the 1950s.

Marjorie was a devout Christian. She taught Sunday School and was a church vocalist. She was also an organist at the Lancaster Assembly of God and

served on the board of directors there for several years.

Surviving family members include her children, Bethany Chase of Lunenburg, Marian Bucklin of Lancaster; she also had 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Albert "Abbie" L. LaValley, a son, Bert LaValley, of Wasilla, Alaska and a sister, Marian Streeter, of Lunenburg.

Many of her children's and grandchildren's friends were adopted as her grandchildren and everyone affectionately called her "Nan." She always welcomed them into her fold.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, at 10 a.m. at the Lunenburg United Methodist Church. Reverend Jim Michaels will officiate. Lee Baker of Lancaster will sing. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, South Lunenburg. Following the burial, a reception will be held at 32 Lake Road, Neal Pond in Lunenburg.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Lancaster. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.baileyfh.net.

DONALD COLLINS

LANCASTER—Donald A. Collins, 79, died June 19, 2023, at home with hospice care after a battle with illness.

Donald was born in Lancaster on Oct. 19, 1943, the son of Alvo and Etta (Burk) Collins. He graduated from Groveton High School and worked in the Groveton Mill and for Campbell Stationary.

After he retired, he went to work at Santa's Village which he loved. He made rings for the kids

in the "ring shop." This was his happy place; he enjoyed the kids and the people he worked for.

Surviving family members include his wife of 57 years Linda Collins of Lancaster; four children, Bryan, Lorna, Tracey Ayers and her husband Charlie of Florida, Aaron Collins and his wife Jen of Whitefield; a grandson Adam Whitney of Florida; and a sister Bonnie Daigneault and her husband Ronnie of Florida and their sons Richard and Robert.

Donald was predeceased by his parents Alvo and Etta, and a grandson, Cory Whitney, son of Rocky Whitney and Tracey Ayers.

There are no visiting hours. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home of Lancaster. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.baileyfh.net.

Notice of Board of Civil Authority Meeting and Board of Abatement Hearing:

Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

The residents of the Town of Canaan are hereby notified that there will be a Board of Civil Authority meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM. During the meeting the BCA will conduct their biannual review of the checklist.

Following the BCA meeting, the Town will hold a Board of Abatement Hearing for the Town of Canaan, to abate the delinquent taxes for the property, 433 VT RTE 141, it acquired after no bids in the 2022 Tax Sale.

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**TOWN OF CANAAN
NOTICE OF THE SELECTBOARD'S RULING ON
THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A 0.123-MILE SECTION
OF JUDD ROAD (TH 8):**

On June 26, 2023, the Selectboard along with the Road Supervisor and Town Clerk, inspected the 0.123-mile section of Judd Road, in question. The hearing convened shortly after at 6:05 PM. A motion was made by Michael Daley to reclassify the additional 0.123-mile section of Judd Road (TH 8) from a Class IV Highway to a Class III Highway. Alfred Buckley seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The 0.123 section starting after 477 Judd Road and continuing to 596 Judd Road will be classified as a Class III Highway from here on out. The decision was based on the condition of the road, that was improved prior to the request by the landowner.

Attest: Zachary William Brown, Town Clerk and Treasurer

TOWN OF COLEBROOK NOTICE
TOWN OF COLEBROOK TOWN HALL OFFICE & TRANSFER
STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023
IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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2023 WITH NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. THE TRANSFER
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Obituaries



June Goulet

JUNE GOULET
GROVETON—June (Gilcris) Goulet, age 73, passed away at Weeks Memorial Hospital on June 20, 2023, with her family by her side.

June was born to the late Charles and Priscilla (Demers) Gilcris on Sept. 12, 1949. She spent her entire life in Groveton where she met her high school sweetheart, and they married in 1966. Together they raised seven children, dozens of foster children as well as many family and friends. June and Wayne were the home for anyone who needed a place. They were married for 50 and a half years before Wayne passed away.

June was a homebody. She loved being at home and having company. "Come on up for a cup of coffee anytime," she would say. She loved to crochet and when the children were growing up the family spent many summers camping around New Hampshire and Maine.

June spent most of her years as a very busy homemaker, wife, mother, and friend. She worked beside her mother at the Groveton Mill, cleaning the offices for several years when the children were younger. Up until her passing, she was homemaker for her daughter Tammy. She was a doctor, nurse, caretaker, companion, confidant, cook, investigator and most of all, friend to all.

She greeted everyone with "Hello friend," and she left them with "Love you more, more."

June had many friends and family she has left behind, including her children; Tammy McLain, Dawn Pelletier (Randy), Darcie (Frankie) Concemi Angela (Justin) Goulet, Andrew (Jen) Goulet and Samantha (Marcus) Goulet; her pride and joys, otherwise known as her grandchildren; Lauralynn and Robert, Sabrina, Jessica, Randee Dawn, Toria, Lil Toby, Kaitlyn, Kaleigh, Adrianna, Andrew, Alyssa, Andre, Aidan, Nathaniel and Zachary and eight great grandchildren with a new one on the way; she also leaves her siblings, Dorothy (Walter) Powell and Denis (Lee) Gilcris; her surrogate daughter Tricia Gilcris, sisters-in-law Betty Gilcris and Rosie Gilcris, as well as several in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, especially her best friend, Mary Whiting.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband and best friend Wayne, her son Dewayne, her siblings Roger, Ronal and Tracy as well as many other family, in-laws, and friends.

There are no visiting hours. A graveside service will be held Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Emerson Cemetery, Emerson Road, Stark. Reverend Timothy Brooks, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, will officiate.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.baileyfh.net.



Louis Yacco

LOUIS YACCO

NORTH STRATFORD—Louis James Yacco, 70, of Partridge Lane, North Stratford, died at his home on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, due to ongoing illness.

Louis was born on Aug. 6, 1952, in Pompton Plains, N.J., a son of the late Louis John and Eleanor Jeanette (Edkins) Yacco. He was a resident of New Jersey and California until moving to New Hampshire. Louis started visiting North Stratford in the late 1990s and built his home from the ground up.

Louis had a passion for music. He was a songwriter and full-time musician, playing in many bands over the years. His music brought everyone together, writing songs that would make people smile and want to sing along.

He enjoyed time with family and friends, telling fish stories and beating people at pool. He was quite the jokester with a big grin and quick wit, always ready with a punny response.

Louis was clever and full to the brim with knowledge through all his life experiences: manager and owner of various dryer cleaners, fisherman, and camping expert. He was an avid backpacker with many tales of adventure, such as traveling through the Sierra Nevada, family trips to Baxter, and riding his motorcycle through the West in his younger years.

Louis is survived by his two sons, Corey Yacco and his wife Elizabeth, and Jake Yacco, who he adored. Louis' songs will be forever played by his sons, who share his love of music.

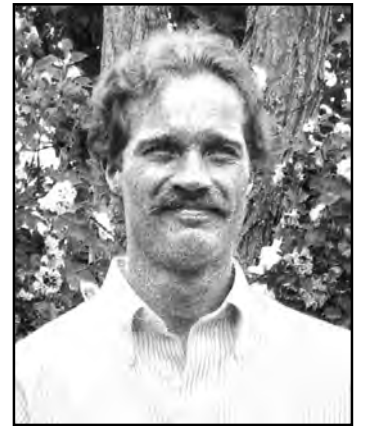
Louis is also survived by five siblings, Mark Yacco, Nancy Beck, Gina Denny, Susan Hogan, and Michael Yacco; along with numerous, beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by one sister, Diane Barry, and one brother, John Yacco.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home in Groveton.

To send the family condolences via the online register book, please visit www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com.



James Hawkins

JAMES HAWKINS

SOUTHPORT, N.C.—James Arnold Hawkins, 61, died on June 8, 2023, after a period of failing health at his home in Southport, N.C., with his loving wife Vicki Hawkins by his side.

James was born in Chicopee, Mass., on Sept. 8, 1961. He was the son of Lois Irwin Cardin, and the late Arnold Hawkins. He grew up in Maidstone, Vt., and graduated from Groveton High School. Jim was hard-working, kind, and willing to help others. He worked at his grandparents farm in Maidstone, Vt., and the Peaslee farm in Guildhall, Vt. Soon after graduation, Jim and his brother Jerald Hawkins went south to work in construction. Later Jim returned to Maidstone to work at "The Mill" in Groveton. He built a house along the Connecticut River in Maidstone. In June of 1991 he married Vicki Paschall. In his free time Jim enjoyed many lake-side activities at the family camp at Maidstone Lake. He also liked bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and sky diving.

Jim was predeceased by his sister, Cheryl Ann Hawkins Smith. He is survived by his wife Vicki, brother Gerald Hawkins, step-brother Steven Collins, step-sister Wendy Collins, and mother Lois Cardin.

A graveside service is to be determined.



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Stewartstown - In town 2 bedroom - 1st floor, direct access for

snowmobiles & 4 wheelers. Heated, no pets. \$975/month Deposit & references required. Call 603-237-8301. TFN

Stewartstown - In town 3 bedroom - 2nd floor, direct access for snowmobiles & 4wheelers. Heated, no pets. \$1150/month Deposit & references required. Call 603-237-8301. TFN

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The Town of Colebrook has an opening in the Public Works Department for a full-time employee. The position requires a CDL certification and the ability to undertake a variety of physical tasks. Experience in highway plowing preferred and mechanical abilities are an asset.

This full-time position offers a competitive benefits package and will require a fitness-for-duty physical and a criminal background check. Applications may be obtained at the Colebrook Town Office, 17 Bridge Street, Colebrook. For inquiries, call (603)237-8019 and ask for Anthony Rossitto, Public Works Supervisor.

Starting pay is commensurate with experience and applicants should be prepared to start immediately. Completed applications may be dropped off at town hall Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4pm or at the Northern Border Dispatch center in the town hall after hours. This position is open until filled. The Town of Colebrook is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

VACANCIES 2023-2024

SAU Office

- Superintendent: Interim, Part-time or Full-time(ID#4317689)

Groveton Middle/High School

- Art Teacher K-12 (ID#4198642)
- Special Education Teacher (ID#4201562)
- Middle School Social Studies Teacher (ID#4223582)
- Speech Pathologist-All 3 Districts (ID#44245633)
- Middle School English Teacher (ID#4267871)
- Student Assistant Program Coordinator (ID#4163406)

Groveton Elementary School

- Special Education Teacher (ID#4113966)
- Art Teacher K-12 (ID#4198642)

Stratford Public School

- Elementary Teacher-3 (ID#4259045)
- Special Education Teacher K-8 (ID#4242529)
- Middle School Math Teacher (ID#4221697)
- School Counselor (ID#4278793)

Stark Village School

- Part-time Library Media Specialist (ID#4267757)

For more information or to apply please go to www.SchoolSpring.com and reference the above job ID. All applications must go through SchoolSpring.

If you have any questions regarding these positions, please contact:

Jo Robinson, Secretary
SAU #58
15 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Ph: 603-636-1437 Fax: 603-636-6102
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TOWN OF PITTSBURG IMMEDIATE OPENING
HEALTH OFFICER AND OVERSEER OF WELFARE
Please submit letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen at 1526 Main Street, Pittsburg, NH 03592
Please contact the Selectmen's office with any questions about the position at 603-538-6697
Application accepted until July 10, 2023, or until filled.

TOWN OF COLEBROOK JOB OPENING
WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR

The Town of Colebrook is looking for a motivated, hardworking person for a Full-Time position in the Water/Sewer Department. The operator will belong to a team of professionals responsible for the Town's water and wastewater systems. This will include all aspects of monitoring, testing, and reporting to ensure operations meet local, State, and Federal requirements. Qualified candidates will have a High School Diploma or GED, computer skills and the ability to follow verbal and written instructions. Preference will be given to anyone already holding a Grade 1 NH Water Wastewater license and a CDL, however, anyone hired without these credentials will be given the opportunity to acquire them as needed. Pay will be commensurate with education, experience and credentials held. Colebrook offers a competitive benefits package to its employees and a chance to enter the New Hampshire Retirement System. This job requires some weekend work and may require emergency call-in situations. Applications are available at the Colebrook Town Office Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This job will be opened until filled. The Town of Colebrook is an equal opportunity employer.



School Administrative Unit #58
15 Preble Street ♦ Groveton, NH 03582 ♦ (603)636-1437

Superintendent Vacancy: Interim, Part-time or Full-time

SAU#58 in the NH North Country is seeking a superintendent: interim, part-time or full-time, to oversee operations of four schools: a K-8 of 65 students in Stratford, a K-5 of 112 students and a 6-12 of 179 students in Groveton, and a K-6 of 29 students in Stark. While small, the schools have up-to-date technology, excellent staff, supportive school boards, and strong academic programs aligned with the state frameworks. The Superintendent will work with three individual school district school boards who each meet once a month, and one SAU school board which meets three times per year.

A multi-year contract and regionally competitive salary/benefits may be offered. Starting date is July 20, 2023. Candidates must be certified or certifiable as Superintendent in NH.

Applicants should apply on SchoolSpring supplying a cover letter, resume, *current* letters of reference, transcripts and certification prior to July 10, 2023.

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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



**We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
Have A Safe Holiday Weekend!**