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Littleton To Vote On Casino Ban Petition

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

Littleton residents will soon vote on two gambling-related petition warrant articles at the March town meeting as state-house legislation led by a local resident seeks fairness to balance the interests of both towns and casino operators.

On the March 10 ballot, a zoning petition asking voters if they want to add a provision in the town zoning ordinance to ban the operation of KENO, a lottery-type gambling game, within Littleton, as well as a petition asking voters if they want to add to the ordinance a ban on games of chance and casinos in town.

A public hearing on the petitions is scheduled for 5 p.m. Feb 9.

Both petitions are allowed for New Hampshire towns following a recent law that gives them

a local option.

Both are led by Littleton resident Debi Warner and follow opposition to a May 2023 proposal to convert the Staples office supply store along Meadow Street into a casino that would predominantly offer historical horse racing (HHR) machines, which are similar to slot machines.

The Meadow Street proposal is on hold after a 7-year moratorium on new HHR licenses was enacted at the statehouse in 2024.

On Wednesday, Warner went before the New Hampshire Senate Ways and Means Committee to speak in support of Senate Bill 561 and a bill amendment.

"This bill was a request of Dr. Debi Warner, of Littleton, and concerns the ability of charitable gaming license applicants to change their business address while the application is pending," said Grant Bosse, deputy chief of staff for the state Sen-

ate.

Among the applicants who would be impacted by the bill is Greg Carlin, who runs Granite State Gaming and Hospitality LLC and proposed the casino in Littleton.

Providing the Senate with background, Warner said the May 2023 listening session for Carlin's proposal drew more than 100 Littleton residents, with 95 percent speaking strongly against the casino.

They were then told nothing could be done because state pre-emption overrode local action, she said.

"Immediately, the citizens brought this concern to Concord and the local option bill was passed unanimously by the House and Senate and now stands as law," said Warner. "Towns are now seeing articles on their town warrants pertaining to the opt-out local option statute. Towns including Littleton, again. We were involved in

the bill all along to help craft it, including the carve-out for the businesses already deeply invested in their casino facilities. We respected that they should not be forced out of a town by local option after they are established. That would be unfair and detrimental to New Hampshire's pro-business climate."

The same deference is also granted to the new applicants in the moratorium pool, she said.

"Even though, at the time, they had not built their facilities, our citizens likewise respected their investment and supported their exemption from the local option bill, that they should not be forced out of a town due to a town vote while they are in the process of developing their business," she said.

But a small restriction, not in the local option, but in the moratorium, hampers a voluntary move by an applicant from one town to another town if the applicant wants to change their municipal placement, said Warner.

If an operator has a games of chance license, they can go wherever they want within the state, but current requirements to maintain an HHR license restrict any moves to only within the city or town in which the

original license was issued, Valerie King, division director for the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, said to the Senate committee members.

That restriction is not pro-business and is overly austere, said Warner.

"It does not allow gentle resolution of the conflict between a town's stance and the casino's own right to business, and also the casino's common right in business for adaptation to make best use of opportunity and changed market conditions," said Warner. "This is voluntary flexibility for their address, not a forced move ... There are many other places that would welcome a casino, within the geography described in the amendment. There may be very good incentives for an applicant to look further and find more profit and benefit to the state in some overlooked sites starving for this opportunity."

Allowing a voluntary relocation ensures that the casino applicant's economic engine can choose to move to another location better aligned with that town's needs and the state's revenue goals, specifically to a town within the regional geography that would eagerly welcome the potential revenue and

charitable benefits of a casino in their municipality, she said.

"This is a transition time for New Hampshire as casinos grow in our fair state, and local option brings a balance," said Warner."

She added that to the north of Littleton is Coos County, which she has traversed extensively.

"Many people said they would love to have a casino in their town," said Warner. "It's a target-rich environment, one might say, and they would love it."

The applicant pool that would be impacted by SB 561 is small and only includes those who filed between Jan. 1 and Oct. 15, 2023, said state Sen. Timothy Lang, R-Sanbornton, who chairs the Ways and Means Committee.

The pool includes five applicants, two of whom have been granted licenses and two of whom have not granted licenses, he said.

"Salem and Littleton are the two licenses that have been applied for in that window of time that would be granted the right to move," said Lang.

Previous emails to Carlin since 2023, inquiring about his plans and project status in Littleton, have not been returned.

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OBITUARIES

KYLE GOLDEN

Kyle Golden passed away Jan. 11, 2026, at the Denver Hospice Care facility in Denver, Colorado. He was 64 years old. Kyle was born Feb. 10, 1961, in Littleton, N.H., to the late Mildred (Haley) and Wayne Golden. He graduated in 1979 from Littleton High School where he was a member of the school tennis team.

It became apparent at a young age that he was a gifted entertainer, singing solos in elementary school and taking to the stage in junior high and high school performing in dramatic and musical productions. In 1973 Kyle and four classmates formed the group named the Five Sided Squares. With stage names, crazy antics, and in costumes made by Kyle's mother, it was a group that sang a cappella, performing in school and town reviews, and at parties. With newspaper stories about their performances they became a recognized and popular group in Littleton.

During the summer of 1975 Kyle performed at The Weathervane Theatre in the production of "Mame" as the orphaned nephew Patrick Dennis, alongside Teri Portner as Auntie Mame. Kyle was a member of the high school USO (Unidentified Singing Objects) formed in 1975 by the Littleton High School Music Director Keith Booth. It continued to perform until 1978. Accompanied by a piano, the nine and, in some years, as many as 13 singers performed musical numbers with complex harmonies for audiences throughout New Hampshire. In 1978 the group took first place honors at the All New England Jazz Festival. Later that same year they traveled to New York City where they were recorded at Columbia Studios.

At a very young age Kyle quickly developed an understanding of retail while demonstrating an inherent ability in customer relations as a clerk at Magoons, a food market on Littleton's Main Street. As a young man while living in Clearwater, Florida, he managed bar-restaurants, always keeping the atmosphere lively and fun for fellow employees. In 1992 Kyle moved to Boston where he began working at

Savenors, a specialty food store (never failing to tell the family that it was a Julia Child favorite), where he became part of the management team. While living in Boston and being an avid Red Sox fan, Kyle spent many days and nights with friends at Fenway Park. Later in his life he raised a free spirited Portuguese Water Dog that he named Manny after his favorite player Manny Ramirez.

In 1996 Kyle moved to Evergreen, Colorado, where, until 2005, he managed Beaver Brook Animal Hospital for his sister, Diane and brother-in-law Dr. David Manobla. He was a hands-on manager, filling in wherever he was needed, whether it was cleaning kennels and walking dogs or whatever else needed to be done. He had a great relationship with the clients, always going out of his way to provide the best possible care.

In 2005 Kyle moved to Denver with his partner Taki, where he resumed his work in retail working at the Aspen Bakery as a delivery expeditor and then at Ace Hardware as a store manager. One of his great joys in Colorado was golfing at the many mountain courses in the foothills of the Rockies.

Kyle and Taki recently moved to a new home in Aurora, Colorado. One of Kyle's last projects was turning much of the front lawn into a garden of perennials, receiving warm praise from their neighbors. It will generate beauty for springs and summers to come.

Kyle will be remembered by his family and friends as a man who possessed energy, enthusiasm, empathy, and who searched for and found what was fun in life.

He is survived by his father Wayne; brother John and sister-in-law Sharon; sisters Debra Zuk, her children April Caspari (and son Jacob) and Sam; Diane Golden, her children Isaac and Wyatt; Tracy Ross, brother in-law Jim, and their son Alex; and his partner of 26 years Takahito Gomi.

A memorial service will be held in Littleton N.H. in the late spring or early summer.

BARBARA LOUISE FRANK DOCKHAM WARREN

Barbara Louise Frank Dockham Warren, 84, of Whitefield, NH (formerly of Haverhill, NH) passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2026, at the Morrison Nursing Home in Whitefield, NH after nearly four years of declining health following a stroke and advancing dementia.

Barbara was born in 1941 in Elizabeth, N.J. She spent her childhood in Colonia, New Jersey, graduating from Woodbridge High School in 1959. She attended Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia, graduating in 1963. She continued her studies at Antioch University New England, earning a Master's degree in 1993.

Barbara's vocation and avocation was teaching. She was trained in early childhood education and for many years especially loved teaching kindergarten. Later in her career she trained in Reading Recovery – a program developed for first graders having difficulty learning to read. Barbara was not only very effective she loved the process and working one on one with kids. She was always drawn to the most needy children.

After many years of teaching in New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont, she and her second husband, Roger, embarked on an adventure that took them to the Island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (under U.S. jurisdiction north of Guam) to take teaching positions there in 1996.

During her three years on Saipan, she was discovered by the US Military Schools on Guam – because they had adopted the Reading Recovery Program for which Barbara was trained. After three years on Guam, she transferred to the Azores (Lajes Air Base) and then to a base in Darmstadt, Germany for four years. These international teaching adventures grew Barbara and Rogers' appetites for travel, and the places and



people they encountered is far too long to list. Suffice it to say that of the list of "100 Places You Must Visit," they visited 25.

In 2008, Barbara retired from the Department of Defense (DOD Schools) and returned to the home she and Roger shared in Haverhill, NH. They immediately got involved in Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall in Haverhill and with the Horse Meadow Senior Center. For a time, Barbara was Chair of the Board for Court Street Arts. In

2021 she suffered a stroke, and due to her declining health in 2023, she and Roger moved to the Summit by Morrison in Whitefield, NH – a 3-tier retirement community.

Barbara is pre-deceased by [her parents] and by her son Glenn Dockham. She is survived by her husband Roger of Whitefield, NH; her son Randy Dockham and wife Marilyn of Bethlehem, NH; her son Mark Dockham and wife Jeanne of Sedona, AZ; daughter-in-law Lisa Dockham of Milton, VT; stepson Seth Warren-Crow and wife Heather of Lubbock, TX; stepdaughter Holly Parker and husband Geoffrey Ezekiel (Zeke) Hansen, of West Hartford, CT; grandson Andrew Dockham and wife Olivia of Haverhill, NH; grandson Timothy Dockham, of Orlando, FL and granddaughter Marcelline Dockham of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; great grandchildren Aaron and Emily Dockham of Haverhill, NH; step-grandson Jesper Warren-Crow – and also her brothers Don Frank of Leonardo, New Jersey and Jim Frank of Ocala, FL.

A celebration of life will be held at Alumni Hall in Haverhill Corner, N.H. on May 2 at 11 a.m.

To view Barbara's Online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit www.phaneuf.net.

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL INGERSON

 Michael James Ingerson, 62, passed away on Jan. 1, 2026, in the family home among many who loved him. He was many things: a son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, Marine, and friend.

Mike was born in Littleton, N.H. to Doris (Campbell) Shockley and James Ingerson, and from an early age showed a drive to challenge himself. As a young man he was an accomplished competitive skier, excelling through discipline, focus, and determination. These skills would define his life.

He devoted 20 years of service to the United States Marine Corps, retiring honorably as a Gunnery Sergeant in 1996. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon twice, and the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for activities in Beirut, Lebanon. His deployments deepened his belief in justice, responsibility, and the freedom of people to live life on their own terms. He carried those values with him throughout his life.

Outside of service, he found joy in simple, meaningful connections. He loved to spend time



with friends, to target practice at the gun range, or to take rides on his motorcycle. Most of all he loved to bring people together with bonfires, food, laughter, and connection.

As a father, he taught resilience, perseverance, and grit. His message was always clear: keep moving forward, no matter the obstacle. He lived that lesson by coaching soccer teams and staying active in Scouts.

Mike is survived by his mother, father, sisters, brother, son, aunt, cousin, nieces, nephews, and granddaughter, all of whom carry his influence forward. He will be remembered as a kind, giving man who mattered deeply to his family, friends, and coworkers.

A celebration of life will be held at the family home over Memorial Day weekend, where we will spread his ashes in the field he loved and share a potluck meal around the campfire.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

SYLVIA MARTIN

Sylvia Ann Martin, 81, of Mount Dora, Florida, formerly of Lancaster, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on Jan. 11, 2026, surrounded by her children. She faced Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease with quiet strength and grace.

Born on Sept. 3, 1944, Sylvia was the daughter of James Richard ("Dick") Shannon and Ethel (Tomkins) Shannon. She grew up in Groveton, attended Groveton schools, and graduated from high school in 1962. She later completed cosmetology school in Manchester, New Hampshire.

For many years, Sylvia operated the Modern Beauty Shop out of her home in Lancaster, where she welcomed neighbors, friends, and generations of families. Sylvia went on to spend more than 20 years working in the Lancaster school system as a teacher's aide at both the elementary schools and at White Mountain Regional High School. Known affectionately as "Mrs. Martin," she cared deeply for the children she supported and formed lasting connections with students and staff alike. Her kindness, patience, and her witty remarks and funny one-liners touched countless young lives.

A devoted member of the Methodist Church, Sylvia taught Sunday school for many years, participated faithfully in Bible study, and volunteered at the church's well-loved chicken



pie suppers. Her faith was a guiding force throughout her life, shaping her generosity and her commitment to community.

Sylvia was predeceased by her husband, John Martin of Lancaster; her brothers Ralph "Whitey" Hersom and Lyle "Cakie" Hersom; and her sister Marguerite "Maggie" Hersom of Groveton. She is survived by her daughter, Christina Martin of Mount Dora, Florida; her son, James

Martin of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, his wife Amy, and their children Paige and Patrick. Her family was her greatest joy, and she cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren.

In 2010, Sylvia moved to Manchester to live with her daughter, and to be closer to her son and his family. No matter where she lived, she was guided by her steadfast Irish spirit and her character forged from strong North Country roots.

A celebration of Sylvia's life will be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Lancaster, New Hampshire, on Friday, July 3, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Sylvia Martin to the Lancaster Christ United Methodist Church General Fund, 135 Main Street, Lancaster, New Hampshire.

CAROL SUE STEVENS

Carol Sue (Moody) Stevens, 70, of Pike, N.H., passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Carol was born Dec. 22, 1955, to Melvin "Pete" and Marion (Bragdon) Moody. She grew up on the family farm on Moody Road in Pike, N.H. Carol graduated in 1973 from Woodsville High School. Carol resided on Moody Road the majority of her life, near her family.

Carol married Ernest J. Stevens on March 12, 1994; they were married for 32 years. She and her husband together owned and operated Ely Commission Sales in Bradford, Vt., where they held biweekly auctions. Carol developed many friendships over the years managing the snack bar at their auction business, Ely Sales.

In retirement Carol volunteered some of her time sorting and packaging meals for local families in need.

She enjoyed sharing stories of life growing up with her brothers at the farm. Some of Carol's most cherished memories were those summers she spent having pool days with her grandchildren. The smile she wore expressed this.

Carol was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Ronald Moody, previously of Piermont, and Claire Moody, previously of Georgia.



She is survived by her husband; her three sons, Jonathan Abbey (Erica), Christopher Rodimon, and Gregory Sargent; her grandchildren, Devon Abbey, Sarah Abbey, Emily Abbey, Michael Rodimon, Jonathan Rodimon, and Ondrea Rainville; two great-grandchildren, Grace and Elias; her brothers David Moody (Doreen) of Pike, N.H., and Richard "Peanut" Moody of Georgia; several nieces, nephews and cousins; she also leaves behind her beloved furry companion, a pug named Oscar.

To honor Carol, the family suggests making a donation to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, PO Box 123, 65 South Court St., Woodsville, N.H. Your gift will support those with food insecurities within her community.

There will be calling hours for Carol on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, from 1 – 3 p.m. at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St., Woodsville, N.H. Carol will be laid to rest in a private ceremony in the spring at the East Haverhill Cemetery in Pike, N.H.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

LAURIE NORTON

Laurie Louise Norton, age 78, passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 7, 2026, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Laurie was born on May 7, 1947, in Littleton, New Hampshire, to Sybil and William ("Bill") Norton. She was raised in her family home in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, where she developed a lifelong appreciation for nature and a deep love of animals. Laurie attended a two-room schoolhouse for her first eight years of schooling before going on to Littleton High School, from which she graduated in 1965.

Following high school, Laurie pursued her college education in Florida. In 1968, she moved west to Aspen, Colorado. An avid skier in the



winter, she also loved camping and exploring the high country during the summer months. Laurie made the Roaring Fork Valley her home, living in Basalt for more than 35 years before moving downvalley to Silt Mesa to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law, and three wonderful grandchildren.

Laurie is survived by her daughter, Emily; her son-in-law, Justin; and her three beloved grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, and sister.

In accordance with her wishes, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Big Bones Canine Rescue, CO at www.bigbonescaninerescue.com

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LOCAL

School Districts Protect Finances Against Open Enrollment

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

Two school districts in the North Country took action this week to protect their finances by putting a warrant article on their March school meeting ballots to counteract possible funding losses from open enrollment, which they blocked for their in-district students.

Other school districts are

expected to follow with similar articles.

Open enrollment, approved by the New Hampshire Legislature and still undergoing legislative revisions, is intended to give New Hampshire parents choices in education by allowing them to send their children to schools outside their home district.

The home district is required to pay 80 percent of its students' tuition to the re-

ceiving school, which could result in funding losses for the sending district if the receiving district's cost per pupil is higher than the sending district's, equating to a particular hit for small, rural schools and a possible increase in property taxes for sending school districts.

White Mountain's Regional School District SAU 36 estimates it would lose up to \$18,000 in state funding for

each student who leaves for another school.

On Tuesday, the Littleton School District SAU 84 school board voted to place its article on the March 10 ballot.

On Thursday, following a public hearing, the SAU 36 school board did the same.

Littleton's article asks voters if they want to adopt the provisions of RSA 194-D to become an open enrollment school under the terms of the

RSA and to admit 10 students in grades K-12 from outside the Littleton School District in accordance with SAU 84 policy and make zero percent of the Littleton student population eligible to seek enrollment outside of the Littleton School District.

Based on feedback, it was recommended that SAU 84 not restrict out-of-district students to certain grades or school buildings, said Little-

ton School Board member Erica Antonucci.

In the end, the school board kept zero percent of home students eligible and increased the number of out-of-district students who might want to come to Littleton to 10.

The indications are that neighboring school districts will also have similar articles on their March ballots, said SAU 84 superintendent Steve Nilhas.

The articles, recommended by the New Hampshire School Boards Association and often drafted under each district's legal counsel's guidance, will require a simple majority vote to pass.

SAU 36's article will ask voters to adopt the provisions of RSA 194-D to become an open enrollment school, admit up to two non-resident students in grades K-12, and make 0% of the SAU 36 student population eligible to seek enrollment outside the district.

SAU 36 school board members likewise said neighboring school districts are preparing similar warrant articles.

SAU 84 and SAU 36 are SB2 towns with earlier deadlines to finalize their warrants in time for their early February deliberative sessions.

SAU 23 in Haverhill; SAU 35 in Bethlehem, Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff; SAU 58 in Groveton, Stark, and Stratford; and SAU 7 in Colebrook, Pittsburg, and Stewartstown have later dates to finalize their school ballots.

Open enrollment was given a boost in late 2025 after the New Hampshire Supreme Court upheld a state board of education decision requiring the Pittsfield School District to pay tuition for a student who transferred to a high school in Alton.

The Pittsfield district had objected, on the argument it had not adopted open enrollment while the Alton school had adopted it.

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Police Arrest Four For Alleged Organized Home Depot Thefts

Following an investigation into a retail crime enterprise, one suspect from Lisbon and three from Dalton have been arrested for organized retail theft involving thousands of dollars in merchandise stolen from The Home Depot in Littleton.

Arrested on warrants were Keith Gillilan, 48, of Lisbon, and Ryan Gauthier, 41, Crystal Pilotte, 41, and Ryan Mooney, 41, of Dalton.

The thefts occurred between November and December 2025 at the store on Meadow Street.

Each suspect is charged with a Class B felony count of orga-

nized retail theft.

In addition, Gauthier is charged with six counts of willful concealment, Pilotte with six counts of willful concealment, and Mooney with one count of willful concealment.

Each was released on personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear for arraignment on April 14 at Littleton District Court.

The group is alleged to have conspired to steal merchandise valued at thousands of dollars from The Home Depot, Littleton police officials said in a statement issued on Tuesday.

The criminal activity was discovered and reported by Home Depot Asset Protection Specialists, whose assistance was instrumental in the investigation, they said.

“This case reflects outstanding work by our detectives and strong cooperation with Home Depot’s asset protection team,” said Littleton Police Chief Paul Smith.

“It also serves as an important reminder that organized

retail theft ultimately impacts every consumer through higher prices ... It’s not a victimless crime and it affects everybody in our community.”

As of Tuesday afternoon, the charging documents and affidavits for arrest with case details had not yet been filed at Littleton District Court.

On Tuesday afternoon, Smith said organized retail theft is not only a growing problem in

New Hampshire, but across the country.

Recent statistics point to a 57-percent surge in the crime, and the National Retail Federation has reported recent \$100 billion annual losses, he said.

“The trend is not going down, it’s going up,” said Smith.

In some cases, stores have reported an increase in aggressive behavior by perpetrators, he said.

Although he can’t speak specifically to the details in the Littleton Home Depot case as it is pending, Smith said the four people involved are suspected of being part of a theft conspiracy.

Generally, there have been criminal networks using an increasing amount of cyber tactics to steal products and impersonate others through identity fraud to steal products, he said.



HAMNET

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Little City Thrift Store, Littleton Food Co-op Partner To Make Vision A Reality

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — A vision born a half-decade ago became a reality on Wednesday — a new salad bar at the Littleton Area Senior Center to expand healthy food options for local residents.

The partnership involves the nearby Little City Thrift Store as the donor, and the Littleton Food Co-op delivering salad goods for offerings available three days a week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

A ribbon-cutting and grand opening with the partners was held shortly before noon on Wednesday, after which more than 50 seniors and residents lined up for fresh dishes.

"Today marks not just the opening of our salad bar, but the start of our New Year's goals to increase engagement in healthy food opportunities, enriching lives, and supporting wellness

throughout our community," said Amy Goyette, director of the Littleton Area Senior Center, which encompasses the towns of Littleton, Lyman, Lisbon, Landaff, Sugar Hill, Monroe, Easton, Franconia, and Bethlehem and falls under the auspices of the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

She thanked Karen Pannone, owner of the thrift store, and Pat Curtis, also of the thrift store, and Becky Colpitts, community outreach director with the Littleton Food Co-op.

"This salad bar would not be possible without the generous monthly donations from the Little City Thrift Shop and the cooperative partnership of the Littleton Food Co-op, which orders all of our produce and ensures the best prices available," said Goyette. "We are honored and grateful to have you with us today."

Goyette also thanked guests that included senior center board members, advisory



From a vision born several years ago, the Littleton Area Senior Center on Wednesday cut the ribbon and held a grand opening for a new salad bar. At far left: Amy Goyette, center director; Stacy Manville, head cook; and Littleton Fire Rescue Chief Chad Miller, who volunteered to serve up some salad dishes. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

council members, center staff and volunteers, town officials, community partners, the police department, and the fire department, whose fire chief, Chad Miller, put on an apron and helped serve salad dishes.

"Thank you for celebrating this milestone," said Goyette. "This is just the beginning. We look forward to serving each

of you and all of our communities."

Prior to the ribbon-cutting, Littleton Food Co-op representatives gave a presentation on healthy food options and whole foods and handed out samples.

"It's been a dream of theirs for years," said Colpitts. "We were finally able to get it off the ground. We sell at cost, they

give us the order, and we bring it in."

It evolved from an idea—"wouldn't it be nice to have a salad bar"—to developing a plan for what would be needed, and then the launch, she said.

Any leftover salad bar items at the end of the week will be packaged with the home-delivered Meals on Wheels, "to make sure that everything is used and goes out to help the community," said Colpitts.

"It's our goal for healthy aging, it's part of our mission, but also this year we're really elevating the options for healthy eating, which is what brought us to the salad bar," Goyette said after Wednesday's grand opening event. "There's enough support here, and with the New Year, we thought it would be a great focus."

The Little City Thrift Store will donate each month to an account at the Littleton Food Co-op.

For years, during weekday lunches, the senior center has

offered hot soup and its regular meal.

"The salad will be a different variety all the time," said Goyette, who took the reins as the center's director in late October. "We'll be changing it up depending on what's available and what's in season. We're going to start with three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and we'll expand if we feel we can manage without wasting anything."

Pannone credits Curtis with the idea.

"Our connection to the senior center comes directly from Pat," she said. "That's where I got enthused, and it went from there."

Curtis said the idea for a salad bar began kicking around before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are very fortunate," said Goyette. "The supporters and participants here are just 100 percent engaged, invested, and grateful. It's a really great place to be."

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Deliberative Session
February 3, 2026

Town Hall – Community Room
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You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Town of Carroll Town Hall Community Room, 92 School Street, Twin Mountain, NH on the **Third (3rd) day of February 2026, being Tuesday at six in the evening (6:00)** and the Tenth (10th) day of February, 2026 *if needed*. The First (Deliberative) session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate, and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by Official Ballot and to vote by Official Ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town of Carroll Town Hall Community Room, 92 School St., Twin Mountain, NH, on the **Tenth (10th) day of March 2026, being Tuesday, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (the polls will open at 8:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM)**.

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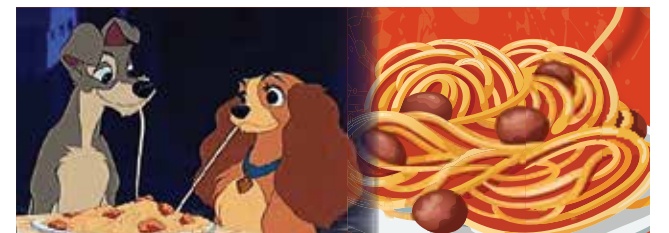
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From a vision born several years ago, the Littleton Area Senior Center on Wednesday cut the ribbon and held a grand opening for a new salad bar. Left to right: Pat Curtis, of the Little City Thrift Store, which is the monthly donor; Karen Pannone, thrift store owner; and Becky Colpitts, community outreach director for the Littleton Food Co-op, which provides the vegetables and salad items at cost. (Photo by Robert Blechl)



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Judge Rejects Car Dealership Embezzler's Bid For Home Confinement

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

A superior court judge has rejected a bid for home confinement by a local woman who was sentenced in 2024 to 3 1/2 to 7 years in state prison for embezzling \$350,000 from two Colebrook car dealerships.

On Jan. 15, following a Nov. 10 hearing on a motion seeking release on administrative home confinement, Judge Lawrence MacLeod denied the request by Tina Fournier, 50, of Clarksville.

According to the Jan. 15 court order, concerns were also raised during the Nov. 10 hearing regarding what appears to be Fournier's "apparent failure to pay restitution in full, particularly with regard to monies owed to Marc Bigney."

In May 2024, at Coos Superior Court, Fournier was sentenced to New Hampshire State Prison after pleading guilty to making fraudulent credit card purchases and unauthorized transfers totaling 5 years while working as an accountant at Brooks Chevrolet, which later

became Noyes Chevrolet.

She used the money to buy vacations, trips to casinos, boats, luxury vehicles, pay off personal loans, and other personal items and services, said prosecutors.

Fournier pleaded guilty to three Class A felony counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and two Class A felony counts of theft by unauthorized taking.

The sentence requires a total restitution payment of \$284,652.

At sentencing, prosecutors and the victims said the amount stolen was likely higher than the \$350,000.

Under state law, each of the five counts carried a maximum prison sentence of 7 1/2 to 15 years.

Fournier had argued for a 12-month county jail sentence, partly because she said she has a special needs daughter who needs to be cared for.

Prosecutors initially expressed openness to that proposed sentence, on the condition that restitution was paid on the day of sentencing, which Fournier had agreed to, but ultimately did not meet.

At the 2024 sentencing, prosecutors said Fournier had been a trusted employee and that the thefts did not occur spontaneously but were planned over years. They argued for a prison sentence.

In October 2025, after Fournier filed her motion for release from prison to home, prosecutors and the victims opposed home confinement.

In his court order, MacLeod said, upon consideration of the totality of the evidence, that allowing Fournier to serve out the balance of her prison sentences under home confinement would undermine the constitutional sentencing goals of punishment and general deterrence, as reflected in the May 2024 sentencing decision.

"Although this court acknowledges and is not unsympathetic to the unfortunate collateral circumstances that will invariably continue as a result of the defendant's continued incarceration, particularly with regard to her daughter's general and medical care, all of these circumstances were considered and accounted for during the May 16, 2024 hearing, when

it sentenced the defendant to prison and do not warrant a modification of the defendant's sentences at this time," said MacLeod.

The stand committed sentences totaling 3 1/2 to 7 years, while constitutionally and statutorily sufficient, "were quite lenient given the totality of circumstances, said MacLeod.

"These crimes occurred over an extended period of years, were purposely deliberate, and undertaken primarily, if not entirely, for her own aggrandizement," said MacLeod. "They resulted in enormous financial damage to the affected businesses and their owners ... The cumulative effect of her crimes on the victims' businesses and personal finances was enormous, and the collateral and monetary and emotional damage to the owners and their families remains significant."

He also spoke to the payment of restitution required by the sentencing court.

"What is not clear from the record is whether in fact the defendant's obligation to pay

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Wanted By Police, Local Man Leaps From Littleton Bridge, Falls 35 Feet

LITTLETON, N.H. — Police say a man last known to reside in Lisbon lied about his identity before trying to flee police by jumping from the Veterans Memorial Bridge on Wednesday morning.

Cody Curtis, 35, is said to have fallen 35 feet in the jump and required medical attention for injuries suffered when he landed on the Ammonoosuc River embankment.

The Littleton Police report notes

that it was about 2:15 a.m. when officers stopped a vehicle on the bridge that Curtis was driving. Curtis is accused of giving the officers a false name, but the officers knew who he was and knew he had active warrants out for his arrest.

“When officers informed Curtis that he was under arrest, he fled on foot and jumped from the Veterans Memorial Bridge,” reported the police.

Police caught him on the embank-



ment. He was arrested on the warrant and is now facing new charges of resisting arrest and breach of bail conditions.

Littleton Fire Rescue provided on-scene medical attention. Curtis was then taken to Littleton Regional Healthcare for further medical evaluation.

Chief of Police Paul J. Smith stat-

Cody Curtis

ed, “I want to commend our officers and Littleton Fire Rescue for their professionalism and teamwork during a rapidly evolving situation. Their actions reflected a strong commitment to public safety and ensured the individual received prompt medical care while the incident was brought to a safe conclusion.”

It was believed that Curtis would appear in court on Wednesday.

Bath Man Indicted For Murders Of Sister-In-Law, Her Daughter

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

A Bath man has been indicted by a Grafton Superior Court grand jury for the murders of his sister-in-law and her daughter at his home, where his in-law had been living, and house-

hold friction had reportedly intensified.

In the January round of indictments publicly released on Friday, Charles H. Readey, 73, who remains in the Grafton County House of Corrections on preventive detention, is charged with a special class felony count each of second-de-

gree murder for knowingly using a firearm on Oct. 7 to shoot Cindy Moody, 67, his sister-in-law, and Kristal Moody, 39, her daughter, of West Fairlee, Vt.

Readey is also charged with two alternative special class felony counts of second-degree murder by “recklessly” causing their deaths, “under circum-

stances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value of human life.”

The autopsy report concluded that the two women, who were pronounced dead at the scene, were shot in the chest.

For the four charges, a video arraignment and bail hearing is scheduled for Feb. 9.

The case is being prosecuted by the New Hampshire attorney general’s office.

According to reports, police officers responded to the home at 11 Tyler Way for a 9-1-1 call about gunshots.

Police, who had been aware of growing tension at the home, found Readey on the property with a firearm.

On Sept. 24, two weeks before the shootings, a Haverhill District Court judge dismissed a petition for eviction that Readey had filed against Cindy Moody after Moody made an offer of money to pay \$200 per month for an extended period of time, which, according to the judge’s order, Readey accepted.

Up to \$4,000 had been paid and accepted, according to the document.

A week earlier, on Sept. 15, Readey had sought a court order for the immediate removal of Cindy Moody from his home and had argued to the judge that she had been living on his property without permission for more than three years.

Both appeared in court the following day, prior to Readey’s petition being dismissed.

To date, the arrest warrant remains sealed, and prosecutors have not disclosed case details or a motive for the shootings.

If convicted, Readey faces a prison sentence of up to life.

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restitution in full in the amounts ordered has been achieved, and may well be a matter requiring a further hearing given the defendant’s uncontested assertion during the Nov. 10 hearing that her former residence in Clarksville owned by her parents was conveyed to Donald Noyes after she was sentenced and sold for a sum in excess of the ordered amounts of restitution,” said MacLeod.

“Additionally, the court holds after reviewing the sentencing hearing transcript that the defendant has not fully complied with the terms of her sentences in that she has not issued a public apology [to all victims] mandated by the court’s sentencing orders, the defendant’s

understanding to the contrary as stated by her during the Nov. 10 hearing notwithstanding,” he said.

An apology made to some of the victims in the courtroom during the 2024 sentencing does not meet the terms of the post-plea public apology under the sentencing terms, said MacLeod.

On Jan. 14, 2026, a day before the judge rejected her request for home confinement, Fournier filed a notice of proposed work release, which is under seal.

Despite the court-ordered prison sentence, the recommendation for home confinement had come from the New Hampshire Department of Corrections, which, in October 2024, six months after her sentencing, transferred Fournier out of prison and into a halfway house.

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Woman Accused Again Of Racially Harassing A Police Officer

BY ROBERT BLECHL
 Staff Writer

A Coos County woman faces new criminal charges for her second alleged racial harassment of a Colebrook police officer, this time while accompanied by a habitual offender and while the officer was on the road conducting a crash investigation.

Sabrina Fogg, 29, of Stewartstown, and Jason Williams, 33, of Dalton, were arrested on warrants on Jan 10.

They are charged with a Class A misdemeanor count each of disorderly conduct and obstructing the administration of government.

The incident occurred on Jan. 5, when Fogg and Williams interfered with the officer, who was attempting to clear the roadway, Colebrook police officials said in a statement.

The purpose behind their interference appears to be racially motivated, based on a statement made by Williams, said police officials.

After the arrests, Fogg was transported to the women's wing of the Grafton County House of Corrections and initially held on outstanding criminal charges, but was later released on personal recognizance, according to a court check on Friday.

Williams was released on bail pending arraignment.

Colebrook Police Chief Paul Rella was unavailable for comment on Friday, and it was undetermined if the case would be investigated as a hate crime, which carries enhanced penalties.

In May 2025, Fogg was indicted by a Coos Superior Court grand jury on six enhanced Class A misdemeanor counts of simple assault against Colebrook Police Officer Joshua Lindor on April 15 and, according to the indictments, was "substantially motivated to commit the crime because of hostility towards Officer Lindor's race."

Fogg allegedly kicked Lindor in the groin, punched him in the waist, and caused him pain while he was acting in the line of duty, said Coos County prosecutors.

She also faces a Class A misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

According to court records, Fogg was released from county jail in November.

Her 2025 case involving Lindor is scheduled for a final pre-trial conference in February.

In November, Fogg, who is represented by the public defender's office, filed a handwritten motion to amend what she called her sentence and sought to be released before her "good time date" on Nov. 8.

In 2024, Fogg was arrested multiple times on a slew of charges stemming from incidents across communities in the North Country, many of which were committed with Williams.

In August 2024, Lancaster police arrested Williams in connection with a June 27 through July 4 spree of profanity spray-painted on multiple signs and streets.

Police said Williams' accomplice was Fogg, who was charged with a single count of misdemeanor criminal mischief.

In July 2024, Williams and Fogg were arrested in Lancaster for an incident involving a police officer in that town.

Fogg was taken into custody for criminal threatening, breach of bail conditions, obstructing government administration, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

At the time, both were held on preventive detention because of multiple prior arrests by several local law enforcement agencies.

In June 2024, in Littleton, Fogg and Williams were arrested by Littleton police on charges of willful concealment.

In July 2024, Fogg and Williams were arrested by New Hampshire State Police in Randolph on warrants.

In September 2024, Fogg was arrested by state police in Bethlehem for violating the conditions of probation or parole.

In February 2025, Williams was indicted by a Coos Superior Court grand jury on a Class B felony count of unlawfully driving on Jan. 31 in Northumberland after being certified a habitual offender by the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles in October 2024.

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