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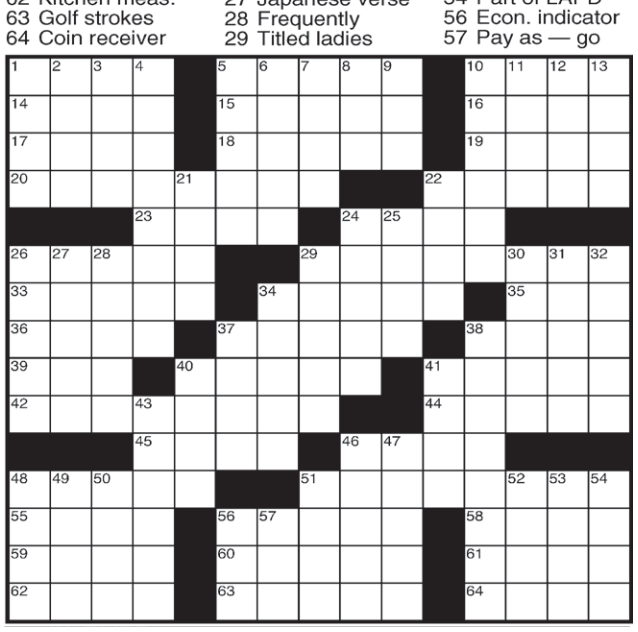
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Glowing Feather, a member of the counter-culture Rainbow Family who attended the first Rainbow Gathering in Colorado in 1972, was one of 50 to 100 campers in Bethlehem Monday morning at a regional Rainbow Gathering on national forest land. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

Counter-Culture Camp Draws Folks From Afar

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

BETHLEHEM — Not counting the naked man found on top of the Casella Waste Systems landfill Monday morning, the 2019 regional gathering of members of the Rainbow Family has been going smoothly, more or less, said police.

For nearly five decades, the Rainbow Family of Living Light, a leaderless counter-culture group with members across the nation and the world promoting world peace, unity and communal living, has held camp gatherings on national forest lands across the United States.

Regional events are in states from East to West and the national annual events have drawn up to 20,000 people.

This year, for the first time, the Northeast Rainbow Gatherers chose national forest land in Bethlehem for a regional camp, and the gathering that began Thursday and will go through this coming weekend has drawn people from as far away as California and Montana.

By Monday, the size had reached 50 to 100 people, a number that could grow – by how much is anyone's guess – as the full moon approaches on Thursday (the camp events are called Rainbow Gatherings and are planned around full moons).

A man at the Trudeau Road camp entrance who called himself "Hobo" summed up his participation – "I'm just here to enjoy - drum circles, community, nature."

Dozens of vehicles, including a few painted buses hearkening back to the nation's 1960s hippie heydays, lined the east side of Trudeau Road Monday morning, with license plates from Tennessee, Illinois, Maine, Vermont, Montana, California, and a few from New Hampshire.

"They're from all over," said Bethlehem Police Chief Michael Ho-Sing-Loy.

The site is being actively managed by representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, and Bethlehem police are regularly driving along the road to ensure people stay off of it, park to one side of it, and avoid trespassing on nearby private properties.

The gatherers are not paying to camp on the national forest land, even though such payment is legally required.

Some, too, consume alcohol in the open on the public land, and it is not uncommon to smell marijuana wafting through the air.

Concessions and compromises have been reached, though, by the Rainbow gatherers and by police and the USFS – cause no big disturbances, do nothing flagrantly illegal, leave no litter behind, and all is good.

The naked man did not push the boundaries enough to get arrested, but he was taken into protective custody and transported to Littleton Regional Healthcare to make sure he's okay, said Ho-Sing-Loy.

"He had no ID, no clothes and did not give a name," said Ho-Sing-Loy. "He was on something. We don't know what."

Along with USFS staff members who check in at the camp each day and speak with the gatherers, police in Bethlehem have been driving by every day as part of their main effort to keep campers off the road and inside the fence, said Ho-Sing-Loy.

"It's mostly been trespass issues, but most leave when asked," he said.

A few have asked property owners if they have any food, but cause no problems when turned away, he said.

"For the most part, it's been pretty good," said Ho-Sing-Loy.

Last year, members of the Rainbow Family had been looking at the Gale River loop for a camp site, he said.

The site of the current camp, an old sand pit, was coordinated by USFS officials because the agency wanted to find an area that would not be as environmentally impacted by the high number of campers.

"Casella's been nice and left a few trash cans so they can put their trash in them," said Ho-Sing-Loy.

With no leader or spokesperson, police

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Cleaning House



BY AMY LAWTON MCKEEVER

I've spent the last few hours cleaning the house. My kids left for their dad's late this afternoon after being home for the past week, and the house was a mess. Waving to them as they pulled out of the driveway, I knew I had a bunch of brainy work to do – this article to write, curriculum planning for school – but I couldn't even think about starting either of those until the house was clean. Procrastination? Maybe. But for me, there's a real connection between the clutter in my physical space and the clutter in my brain.

The times when my kids are home are my favorite times. Missing out on hours with them is the hardest part about being divorced. This feels especially true in summer, which flies by so quickly and never seems long enough for all the fun adventures (and just the hanging out at home) that I want to squeeze in. So when they are home, cleaning gets temporarily put to the side. Of course we do dishes and make beds, and the kids are in charge of picking up their things every day (in theory), but vacuuming and cleaning the bathrooms? That can wait until the house is quiet and there isn't anything better to do.

This philosophy means that the house is usually pretty messy by the end of a kid week, even with them gathering their things and cleaning up before heading to their dad's (again, in theory; my husband would be shaking his head and saying they NEVER pick up their stuff. The truth, as usual, is somewhere in the middle). Today was no exception. There was a blanket fort under the kitchen table stuffed with almost every pillow we own, two wheelbarrows and a plastic watering can strewn across the yard by a half-finished bike jump, Big Nate books and crayons everywhere, wet towels in a clump on the front stoop – you name it. And that was just the very, very tip of the iceberg.

I knew I had other work to do, but instead, I found myself starting laundry, making trips up and down the stairs with armfuls of stuff, and de-pillowing the kitchen. This cleaning happens almost every Sunday when the kids leave; in a way, it has become part of my normal routine: my co-parent's car pulls away down the driveway, I wave frantically until I can't see it anymore, and then I walk inside and start picking up, my heart a bit on the heavy side.

In part, this cleaning is how I deal with my sadness at seeing my kids leave. I busy myself with these very physical tasks (especially something tedious, like picking up Legos) as a way to ignore how empty the house feels after days filled with their laughter, energy, and (yes) squabbling. I can take satisfaction in cleaning a sink full of dishes, or watching as I make a messy room neat again. By doing so, I'm putting order to my world, which always feels a bit lost, a bit off kilter, when my kids leave. They are some kind of north to my compass, and when they go, the whole dial swings like it is temporarily out of whack. I get used to it – especially after more than five years now – but still, it takes awhile. I've never been good at transitions, and the kids leaving home is the worst kind.

In another way, this cleaning helps me re-center. As the clutter disappears, I can start to focus on other things, non-kid things. I'll sit down and write, maybe, or do some school work. I'll read that blog post or that article I had seen earlier in the week. I'll catch up with my dad, or my sister, or my friends from work, who have this constant group texting going on that I just can't keep up with sometimes. All of these things are important, too. Some days, my husband and I will go out to dinner, and focus on each other's company in a way that is harder when the kids are with us.

Maybe the pieces of my life don't fit together as smoothly as they should. Ideally, I'd be balancing all these elements at the same time – my kids, my professional life, my personal relationships: the penultimate multi-tasking. And I do, sometimes; its not like I ignore all of these other aspects of my life when my kids are home. But the reality for me is that my life in this way isn't "ideal." Nothing is, one hundred percent. And I'll continue to re-arrange most of the other pieces of my life around my kid schedule, even if that means missing a night out with the moms or a cool local concert. It's what feels right.

And every other week, my house is wicked clean.

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New Hampshire Governor Vetoes 3 Gun Control Bills

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Republican Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed three gun control bills Friday, saying New Hampshire is one of the safest states in the nation that has a long and proud "tradition of responsible firearm stewardship."

The bills passed by the Democratic-controlled Legislature included background checks for commercial firearms sales, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm, and prohibiting firearms on school property.

The vetoes, coming days after two mass shootings in Texas and Ohio, were expected; Sununu had said he wasn't looking to make any changes to existing gun laws.

"Our focus as a nation must be on addressing the root causes of hate and violence," Sununu wrote. "Here in New Hampshire, we have taken multiple steps to address our mental health needs and to build a more welcoming and tolerant state. From the school safety task force, to rebuilding our state's mental health system, including the largest invest-

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ON THE COVER: Campaign workers take down bunting after Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, held a town hall meeting at Toad Hill Farm in Franconia on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

Surging Warren Draws Big Crowd In Franconia

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

FRANCONIA — Elizabeth Warren, surging in the national polls, is also seeing a surge in the number of people coming to see her in the North Country, which she visited for the second time on Wednesday.

Her message of improving the incomes and lives of working families resonated with the 700 people, many area residents, turning out to Toad Hill Farm to see her and give her a rock star welcome.

With a dramatic view of the White Mountains behind her, Warren, the senior Democratic U.S. senator from Massachusetts and one of the first of the two dozen Democrats to announce her candidacy for the presidency, spoke of her young life, when her parents were struggling to make ends meet, and the path she took from being a special needs teacher, then a lawyer and law professor, and now a candidate for the nation's top elected office.

"When I was a girl, a full-time minimum wage job in America would support a family of three," said Warren. "It would cover a mortgage, utilities, and put food on the table. Today, a full-time minimum wage job in America will not keep a momma and a baby out of poverty. That is wrong and that is why I am in this fight."

She vowed to fight corruption at every level, take on climate change deniers, put more power in the hands of workers and strengthen unions, protect Social Security so hardworking people can retire with security, go after the in-

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PHOTO BY PAUL HAYES

Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, holds a town hall meeting at Toad Hill Farm in Franconia on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019.

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Presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, D-Vt., speaks during a campaign stop at the Littleton Opera House in Littleton, N.H., on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019.

No. Country Democrats Still Feeling The Bern

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — The turnout on Tuesday was a far cry from the overflow crowd at his presidential campaign visit to Littleton four years ago, but if enthusiasm is any indication, some North Country Democrats are still "feeling the Bern."

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, made his second presidential candidate visit to the Littleton Opera House on Tuesday, bringing in an official count of 327 people.

Many were local residents who continue to support his positions on reforms to health care, the tax structure and education, converting the energy system to combat climate change, and taking on corporations, the health care industry and Wall Street to close the income and wealth gap and make democracy work for all.

"He's probably one of the candidates I will vote for," said Matthew Domenichini, of Littleton, who likes Sanders' plan for education reform. "It's him or Buttigieg for me."

Jeremy Wolf, of Bethlehem, voted for Sanders in 2016.

Tuesday was the first time he saw him, and Wolf said Sanders will have his vote again, in 2020.

"I'm big on his position in health care," he said.

Introducing Sanders, the three-term senator who first ran for president in the 2016 election and is again seeking the Democratic nomination, was Littleton native Kimberly Marie Sychterz.

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Computer Forensic Unit Near Completion

NORTH HAVERHILL — The computer forensic unit established at the Grafton County Sheriff's Department two years ago now has a new home and a wider array of equipment to better protect children against Internet and computer crimes and aid local law enforcement in solving other crimes.

It can unlock and retrieve information on computers, tablets, smart phones, and all kinds of digital devices.

"In pretty much every crime case today, a phone is really a second crime scene," Justin Combs, deputy detective with the GCSD and forensic analyst with the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), said Thursday, during a press conference.

The role of the GCSD computer unit, he said, is to preserve evidence in as pristine a condition as possible.

Led by GCSD Lt. Frederic James, the officer in charge, it is the first computer forensic unit of its kind north of the Lakes Region and is available for local law enforcement as a resource for their investigations.

The equipment allows police to investigate and arrest those producing or distributing child pornography or trying to contact children for sex, and allows any area police department that seizes a laptop, tablet, mobile device or cell phone through a search warrant to take it to the GCSD for data extraction.

The system includes a mobile forensic station to extract data from cell phones and tablets, a unit to monitor Internet activity, and a server that protects evidence off-network.

It is expected to prove all the more valuable in drug cases, homicides, and many other types of crime, said Combs.

In addition, in some cases, the location of a suspect at the time a crime was committed or the time data was sent or downloaded can also be determined.

Even if police don't bring devices in, Combs is available for guidance, said Sugar Hill Police Chief Bob Mancini.

"He's our go-to guy guiding us on what we can do," said Mancini.

That guidance can include drafting a search warrant that is legally defensible, he said.

The GCSD computer forensic unit processes between 10 and 13 phones week, and recently Franconia police brought in about 10 devices from a criminal case they are working on.

Franconia Police Chief Martin Cashin said James and Combs are great resources in giving police departments guidance on how to preserve digital evidence.

"Thankfully, Grafton County has spearheaded this effort," he said.

About half of Combs' time is spent in training, often with the U.S. Secret Service, which provided about 80 percent of the equipment at no cost to the county.

Equipment was also supplied by the Department of Homeland Security, and training partners include the National Computer Forensics Institute.

With ever-evolving technology, the training allows Combs to keep up with the latest developments.

"It's cat and mouse, and the training has to be up to date to keep up with that cat and mouse," said Combs, a former Bethlehem police officer with degrees in criminal justice and information technology who almost left law enforcement to start his own business before he joined the GCSD.

The GCSD keeps the evidence it takes in for seven years, and what is given to police departments for prosecuting their cases are digital copies.

The federal government provided the more than $100,000 in computer forensic equipment to the county.

This year, a $20,000 line item was introduced in the county budget, 75 percent of which goes to software licensing fees and 25 percent for equipment.

Some computers and devices that are seized as part of a crime are also forfeited under law, like drug forfeitures, and added to the GCSD's forensic unit.

Previously housed in a small room, the department's computer forensic unit was placed in a much larger one several weeks ago.

"It's come a long way from the closet we used to work in," said Combs.

"It's 99.9 percent complete," said Grafton County Sheriff Jeff Stiegler. "It's a good feeling when it's almost done."

Stiegler thanked former Grafton County Sheriff Doug Dutile for giving the go-ahead for the unit to be set up at the department.

"There's only a few agencies in New Hampshire doing this," he said. "If this is the standard going forward, I hope we can be that agency … There is a need for this. The rural counties see the value … We are happy to help anyone we can as we move forward."

James said, "One of our greatest benefits is when we can identify perpetrators of child exploitation and hold them accountable. That's why we do this."

Public Input Sought On Future Of Main St. Parcel

FRANCONIA — Wanted: your ideas on how to best put to use a newly vacant parcel on Franconia's Main Street.

At 5 p.m.. Saturday, Sept. 14, residents are invited to a community gathering on the town-owned lot, at 192 Main St., which was previously the location of an apartment complex that had been deteriorating and accruing back taxes.

The town took the property that comprises about one acre by tax deed, and earlier this year the building was removed and the site leveled.

Now, its future is being explored.

"This is an open house for citizens to put forth proposals in an unstructured fashion," Franconia Selectmen Jeff Blodgett said Monday. "We will be taking notes and this is the first cast at making something happen … It's a blank slate and hopefully we will get a wide range of ideas and something to think about."

Whether the site, across from the Lafayette Regional School, is made into green space or recreation space, stays town-owned or is sold, or is developed remains to be seen, he said.

The idea of selling the parcel has come up, but if the town sells it for more than the tax owed the surplus goes back to the previous owner, and that applies three years after the deed, he said.

"Some people have the idea of selling it, but I'm not so sure that's in the best interest of the town right now," said Blodgett.

He called the building's removal and the space opened up "a long time coming."

The lot is adjacent to the public Iron Furnace Interpretive Center picnic area and one idea is to possibly merge them into a larger public parcel.

NCHC To Sign Additional Contract To Run Drug Court

After coming on board last year to manage the operations of Grafton County Drug Court, following New Hampshire's changes to county drug courts to include 100-percent state funding, the North Country Health Consortium is about to sign another one-year contract to continue running it.

"It seems like a good fit for the consortium because of all the other programs and services that we have to provide access to the participants," NCHC Executive Director Nancy Frank said Thursday.

Launched in 2006 in Grafton County, the court is an 18- to 36-month alternative sentencing program for felony drug offenders that is designed to keep non-violent offenders out of jail and offer them treatment and recovery services. Grafton County

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was the second county in the state to adopt the drug court model.

It involves a host of stakeholders, among them a judge, law enforcement officials, prosecutors and defense attorneys, the families of participants, and the participants themselves, whose eligibility is determined by the court but who make the ultimate choice to enroll in what is termed a "high risk, high reward" program.

Although the NCHC is now at the head of operations and staffs it with a program manager as well as a case manager and clinician all working for the consortium, the drug court model for Grafton County is continuing as envisioned.

"The team-based model for drug treatment court has not changed at all," said Frank. "We are just managing the operations."

Some law enforcement officials said NCHC's involvement is a boon in the battle against addiction.

"As with any transition, there were going to be bumps and barriers in the road, but the North Country Health Consortium is an outstanding organization and they really took the bull by the horns and put the right people in place to make the program successful," said Littleton Police Chief Paul Smith.

"The advantage that the North Country Health Consortium has is they have resources like the Friendship House [the residential and outpatient treatment and recovery center in Bethlehem] that gives an almost direct conduit for many of the participants to seek out sobriety and transition to recovery," he said. "They have a lot of different tools at their fingertips so it adds to what the county had previously. I think they have a lot of good ideas and it will bring the whole program to the next level."

Grafton County's drug court was based on a national model.

Supporters say the model is more successful than traditional sentencing that can involve incarceration, and it saves the state and counties the higher costs that come with incarceration results in less relapse and recidivism.

If their crime did not involve violence and the distribution, sale, transportation or manufacture of narcotics, county residents who have committed a drug-related crime are eligible for enrollment.

In keeping with the "high risk, high reward" model, the program is four-phased and involves constant supervision and drug testing and also requires those enrolled to have jobs.

Those who are non-compliant are dropped from the program and sent to jail.

Those who stay clean can have their conviction expunged one year after graduation.

In 2017, the state of New Hampshire, for the first time, offered funding for county drug courts.

As a result, there is currently no longer any expenses for the drug courts of those counties that let the state award contracts to a treatment agency provider, such as NCHC.

In May 2018, before the county's fiscal year 2019 budget took effect July 1, the three-member Grafton County Commission announced it would no longer have a contract with the state to administer the drug court after commission members voted to let the state award the contract to a treatment agency within the county.

The decision comes after other New Hampshire counties made the switch to agency-run drug courts.

"In the drug treatment court, the consortium tries to connect individuals with whatever services they may need," said Frank. "We do have an advantage in that we operate the Friendship House and we can help expedite access to treatment. Our involvement is about connecting individuals to what they may need."

There are currently 16 participants in Grafton County Drug Court and another seven prospective clients, a number that had been increasing when the NCHC took it over in August 2018, said Frank.

The goal is to have as many participants be successful as possible, said Frank.

"It's an outcome-focused program to make sure the team participating continues to be well-trained and works well as a team on behalf of the individuals who participate in the program."

The NCHC also works with the Coos County Drug Court, which is contracted through Northern Human Services as operations manager and involves Carroll County in the program.

Mt. Royal Academy North Expands In Lancaster

Just one year after opening, the new Mt. Royal Academy North in Lancaster, N.H., the first Catholic school north of the Notch in many years, is running out of space.

But it's a good problem to have, and it owes to the strong support by the community and parents, Jill Colby, head of school, said Tuesday.

"We wouldn't be here without the community support and encouragement and I am grateful for that," she said Tuesday. "It was a great year and we had wonderful support from our families and our students."

After teaching for its first year in portable classrooms behind All Saints Church, at 163 Main St., the private, independent elementary school is moving a few blocks north.

"We outgrew it faster than we thought we would," said. "We really are excited about the growth."

The school will be renting a wing in a vacant building at Holton Point, at the Country Village Center, the residential complex and therapies center for seniors, that is owned by Genesis HealthCare.

It is a space they can call home for at least the next few years and it will offer more than double the space they have now and will accommodate another grade — sixth grade — to debut for the coming school year, as well as a sixth full-time teacher and provide room to grow.

The school is following its original plan to begin with pre-kindergarten through fifth grades and add a grade each year until eighth grade.

Last year, Mt Royal Academy North began with 32 students and this year, when school starts on Sept. 3, it will have 45 students.

On Friday, the school received word the move to Holton Point was a go and it squandered no time making the new space student-ready, with crews inside on Saturday knocking down walls and creating classrooms, said Colby.

"We're giving it a 100-percent face lift to make it suitable for our students," she said.

The new location will also give students the opportunity to meet the nearby Country Village Center residents, and discussions are already underway about collaboration, such as students singing Christmas carols during the winter holiday, said Colby.

"Everyone at Holton Point has been so supportive and is excited to see this happen," she said.

Right now, students are in combined-grade classrooms, but the new and larger space could accommodate classrooms devoted to a single grade.

The current number of classrooms will be expanded to five, with possibly more broken into seven, with the new space.

In just one year, the students have already col-

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Obituaries

Virginia C. Fortin

Virginia C. Fortin, 89, of Old Center Road, St. Johnsbury, Vt., passed away on Friday, August 9, 2019, at her home.

Ginny was born July 1, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Joseph and Yvonne (Racicot) Cormier. She was raised in St. Johnsbury, attended local schools, and graduated from Mount St. Joseph, Class of 1949. In 1952, she married Reginald A. Fortin.

They shared 35 years together until his death in 1987. Ginny stayed home with the children until the youngest was in school at which point she worked as the Office Manager at a Government Agricultural Office. After 25 years of work, she spent the next 30 years as a Volunteer for her community and her church.

Survivors include her 5 children, sons: Mark A. Fortin of Burlington, VT and Martin J. Fortin and wife, Betsy, of St. Johnsbury; daughters: Michelle J. Noyes and husband, Dennis, of St. Johnsbury, Monique C. Fortin of St. Johnsbury, and Marcie L Northrop and husband, Jimmy, of Lisbon, NH; 3 sisters: Patricia Muldoon of MA, Sr. Lucille Cormier, CND of NY, and Marie Guay and husband, George, of MA; 5 grandchildren: Jocelyn (Jon), Jennifer (Steve), Jordan (Jamie), Denelle, and Riley; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Ginny was predeceased by her husband: Reginald A. Fortin; an infant son: Marcel; her son: Maurice R. Fortin; brother-in-law: Edward Muldoon; and grandson: 2nd Lt. Joseph D. Fortin.

A Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Fr. Robert Little will be celebrated on Friday, August 16, 2019, 11AM at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will follow immediately at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on St. Johns Street in St. Johnsbury, VT. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in Virginia's name to Good Shepherd Catholic School, 16 Maple St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.saylesfh.com

Arleta (Gunther) Baird

Arleta (Gunther) Baird, 82, of Franconia, N.H., passed away gently August 7, 2019, due to pulmonary fibrosis and congestive heart failure. She was born August 17, 1936 in Gilman, Vermont, to John and Emma (Goulette) Gunther.

She married Merle Allin as a young woman and had two boys, Merle and Kevin. They were the love of her life. Arleta was remarried to John Baird for several years; and for the last 19 years, she has been living life to the fullest with her companion, Robert Hovik.

Arleta made people smile. She always had a funny story to tell, she loved to lend a helping hand, and she knew how to lighten the mood, regardless of the situation. She loved antiquing and finding treasures in her travels between NH and Florida.

Arleta loved unconditionally, without judgment, and selflessly.

For many years Arleta was successfully self-employed as a Dutchmaid Distributor where she sold clothing at house parties.



Arleta Baird

She later became involved in healthcare where she worked at Littleton Regional Hospital in the Billing Department, and then transitioned to a Volunteer where she was willing to do whatever was needed. She has several accomplishments and recognitions from the hospital.

Her life was a living example of a quote by Mother Theresa: "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do… but how much love we put into that action."

Arleta was preceded in death by her son, Kevin, and is survived by her companion Robert Hovik, and his 3 children, her son Merle Allin, her granddaughter (Kevin's daughter) Nico Danault, her sister Arlene Lewis, and her nephews Kenneth and Tommy, and their families. Arleta is also survived by her daughter in law, former wife of son Kevin, Sandra Allin Wyman, and by many of her Baird family members. All of these, and many, many more friends were touched deeply by her loving spirit.

Please join us celebrating her life Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home, 101 Union Street, Littleton, N.H. and/or at the funeral on Friday, Aug. 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, 77 Clay Street, Littleton, N.H., with the Very Reverend Mark E. Dollard as Celebrant.

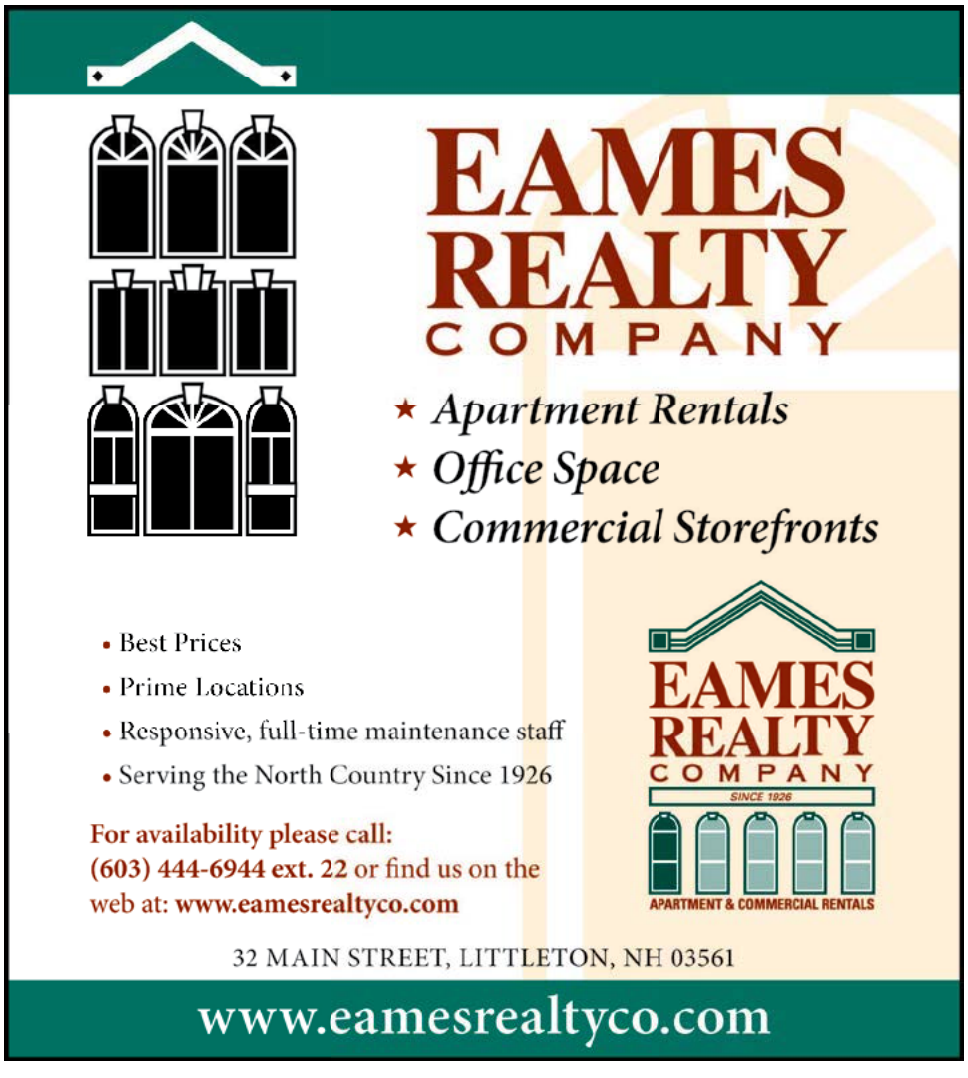
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pulmonaryfibrosis.org where a special tribute page has been created in Arleta's name: https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/ways-to-give/honor-a-loved-one

The Cremation Society of New Hampshire, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an On-Line Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, please go to www.csnh.com.

Robert "Bob" Iles

A celebration of life for Robert "Bob" Iles will be shared by friends and family at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the First Congregational Church, 189 Main Street, Littleton, N.H.

It is requested that donations be made to Shining Lights Learning Center in memory of Bob.





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PHOTO BY ROBERT BLECHL

LEFT: Evan Zwick, left, of Wisconsin, a man calling himself Sleepy "from a little bit of everywhere," and Farmer Rich, of Dorchester, N.H., were among the 50 to 100 members from the Rainbow Family camping on national forest land in Bethlehem on Monday. That number could grow throughout the week.

BELOW: Dozens of vehicles, including this painted bus from Vermont, lined Trudeau Road Monday morning. Their owners were nearby and are members of the Rainbow Family, whose Northeast Rainbow Gatherers chose national forest land in Bethlehem as a regional gathering for 2019.



Camp

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have no specific point person to check in with.

"There's a few folks who set things up, but no one wants to sign any papers," said Ho-Sing-Loy.

Among the Rainbow gatherers at the camp entrance in Bethlehem was Tameron Josbeck, of western Massachusetts, a seasoned Rainbow camper who was introduced to the Family by his parents and who's been to many a gathering.

"I try to go every year if I can," he said. "A growing part of us are second generation and now there is a third generation … It's a wonderful gift to give kids."

Joining them was a man named Glowing Feather MaJi, a Rainbow Family veteran who attended the first gathering in Colorado in 1972 and attended 43 out of 48 gatherings.

"There's no boss," he said, adding that elders are called "earliers."

Glowing Feather, who will be departing today to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of Woodstock in Bethel, New York, said the Woodstock musical event that took place this week in 1969, was the inspiration for Rainbow Gatherings.

The Rainbow Family itself was formed out West by veterans of the Vietnam War, he said, and the veteran tradition continues.

In Bethlehem from Buffalo, New York, was retired Army infantryman Chris Hazen, who served two tours in Iraq before he was injured in an IED explosion.

"We got it from veterans," he said. "I've been going for 10 years."

Among those milling about the gatherings that are dotted with tents, groups relaxing under tarps, and kitchens preparing shared food are children and dogs.

Others take seats, conversing and strumming guitars, and others form large human circles, some on drums, with the music a large part of the gathering.

Sunday is supposed to be the last day before they break camp, though a few gatherers will stay and clean up, said Ho-Sing-Loy.

Critics of the events that have taken place elsewhere say trash can be left behind.

A man who called himself Farmer Rich, of D Acres, an organic farm in Dorchester, N.H., who's been coming to Rainbow gatherings since 2013, said his group, once arriving in Bethlehem, took the initiative to clean up some trash they found as well as ammunition shells from those who use the site for target practice.

"We take sanitation and ecology very seriously," he said, among those under a tarp with a kitchen. "By the time we've gone, you'll never know any of this was here."

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Bernie

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"It is a huge honor to introduce Bernie Sanders in this town where I was born," she said.

Sanders, said Sychterz, spoke to people like her who had given up on their country.

"I was holding on and hoping he would run for president in 2020," she said. "We are so fortunate he said yes … We need a leader who brings people together and raises people up … We need to leave our children a democracy that is not bought and paid for by the billionaires … I want a president who on day one we can trust."

Sanders squandered no time in firing up the Littleton crowd, or taking aim at his potential rival, Pres. Donald Trump.

Calling it "a difficult and unprecedented moment in American history," Sanders said, "At the top of my list is the need to defeat the most dangerous president in the modern history of the United States."

As they would for the hour that would follow, the crowd ripped into robust applause.

"And we are on pace to do just that," said Sanders. "Every poll that I have seen without exception, every national poll in the last year, has us defeating Trump. A poll came out today in New Hampshire - 10 points ahead … I think the reason we are going to beat Trump is the American people are sick and tired of a president who is a racist, who is a sexist, who is xenophobe, who is a religious bigot, and a pathological liar."

Sanders reaffirmed his calls for a $15 minimum wage and tuition-free college, an idea he said is gaining traction across the nation, as well as the cancellation of student debt that he said would be paid for through a speculation tax on Wall Street.

He also said the nation needs to move toward a Medicare-for-all system, which he said has majority support in polls, would reduce current health care costs because there would be no premiums, and would be paid for through a restructuring of the tax system to a progressive tax.

"We are spending twice as much on health care as any other country," said Sanders, adding that 87 million people are uninsured or under-insured people and 500,000 people go bankrupt each year because they cannot pay for health care.

"That is absurd and disgraceful and together we are going to end that," he said, to more cheers.

Addressing the recent spate of mass killings by guns, Sanders said assault weapons are weapons of destruction and their distribution and sale must be stopped and the time has come for the U.S. Congress to no longer be intimated by the National Rifle Association.

As the election nears, New Hampshire, he said, plays a critical role in American democracy and change cannot be brought about by any president or Congressional member alone, but must involve everyone.

Ending to a standing ovation, Sanders said, "This country does not belong to a handful of billionaires. It belongs to all of us."

After Sanders departed, speaking for about 45 minutes and taking questions for another 15, Barbara Niebruegge, of Franconia, said she has her mind made up.

"I'm very impressed and I think he will definitely get my vote," said Niebruegge. "In 2016, I was looking around. I don't think I'll have to look any further … I think he is very intelligent and knows what he's talking about and I think he has our best interests at heart."

For Christi Shaw-Doran, the enthusiasm for Sanders as just as strong as it was four years ago, when he had her vote then.

"Bernie's awesome," she said. "He says the truth."

Robert Owen Williams, also of Franconia, said he first became excited about Sanders a long time ago, shortly after Sanders was first elected to Congress as a U.S. representative.

"He's an independent senator from Vermont having all of these progressive ideas," said Williams. "He's been doing that for years and years … I like his overall message that we have to take on the corporate interests and big money and do that with support coming from millions of different people. The government should be for the people and not just the super-wealthy."

In 2016, Williams campaigned for Sanders, when Sanders was just one of five Democratic candidates for president and, based on the polls then, one of just two who had a realistic shot at the White House.

Today, Sanders is one of two dozen presidential candidates seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for president.

"I'm seeing that this year there is a lot of people taking on the ideas Bernie has espoused," said Williams. "I am waiting to see who I think will be the best president. I certainly think we have a great person in Bernie, but there are other candidates I think would be great also."

Mark Chain, of Bethlehem, was impressed by Sanders' visit to Littleton

"I don't think I've ever seen him in such good form," said Chain.

The primary election in New Hampshire is just six months away, and the November 2020 election a little more than a year from now.

According to an Aug. 9 New York Times story on where the Democratic presidential candidates stand in the national polling average, former U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden is at 30 percent; Sanders and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-MA; are tied at 15 percent; U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-CA, is at 9 percent; South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg is at 5 percent; and the remaining candidates are polling at 2 percent or less.

In August 2015, Sanders, in a historic turnout by a presidential candidate in Littleton, drew an upward of 1,000 people to the Littleton Opera House (official capacity 422 people), with an estimated 500 or more people inside and few hundred who couldn't fit inside standing outside, watching Sanders on a television screen.

Warren

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fluence of money in Washington, and "end lobbying as we know it."

All the stances drew cheers.

Mary Ruppert and Ken Parker, from Lyman, said Warren almost certainly has their vote in the Democratic primary in February.

"She has substance," said Ruppert.

Parker said he agrees with Warren's opinions, especially on making the U.S. more connected to the middle class.

Of the crowd size, Ruppert said, "This is an impressive turnout. Everywhere I looked, I saw people I knew."

Warren was introduced and endorsed by local residents Martha McLeod, a former state representative who grew up in Franconia, and Jill Brewer, chair of the Franconia Board of Selectmen and a guidance counselor at Profile School.

The time is now to fix the issues ranging from fighting climate change to helping the families in the rural areas that the federal government and leaders in Washington, D.C. seemed to have turned their backs on, said McLeod.

"I'm supporting Elizabeth Warren," said McLeod. "She's drafted reasonable solutions to these problems … She cares about all of us and would bring that care to the White House."

Brewer said, "Because Elizabeth feels what we feel, this is her fight, too. When she sees an injustice, when she sees corruption, when she sees something that makes democracy weaker, she comes up with the best plan to tackle the problem head on. And she has the brains, the guts, and much to Mitch McConnell's annoyance, the persistence to make these plans happen … And with us in this fight with her, we can achieve the big structural changes our country desperately needs now more than ever."

Jane Chung, whose parents moved to the United States from South Korea, is the organizer for Warren's campaign in northern Grafton County.

"I'm living the American Dream and working to elect our first woman president of the United States," said Chung. "I'm in this fight for Elizabeth. She is fighting for everyday Americans and not just for the rich and powerful … I'm fighting for a leader who has always fought for us."

Warren promoted her plan for a wealth tax, a 2-percent tax on wealth greater than $50 million, or 2 cents on every dollar above $50 million, on nation's 75,000 largest fortunes.

"It's time a for a wealth tax in America," she said.

Such a tax that would be on the top 1/10 of 1 percent of Americans would pay for universal childcare, raise the salaries of teachers, create tuition-free colleges, cancel student debt for most who have it, and provide money to fight opioid addiction, she said.

"Government can actually be a force for good. and when we do that, we change this whole country," said Warren.

To a standing ovation, Warren said, This is our moment in history. This our time, our time to get organized, to build a grassroots movement, to persist and to make this a country of our best values. Dream big, fight hard, and let's win this."

Like Ruppert and Parker, David Van Houten, of Bethlehem, also said Warren has his vote.

"I've been a big fan of Elizabeth Warren for quite a while," he said. "There wasn't any converting being done, but she certainly solidified my support because she's articulate, she's passionate, she knows what she's talking about and I believe her that she is capable of going and making a change."

Van Houten said his three sons and their wives were sitting at the table Tuesday evening and having a heated discussion about the split in the Democratic Party and what they see is a very strong progressive movement in the party that is being split between Warren and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, who was in Littleton on Tuesday for his presidential campaign stop.

"We're just trying to figure out how this is going to resolve itself," said Van Houten.

Warren is the one who is inspirational and will likely inspire more women across the nation to come out to vote, he said.

"That is what we need if we are going to make a big change because we're going to need not only the presidency, but also the House and the Senate in order to move forward the policies that she articulates that most of us support," said Van Houten.

In March at Littleton High School, Warren drew about 150 area residents to a discussion on her plan to fight opioid addiction, a talk that also included her positions on campaign finance and election reforms that many there also supported.

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Crawford Path Celebrates 200 Years

Collaboration On Trail Reconstruction A New Model For Future Generations

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

Not many things look their best after 200 years, or still function as intended.

The Crawford Path, though, the oldest continuously used and maintained hiking path in the nation, is an exception.

This year, the mountain trail turns 200 years old, and on Friday it was celebrated in an anniversary event hosted by the White Mountain National Forest and Appalachian Mountain Club at its trail head in the national forest, across from the AMC Highland Center.

"And so the Crawford Path remains - ironically - outlasting most of the hotels that helped to keep its popularity alive through the decades," said Becky Fullerton, archivist for the AMC.

"The tourist may no longer be content to spend all summer golfing, boating, picnicking on the lawn, and dining formally each night in one location," she said. "But the draw of marching up a rough, rocky slope, sweating and pursued by biting insects, to get just one fleeting glance of a sea of summits and the taste of a cool breeze that knocks the bugs away endures. Here's to the next 200 years of the Crawford family's remarkable trail."

The 8.5-mile trail that extends from Crawford Notch to the summit of Mt. Washington was cut in 1819 by Ethan Allen Crawford and Abel Crawford, his father, who moved to the Notch from Guildhall, Vt., in the 1790s.

A year later, Ethan guided one of the early expeditions up to the mountain, with those in his group naming the summits that would later be part of the Presidential Range after U.S. presidents.

In 1840, another son of Abel, Thomas Crawford, turned the path into a horse route to the Mt. Washington summit.

The 20th century saw horses fall out of fashion and more hikers take to the Crawford Path and other forest trails, a trend that has only increased in popularity.

In 1994, on its 175th birthday, the U.S. Forest Service designated the Crawford Path a National Recreational Trail.

Throughout the summer of 2018 and beginning again at the end of this May and continuing into mid-September, scores of trail crew organizations carried out some major maintenance and rehabilitation work on the Crawford Path.

Attending Friday's celebration were dozens of the roughly 200 volunteers from the 13 groups that include the Student Conservation Association, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Randolph Mountain Club, AMC, the Pemigewassett, Androscoggin and Saco districts of the U.S. Forest Service, the Northwoods Conservation Corps, and the U.S. Armed Forces Conservation Corps.

"I don't think the Crawford Path has had work done like this in its 200 years," said Melanie Luce, marketing director for the White Mountain Trail Collective, a recent collaboration of nearly 40 different organizations that include the USFS, AMC, Randolph Mountain Club, World Trails Network, and other group and individual volunteers participating in the work.

"This will keep it stable and sustainable for another 200 years," said Luce.

The path that extends into the alpine zone also includes a segment of the Appalachian Trail, said Brooke Brown, district ranger for the WMNF's Pemigewassett District.

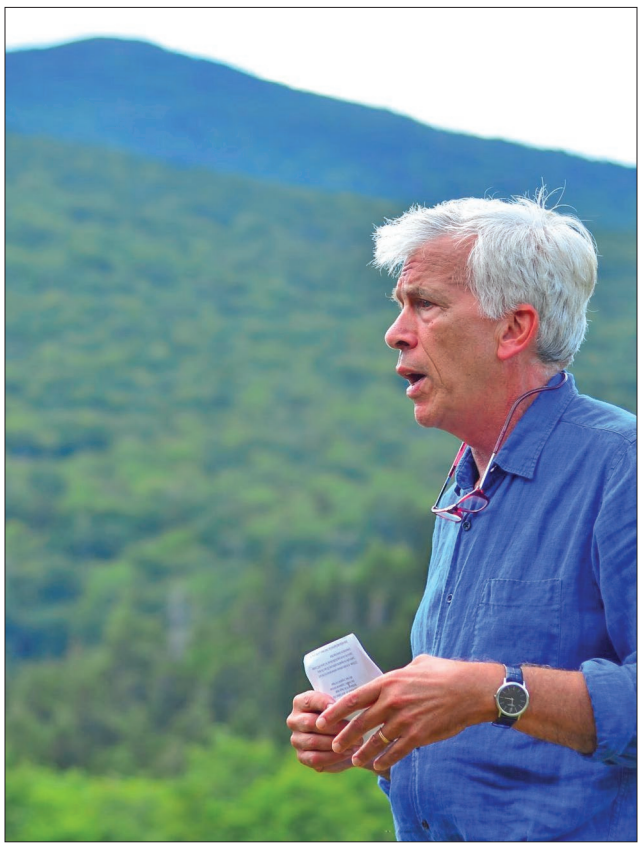
"The Crawford Path is one of the most popular hiking trails in the country," she said.

The representatives for all members of New Hampshire's federal delegation - U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, and Maggie Hassan, D-NH, and U.S. Reps. Ann Kuster, D-NH, and Chris Pappas, D-NH - read proclamations from each delegation member congratulating AMC, the WMNF and other groups for the work on the Crawford Path.

Matt Coughlin, Crawford Path project manager for the White Mountain Trail Collective, which will be tackling other projects in the Mt. Washington Valley in the next two years, said the Crawford Path project "marks a new way forward in how we care for our trails."

The maintenance work that mountain trails need to remain enjoyable and safe is beyond the capacity of any one organization, he said.

"It's a testament to people's belief in how important trails are, and we couldn't have done it without a collective," said Walter Graff, senior vice president of AMC.



Walter Graff, senior vice president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, expresses gratitude to the many trail crew organizations that helped rebuild segments of the Crawford Path, the oldest continuously used and maintained hiking trail in the nation that turns 200 years old in 2019 and was celebrated in an anniversary event Friday at the trailhead in the White Mountain National Forest. (Photo by Robert Blechl)







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Get Out

Arts & Entertainment In The North Country

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Friday, Aug 16

COMMUNITY

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

Sugar Hill Historical Museum: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sugar Hill Historical Museum, Main Street, Sugar Hill. http://wwwsugarhillnh.org/library-and-museum/sugar-hill-historical-museum.

Bread and Puppet Presents: The Essential Furthermore: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Bread and Puppet Theater, 753 Heights Rd, Glover. http://breadandpuppet.org.

The Drowsy Chaperone: 8-10 p.m., Weathervane Theatre, 389 Lancaster Rd, Whitefield. http://weathervanetheatre.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sounds in the Sanctuary Presents the Classicopia Quartet: 5-6:15 p.m., Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Synagogue Sanctuary, 39 Strawberry Hill, Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehem-congregation.org.

MUSIC

Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio at York Street Meeting House: 7-9 p.m., York Street Meeting House, 153 York Street, Lyndon.

Saturday, Aug 17

COMMUNITY

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

Landaff Old Home Day: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Landaff Volunteer Fire Association, Allbee Road, Landaff.

Readers Cafe book discussion: 9-10 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehem-library.org.

Power To The Park Community Day: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Powers Park, Main Street, Lyndonville. https://www.facebook.com/powersparkplayground.

Littleton Historical Museum: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Littleton Opera House, Union Street, Littleton. http://littletonnhmuseum.com.

Sugar Hill Historical Museum: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sugar Hill Historical Museum, Main Street, Sugar Hill. http://wwwsugarhillnh.org/library-and-museum/sugar-hill-historical-museum.

Steve Martin & Edie Brickell's BRIGHT STAR: 2-4:30 & 8-10:30 p.m., Weathervane Theatre, 389 Lancaster Rd., Whitefield, NH. http://weathervanetheatre.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

Steampunk Festival - Railway to The Moon : 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Washington Cog Railway, 3168 Base Station Road, Mount Washington. https://www.thecog.com/upcomingevents/railwaytothemoonsteampunkfestival2019/.

MUSIC

Zookeepers Concert for Jeudevine Expansion Fund: 7-9 p.m., The Hardwick Town House, 29 Church Street, Hardwick. http://www.jeudevine-memoriallibrary.org.

Sunday, Aug 18

COMMUNITY

Photo exhibit in Peacahm: 12 a.m., Peacham Historical Association, 145 Church St., Peacham. https://www.peachamhistorical.org/.

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

Annual Wild and Scenic Gathering: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Big Falls State Park, 1382 River Rd, North Troy. https://www.vtwsr.org/events-1/annual-wild-scenic-gathering.

Kingdom Chess Club: 2-4 p.m., Cafe Lotti, 603 Vt Route 114, West Burke.

Bread and Puppet Presents: The Diagonal Life Circus & The Normality Rebellion Pageant: 2-5 p.m., Bread and Puppet Theater, 753 Heights Rd, Glover. http://breadandpuppet.org.

Family Circle Dance: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Neskaya Movement Arts Center, 1643 Profile Road, Franconia. https://neskaya.com/special-events/.

Danville Band Concert and Ice Cream Social: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Danville Green, Route 2, Danville.

ENTERTAINMENT

Steampunk Festival - Railway to The Moon : 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Washington Cog Railway, 3168 Base Station Road, Mount Washington. https://www.thecog.com/upcomingevents/railwaytothemoonsteampunkfestival2019/.

Circus Smirkus 2019 New England Tour: 1-3 & 6-8 p.m., Circus Barn World Headquarters, 1 Circus Road, Greensboro. https://www.smirkus.org/about-big-top-tour/.

MUSIC

Levitt AMP Music Series - Mama Mihirangi & the Mareikura: 4-7 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. https://concerts.levittamp.org/stjohnsbury.

Monday, Aug 19

COMMUNITY

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

RSVP Bone Builders: 8:30 & 9:45 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Danville Community Dinner: 6 p.m., Danville Congregational Church, 87 HIll Street, Danville.

Join the St. Johnsbury Band: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Caledonia County Court House, 1126 Main St. , St. Johnsbury. http://stjohnsburyband.org.

Meditation and Teachings: Dharmata Foundation presents an event with Anam Thubten: 7-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Steve Martin & Edie Brickell's BRIGHT STAR: 8-10:30 p.m., Weathervane Theatre, 389 Lancaster Rd., Whitefield, NH. http://weathervanetheatre.org.

Tuesday, Aug 20

COMMUNITY

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

Brit Readers of the NEK Book Club: 5-6 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Wednesday, Aug 21

COMMUNITY

Caledonia County Fair: 12 a.m., Mountain View Park, 1 Fairgrounds Road, Lyndonville. http://caledoniacountyfair.com.

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

RSVP Bone Builders: 9:45 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Littleton Historical Museum: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Littleton Opera House, Union Street, Littleton. http://littletonnhmuseum.com.

Alzheimer Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org.

Thursday, Aug 22

COMMUNITY

Caledonia County Fair: 12 a.m., Mountain View Park, 1 Fairgrounds Road, Lyndonville. http://caledoniacountyfair.com.

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

RSVP Bone Builders: 8:30 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Beginning Computer Class: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. http://www.cobleighlibrary.org.

Weeks State Park Annual Meeting and Music by the Berlin Jazz Combo: 6-8 p.m., Weeks State Park, 200 Weeks State Park Road, Lancaster.

Meditation/Satsang: 6-7 p.m., Neskaya, 1643 Profile Road, Franconia. http://neskaya.com/meditation/.

Peacham Landings: THE 1960's/70's: 7-8:30 p.m., Peacham Library, 656 Bayley Hazen Rd, Peacham. http://www.peachamlibrary.org.

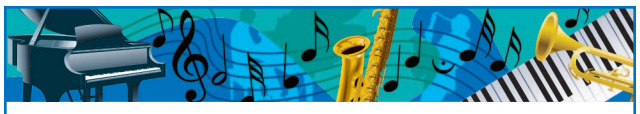
ENTERTAINMENT

Learn and Play Mah-Jong: 1-4 p.m., The Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org.

White Mountain Jewish Film Festival Presents TRUMBO: 6-9:30 p.m., Colonial Theatre, Main Street, Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehemcongregation.org.

UPSTAGE PLAYERS AUDITIONS

Upstage Players community theatre will be holding auditions for its November production of The Female Odd Couple by Neil Simon. Auditions will be held at the Littleton Opera House on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 4. Callbacks to follow on the 25th if necessary, from 5-8 p.m. Actors should prepare a short monologue or poem from contemporary theater repertoire. Actors may also be asked to read from the script. Rehearsals will begin Aug. 28th and will take place most Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons. Performance dates are November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10.



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‘Metamorphosis’ Concludes North Country Chamber Players 41st Season

The North Country Chamber Players wrap up the 41st season of the White Mountains Music Festival on August 17 and 18 with “Metamorphosis,” featuring the Solera Quartet performing the magnificent chamber music repertoire for strings of Beethoven, Strauss and Tchaikovsky.

Described by critics as “top-notch, intense, stylish, and with an abundance of flair and talent” and “one of the foremost young string quartets,” the Solera Quartet, including Chamber Player violinist Miki Sophia-Cloud, returns to the North Country on the heels of the release of their acclaimed new album, Every Moment Present.

Joining Miki Sophia-Cloud are Andrew Janss on cello, Molly Carr on viola and Tricia Park on Violin.

Concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, at the Sugar Hill Meeting House and at 4 p.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield. These not-to-be-missed events will be highlighted by performances of Richard Strauss’ transcendent Metamorphosis and Tchaikovsky’s Souvenir di Florence.

Founded in 2015, the Solera Quartet has already gained a reputation for their fiery musical expression, poetic sensibility, entrepreneurial acumen, and exceptional dedication to outreach initiatives.

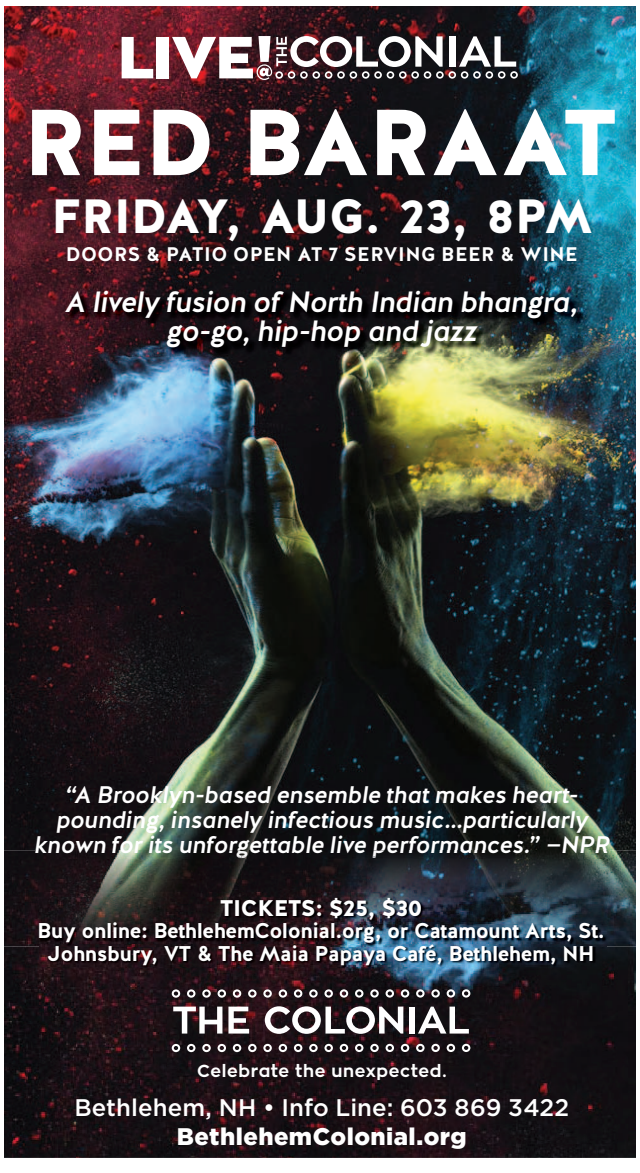
Their debut album, Every Moment Present, was lauded by the New York Times as “intoxicating.” The Quartet also made a sold-out Carnegie Hall debut, presented by Pro Musicis, which honored the Quartet with their 2017 International Award. The Solera Quartet is the first and only American chamber ensemble to earn this recognition in Pro Musicis’ celebrated 53-year history

Weathervane Theatre Presents Its 20th Annual Alumni Show

WHITEFIELD, NH — The Weathervane Theatre Alumni Association announced the 20th annual alumni show - Our Original Drummer Boy: A Tribute to Gibbs Murray - will be performed on Sunday at p.m.

This special benefit performance is in honor of Gibbs Murray, celebrating his 80th birthday and the 54th season at the Weathervane Theatre. A long-time summer resident of Whitefield, Murray has been influential to the artistic growth of the North Country for more than half a century. A man of many talents on stage and off, Murray’s work can currently be seen in the scenic design of three current Weathervane Mainstage productions (Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill, The Drowsy Chaperone, and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time). Murray is also the creator of all of Weathervane logos and each season draws by hand unique logos for each Mainstage production.

Our Original Drummer Boy: A Tribute to Gibbs Murray will be performed at the Weathervane Theatre - 389 Lancaster Road, Whitefield, N.H. This special performance, directed by Brandi Varnell and Brendan O’Brien, will feature Weathervane Theatre alumni Kirsti Carnahan, Deborah Jean Templin, Lydian Devere, Nicole Sakowitz, Brandi Varnell, Rick Farrar, Jeff Zadroga, Jay Johnson, Kameron Kierce, and other returning alumni. The performance will support the Weathervane Theatre Alumni Association. Tickets can be purchased online at weathervanetheatre.org or by phone at 603-837-9322.





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laborated on a number of community projects, said Colby — sweeping out the ambulance bay for the town of Lancaster, helping set up the fall church sale, singing Christmas carols for the senior residents at the McKee Inn, performing for veterans on Veterans Day, partnering with Weeks Medical Center library for preschoolers, and going on a sugaring field trip with White Mountains Regional School.

"That community outreach is an important part of our mission and we want to partner with our communities for success," said Colby. "It's all about the kids and their success and what kind of world we want to create for them."

Mount Royal Academy North, which has a locally governed school board and offers options in tuition and financial aid, partners with The Foundation for Catholic Education, its financial supporter, and is partnered in mission with the Mt. Royal Academy in Sunapee, N.H. to offer programs following the classical education at the academy in Sunapee.

Its gala fundraiser in March at the Bellevue Barn in Jefferson, N.h. raised more than $30,000, above last year's $22,000 raised.

Attending this year's fundraiser was David Thibault, superintendent of New Hampshire Catholic Schools, of the Diocese of Manchester, who said he's never seen such support at an event for a Catholic elementary school, said Colby.

"It's nice to have people believe in our mission and want to help us succeed and we are so thankful for that," she said.

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ment of resources in decades, to establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and to establishing the state's first Civil Rights Unit to step up prosecution of hate crimes, we are taking major steps to ensure the safety of our citizens is paramount."

Sununu said the bills would not solve national issues or prevent evil individuals from doing harm, "but they would further restrict the constitutional rights of law abiding New Hampshire citizens."

None of the bills had passed the Legislature with enough votes to override a veto.

Legislators had approved a compromise version of a bill that would ban most guns from school grounds. Only police, members of the military or those authorized by school boards would be allowed to carry guns onto school property. Parents picking up their children would have to leave their guns in their cars.

The other bills imposed a three-day waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a gun and to require background checks for all firearms sales or transfers.

Democrats expressed disappointment and frustration Friday.

"Since there have been more mass shootings than days this year, our thoughts and prayers are empty gestures without the courage and conviction to act to prevent future tragedies," Senate President Donna Soucy said in a statement. "That's why it is so deeply disappointing that in the midst of a national crisis and in the wake of two mass shootings, Governor Sununu is holding New Hampshire back from making progress on gun violence prevention with his vetoes of three common sense public safety bills, including background checks — which 90% of Americans support."

Dozens of supporters of the bills rallied in Concord earlier in the week, insisting the bills would ensure schools and communities are safer. Their rally came just days after two mass shootings over the weekend in Texas and Ohio. Several opponents who came to the rally argued the bills were unnecessary since the state has such a low murder rate. Others warned the bills would threaten resident's 2nd Amendment rights.

Governor Also Vetos Minimum Wage, Redisticting Commission Bills

MINIMUM WAGE: Gov. Chris Sununu has vetoed a bill that would have re-established and raised New Hampshire's minimum wage, it would have had a detrimental effect on workers.

The state currently relies on the federal minimum wage of $7.25 an hour, the lowest in New England. The Legislature's bill would have set it at $10 per hour in 2020 and $12 per hour in 2022.

Sununu said according to studies, other states and cities that have artificially raised the minimum wage have seen take-home pay decline because minimum wage workers have their hours cut or their jobs eliminated.

The National Federation of Independent Business in New Hampshire supported Sununu, saying many small businesses can't afford the increased labor costs.

Rep. Brian Sullivan, D-Grantham, said it's impossible for a couple to live on two 40-hour jobs at $7.25 per hour.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION: Republican Gov. Chris Sununu has vetoed a bill that would create an independent commission in New Hampshire to redraw the state's legislative districts.

Sununu on Friday argued there was no need for the commission because gerrymandering was rare in the state and the current redistricting process was fair.

Supporters argue the current system that puts lawmakers in charge of redistricting allows for gerrymandering, in which boundaries are drawn to benefit the party in power. Democratic Rep. Marjorie Smith, of Durham, the prime sponsor of the bill, said she was devastated by Sununu's veto and said it served to put party interest about those of Granite state residents.

While Democrats now hold majorities in both the House and Senate, the current district designations were approved in 2012, when Republicans controlled the Legislature.

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