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Veto Override Fails, Biomass Bill Killed

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

CONCORD — Legislation to help New Hampshire's timber industry is dead.

At least for now.

Lawmakers on Thursday, Sept. 19, upheld Gov. Chris Sununu's veto of House Bill 183, which would have created a subsidy to revitalize the state's biomass power plants, which create power from low grade wood.

The vote of 251-132 was four votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for an override.

The bill would have required the state's largest utility, Eversource, to purchase renewable energy credits from New Hampshire's six independent biomass power plants: Two locally, Pinetree Power in Bethlehem and DG Whitefield, and four others in Alexandria, Bridgewater, Springfield, and Tamworth.

Those biomass power plants face uncertain futures without the subsidy.

"It would be a shame to see these plants get scrapped and dismantled, it would be a loss not only to the forestry folks but also to the state's energy market," said Jasen Stock, executive director of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association.

Those pushing for the subsidy said New Hampshire's biomass industry supports over 900 jobs — including plant managers and workers, loggers and foresters, truck drivers and sawmill operators — and generates more than \$254 million in annual economic impact statewide.

Said Stock, "Going forward, the six wood energy power plants affected by HB 183 will be assessing their options. Unfortunately, today's vote continues to shroud the state's entire wood energy market in uncertainty. There is no question today's vote to sustain Governor Sununu's veto is harming forest-products businesses, and sustainable forestry."

North Country legislators had strongly supported House Bill 183, including Rep. Erin Hennessey, R-Littleton, who was disappointed with the outcome of Wednesday's override vote.

"The biomass plants help [New Hampshire] statewide," Hennessey said. "I think it is good public policy to promote an energy source where the economic benefit to the state far outweighs its costs."

Last year a similar bill, which was vetoed by the governor but rescued by a successful two-thirds override vote, would have required the state's largest utilities (including Eversource) to enter into purchase agreements with biomass plants.

However Eversource refused to comply with the law unless directed by the state's Public Utilities Commission. Implementation of the law was subsequently blocked by litigation brought by an out of state lobbying group.



Forrest Hicks, owner of Hicks Logging LLC of Jefferson, clears a wood lot in Guildhall, Vt., on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

Subsidy Loss Likely To Cut Local Biomass Industry

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

While the state's wood chip market was being thrown into uncertainty, Forrest Hicks logged a 40-acre property in Guildhall last week.

He maneuvered a large mechanical claw and fed scrap wood into an industrial chipper, which emptied into a semi-trailer.

Hicks estimates that his company, Hicks Logging LLC of Jefferson, delivers nearly 40 truck loads, or 1,000 tons, of wood chips to local biomass power plants each week. It has become a vital revenue stream for his business, which employs around 20.

"It's extremely important," Hicks said. "It's a big percentage of what we do."

However, that's likely to change.

Hicks and others in the timber industry are bracing for the worst after lawmakers failed to deliver a subsidy that would have revitalized New Hampshire's six independent biomass power plants: Two locally, Pinetree Power in Bethlehem and DG Whitefield, and four others in Alexandria, Bridgewater, Springfield and Tamworth.

"It's going to be bad," said Hicks, anticipating that Pinetree Power and DG Whitefield will either close down or dramatically scale back operations, with either scenario leading to less demand and lower prices for wood chips.

Two different attempts at delivering the



Biomass power plant DG Whitefield faces an uncertain future after proposed subsidies failed to materialize. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

subsidy were killed this week.

On Wednesday, House Bill 183, requiring Eversource to buy renewable energy credits (RECs) from independent biomass plants, was nixed when the governor's veto survived an override attempt.

The next day a similar law, passed last year, was ruled invalid by federal regulators.

Without the subsidy it's unclear if either

DG Whitefield or Pinetree Power will continue operations, or for how long.

Doug York, manager of DG Whitefield, awaited word from plant owners EWP Renewable Corp. on Thursday. The plant employs 20 full time.

"We're looking at possibly running for the fourth quarter of this year to satisfy our [re-

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September Hodgepodge

September marks one of those in-between seasons: no longer full summer, but just reaching into fall. The kids have returned to the classroom, but they are still settling into the new school year routine. The days might feel steamy-hot, but they can also be wear-a-coat chilly. The flowers are mostly gone, but the leaves are popping with new color. This time of year is sort of a mashup of different things – a little of this, a little of that.



BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY MCPHAUL

The other day I went out to the garden and picked a handful of Brussels sprouts. Given the cabbage-worm-eaten look of the giant leaves, I'm guessing these might be the only Brussels sprouts I get this year, at least from my own garden. There are a few carrots left to pull from the ground, but the bulk of summer's bounty has been plucked and consumed.

Last week's frost did leave a few veggies unscathed – or at least didn't damage them past the point of recovery. The leaves of my last two rows of green beans browned in the cold of those two consecutive frosty nights, but the beans themselves survived to be eaten. And while the older leaves of the sprawling zucchini plants have wilted with time and chilly temps, there is still new growth – bright green against the shifting colors of fall – and a few more squash to be picked.

The berries are gone, and the apples are abundant. The perennial bed has yellowed and waits to be cut down for the winter, and the fields are mostly

straw-colored now as growing things fade away – except for the tall purple asters, whose vivid color seems bright even against the glow of changing red and orange and yellow showing from the trees.

The kids still head outside to play after school, but they're coming to terms with the reality that there is not much light – or warmth – lingering after dinnertime. And there is homework to do now, and earlier bedtimes to match the earlier mornings. Weekends, too, are a mix – of persisting summer chores and preparing-for-cold-weather tasks, of re-

grouping from the busy weeks and keeping up with the weekend events, of slowing down and hurrying up.

My own work right now is also a bit of a jumble of wrapping up loose ends and chasing new leads, as I work to cross that bridge between the writings of one season and the stories of the next.

Between work and chores, soccer practices and dinner prep, family time and outside obligations, I remember to take in the shifting colors of this early fall – in the yard beyond the garden, on the hillside behind the high school soccer field, along the rivers and roads, as I make my way between seasons.

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newable energy credit] obligations. Beyond that I can't say," York said. "We're hanging in the balance, just waiting for a decision to be made."

He expressed disappointment with the failed subsidy proposals.

"It was a big kick in the teeth when we got the news," York said.

Looking ahead, York and Hicks worried about the future of New Hampshire's biomass industry which supports over 900 jobs (including plant managers and workers, loggers, foresters, truck drivers and sawmill operators) and generates more than \$254 million in annual economic impact, according to reports.

DG Whitefield gets its wood chips from three dozen producers, all located within 60 miles of the plant.

Said York, "I thought these [state representatives] would understand this is a lot bigger than the biomass industry."

A logger for 22 years, Hicks has seen many fluctuations in the wood product market.

So he's not panicking. He doesn't anticipate laying off staff or making dramatic changes. He said with optimism "there's always wood to cut" and noted some mills had recently reopened in

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— Doug York, manager of DG Whitefield

Maine. He was hopeful the Berlin biomass plant, which was not impacted by the subsidy issue, would continue buying wood chips at the same rate for the immediate future.

Still, he's proceeding with caution. When Hicks heard the subsidy failed, he said, "I immediately put a chipper up for sale. I have two of them. I'm not going to sit around and wait until the last drop of blood comes out. The best-case scenario I hear [the state legislature taking up a new subsidy bill] is a year out. A year is a long time to lose money."




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ON THE COVER: The Profile girls soccer team gathers together before hosting a game with Woodsville in Bethlehem on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

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Dalton Selectman Resigns, Citing Harassment

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

The Dalton Board of Selectmen is down to two members after the third tendered her resignation on Monday, citing what she said was harassment and bullying by two groups in town.

It marks the third select board resignation since January.

On Monday evening, Anna Gilbody, elected in March to a one-year seat vacated by a prior resignation, told The Caledonian-Record she was told being a selectman was a thankless job before she took it, but she was asked to do it two weeks before town meeting to replace the previous resigning member and had intended on serving until next March.

But she said her stance on no zoning in town ran up against those residents seeking a zoning ordinance to keep out or control a proposed landfill by Casella Waste Systems and her vote to suspend Dalton Fire Rescue Chief Ron Sheltry in June also ran up against those in the fire and rescue department.

"You can only fight so much," said Gilbody.

Although she was one of two select board votes to suspend Sheltry and was one among a group of residents opposed to zoning, which passed in July as a temporary, emergency measure under New Hampshire statute, she said she felt singled out.

"I feel it's too personal," said Gilbody. "They went after one person."

In her resignation letter delivered to the town office before Monday's regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting, she wrote, "When the board asked me to step in for one of the members on the Board of Selectmen I agreed as I have been an active resident helping the town for nearly 20 years in various positions. Other selectmen from multiple towns told me it was the most thankless position in a town."

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"I know bullying goes on in schools but I would have thought once you grew up it would not be an issue," she wrote. "Since accepting the position on the board, I have been bullied consistently. My family and I have been harassed on social media, at my home, at meetings by Jon Swan and his merry men due to my stance on zoning."

"I am now being harassed by the fire department and their cronies," wrote Gilbody. "This is the result of acting as a selectman and doing my job. As a selectman I participated in suspending someone, pending state investigation, for neglecting the duties of their job in the face of an emergency. The unacceptable disregard for a person in crisis made it morally impossible for me to do otherwise."

(Sheltry, in his court complaint against the town, disputes that he disregarded a person needing medical attention. He was rein-

stated as fire chief by Coos Superior Court on Sept. 5).

In her letter, Gilbody wrote, "I have witnessed many selectmen afraid to do the correct thing in this town because of the scare tactics demonstrated by certain groups. The groups who hound constantly over their own beliefs and publicly persecute anyone who disagrees with their opinion."

"I am now giving my resignation," she said. "I hope these groups and the existing select board do not bury us so deep that we cannot dig ourselves out. I apologize I cannot see this through, but my health and my family's health and peace of mind are more important."

On Monday, selectmen Jo Beth Dudley and Carol Sheltry agreed to post the position for the open selectman's seat and to seek letters of interest from residents, as they did when they sought members for the town's new five-member zoning board.

It is undetermined if interviews will be public for the candidates applying for the select board as they were for the zoning board.

Depending on the number of interested residents, the plan is for the application deadline to be Oct. 3 and then the two-member board will discuss filling the seat during their regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 7, town administrative assistant Tina Peabody said Tuesday.

Gilbody said her resignation is the third in less than a year and follows the resignations of former selectmen Nancy McVetty, who resigned a week before March town meeting and whom Gilbody replaced, and Jay McCusker, who resigned in January.



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U.S. Supreme Court Case Could Impact Federal Casella Lawsuit

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

The federal lawsuit brought against Casella Waste Systems by two environmental groups, which allege the company's landfill in Bethlehem is discharging pollutants into the Ammonoosuc River, could hinge on the outcome of a case in Hawaii now before the Supreme Court of the United States.

On Tuesday, the parties in the Casella lawsuit, both the company and the two nonprofits suing them, the Conservation Law Foundation and Toxics Action Inc., filed a joint status report with the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

On Wednesday, the court agreed to continue the case for 90 days, with a subsequent status report due Dec. 24.

The new case filings come after the U.S. District Court on May 3 imposed a stay of proceedings in the Casella case, pending the outcome of County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund, et al.

Like the Casella case, the case in Hawaii alleges pollution discharges in violation of the federal Clean Water Act and asks if pollution from a point source of discharge that can reach a navigable waterway must be regulated.

As CLF and TAC did with Casella, several environmental groups in Hawaii, including the Hawaii Wildlife Fund and

Sierra Club-Maui Group, sued Maui County for not having National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, which put a cap on which pollutants can be discharged by a point source and mandate steps to limit the discharge of pollutants.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii ruled in favor of the Hawaii environmental groups, concluding that the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility in Maui needed NPDES permits.

Maui County then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

In their joint status report in the Casella case, the attorneys for Casella and TAC and CLF noted the May 3 stay of proceedings on their case by the U.S. District Court in New Hampshire, pending the outcome of Hawaii case.

"Maui has been fully briefed and has been scheduled for oral argument for November 2019," they wrote. "According to recent news reports, the Maui County Council voted 5-4 on September 20, 2019, to authorize the county mayor to settle the Maui litigation. The county mayor has suggested that he may not exercise that authority, however, and news reports also indicate that the county's legal counsel concluded that only the mayor may determine whether to withdraw the appeal.

"Accordingly, it is unclear at this time whether the Maui appeal will proceed or be dismissed as settled," they wrote

the New Hampshire court. "The parties agree that the reasons the court gave for imposing the stay continue to be applicable until Maui is decided or is settled and dismissed by the Supreme Court."

The attorneys' report also gives a discovery status of the Casella case, in which most depositions have been completed, and indicates a motion for a protective order will be filed to address remaining topics on which the parties were unable to reach agreement.

In May 2018, CLF and TAC filed the suit against Casella that alleges the landfill in Bethlehem, run by North Country Environmental Services, the company's New Hampshire subsidiary, is illegally discharging pollutants into the Ammonoosuc River - a tributary of the Connecticut River and a protected river under New Hampshire's Rivers Management and Protection program - through a drainage channel and the discharges are occurring without a discharge permit required by the federal Clean Water Act.

The discharges, they argue, contain elevated levels of iron and manganese, as well as 1,4 dioxane, a suspected carcinogen, and the Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants from ditches and channels without an NPDES permit.

In September 2018, the New Hampshire federal court rejected Casella's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.



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Dalton: Court Case Gives Backstory To Fire Chief's Reinstatement

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

The reinstatement of Dalton Fire Rescue Chief Ron Sheltry, suspended without pay by selectmen in June following a complaint by a resident, was made by a judge and stems from a case against the town he filed at Coos Superior Court.

Sheltry, suspended June 3 after the complaint by Dalton residents Kathy and Ted Barden, was reinstated Sept. 5 by Coos Superior Court Judge Peter Bornstein, who approved a motion by Sheltry and his attorney, Andrea Amodeo-Vickery, of Manchester, who argued the town erred by not holding a public hearing within 45 days after selectmen made their decision to suspend him, as required under New Hampshire RSA 154:5.

The incident comes out of a complaint by the Bardens that a decision on a medical call made by Sheltry delayed response time to Ted Barden, who needed medical attention at his home on May 2.

In his complaint against the town filed July 11, Sheltry argued the allegation is false and there was no delayed response as confirmed in audio recordings of communications between DFR and Whitefield Fire Rescue, which was also toned out for the call and that he told them to proceed to the Barden home.

In what stemmed from a longstanding personal dispute,

the Bardens had stated earlier that they did not want Ron Sheltry and his wife, Carol Sheltry, also a first responder, in their home.

According to Sheltry's court complaint, DFR and WFR were toned by dispatch on May 2 to the Barden home for a call of Ted Barden on the floor with an unknown medical condition, and dispatch radioing Sheltry to advise him that "the patient inside [Ted Barden] does not want you or your crew on the property, cause apparently you are not getting along."

But Ron Sheltry, the Bardens argued in their complaint to selectmen, told his entire crew, as well as WFR to stand down and not enter the home and that delayed the response to Ted Barden, who they said needed immediate medical attention.

Upon hearing that DFR would be standing down, WFR radioed dispatch to state it, too, would stand down.

According to his complaint, however, Sheltry, immediately radioed WFR and "made clear that the patient still wanted Whitefield Fire Rescue to respond" and "accordingly, Whitefield Fire Rescue proceeded in their response and arrived at the ... Barden residence in the normal response time."

Four days later, the Bardens filed their complaint with the Dalton Board of Selectmen.

On June 3, selectmen Jo Beth Dudley and Anna Gilbody voted to suspend Sheltry, a part-time chief who earns \$285 weekly, without pay until the incident was fully investigated by the state. Carol Sheltry, who also serves as a selectman, recused herself for a conflict of interest.

In his complaint, Ron Sheltry argued the board should have known the "allegations were false" and selectmen unlawfully entered non-public sessions to discuss and deliberate the complaint and then "wrongfully and illegally" suspended him based on the "false assertion that medical assistance was withheld from a Dalton resident."

He argues the board's decision to suspend him was without cause and was malicious, biased and in bad faith and caused him to suffer damages, including "lost wages, damage to his personal and professional reputation, and emotional distress, and attorney's fees and costs ..."

He asked the court for judgment against the town for costs and back pay and to be reinstated as fire chief.

On Sept. 4, Sheltry and selectmen entered into a motion to stay the court proceedings, stating that "the town of Dalton agrees that it should have held a hearing on this issue before suspending [Sheltry] as fire chief."

The judge approved the motion the next day.

Under RSA 154:5, fire chiefs shall be subject to suspension without pay or dismissal only for cause and after being presented with a written specification of the reasons.

The law states, "Upon such suspension or dismissal, the chief ... shall be entitled to a hearing, on the merits and reasonableness of the action, in superior court in the county in which the municipality is located, provided that the chief ... petitions the clerk of the superior court for such a hearing within 45 days of suspension or dismissal. The court shall have the power to affirm, modify or negate such suspension or dismissal, based upon its findings."

The May 2 incident was investigated at the state level by



Dalton Fire Rescue Chief Ron Sheltry

the New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Management Services, after a formal complaint to the division by Kathy Barden.

A call and email were placed Monday to Nick Mercuri, chief of strategy and planning for the division, requesting a copy of the investigative report.

On Wednesday, Mercuri emailed a response, saying, "We are unable fulfill your request and release that to you, as our investigations are considered confidential."

A Caledonian-Record request on Monday to the New Hampshire Department of Safety for the report and any documents relating to it has been referred to the department's legal counsel, Michael Todd, public information officer for the NHDOS.

On Sept. 16, in response to a letter Mercuri wrote her on Sept. 12 regarding the state's conclusion in Sheltry's favor following the investigation,

Kathy Barden sent a letter to Mercuri, NHDOS Robert Quinn, and compliance coordinator Richard Cloutier.

"I was saddened and disappointed about the results of the fact finding decision," Barden wrote. "As the complainant and the patient's wife, I believe either I or both of us should have been contacted or interviewed as part of your fact finding."

"My husband and I will make ourselves readily available to speak with you at any time. Based on your response my family and I reserve the right to request an appeal. In closing, please understand that it is most important to me about the safety of my family and the community of Dalton."

On Tuesday, Sheltry said he is pleased to be reinstated as chief, but held off on further comment pending a statement by his attorney about the incident that he expects to be issued soon.

As for pursuing further legal action against the town, such as recouping the legal fees that he paid out of pocket, he said that option is still being discussed and a decision has not yet been made.



In this March 23, 2017 file photo, Dalton Fire Chief Ronald Sheltry, left, is shown with Lunenburg Fire Chief Robert Shaw at the scene of a structure fire at 374 Union Road in Dalton. Was reinstated on Sept. 5 after being suspended since June 3. The suspension stems from a complaint that Sheltry was responsible for a delayed medical response.

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Due to conflict initiated by someone representing the Chamber of Commerce with my landlord, and another ongoing issue, effective October 4, 2019, this service will no longer be available.

Please read a pictured added letter to the editor, which I wrote on **10-30-2013** and then the **body** of a letter that was remitted to the **North Country Chamber of Commerce**, dated **9-10-2019**.

Also note that the **Public Safety Aspect**, as it relates to **ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT assistance**, shall be **ongoing**, just not the **daily video, showcasing the businesses** or the **surrounding countryside**.



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As a private citizen, I was glad to get WMUR TV in Colebrook, NH via my cameras and am very pleased to see that it has had a positive effect on not only Colebrook but also the North Country.

Please note, that during this whole time, **not one person** from the **Chamber** has ever taken the time to thank me for this; instead they only sent some young woman into **Creative Natives**, basically inquiring about **camera access**.

Oh, and I am in no way passively soliciting or would ever accept any kind of payment for camera access by WMUR TV to my cameras.

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As to when **WMUR TV** will be **removed**, I haven't decided but I think it would be in the **Chamber's** best interest to seek another individual/entity to provide this service, should they feel it necessary.

Oh, and since I am a **lifelong conservative**, I know it can't be because of **political ideology**, just an **unfortunate** turn of events for a **black conservative** living in **Trump Country**.

Richard Hill

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I would like to thank **WMUR TV** for **putting Colebrook, NH on the map** via their **weather forecast** as by doing so, they may have **enriched the lives** of many people and **possibly contributed to the economy of the North Country**.

Richard Hill

News Briefs

Littleton Awarded \$250K For River District Development

LITTLETON - Less than a week after an inaugural concert and two weeks after residents suggested ideas for the south-side phase of river district redevelopment, the town has been awarded \$250,000 to go toward the development of at least five acres.

The grant award, whose application was written by Northern Community Investment Corp., was jointly announced Wednesday by the Northern Border Regional Commission, the funding agency, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

"We are excited about the award," John Hennessey, chairman of the River District Redevelopment Commission, said Wednesday. "It was great work by NCIC and the town to get that funding. We view this as the next phase of the river district redevelopment and are excited with having that large piece of seven acres. We are hoping to turn it into an even greater asset for the town."

The grant comes after a Plan New Hampshire charrette, or visioning session, involving dozens of residents took place in mid-September at the Littleton Opera House and after the music concert - a trial run that could pave the way for future concerts - last weekend on the parcel in question at the base of the footbridge near the Littleton Area Senior Center, and after several of years of looking at possibilities for the property.

"We're keeping the momentum going and it's getting us to the next level," said Littleton Town Manager Andrew Dorsett.

Dorsett called Saturday's concert featuring mandolinist David Grisman that used the portable Catamount Arts sound-stage and was advanced by entities that included Littleton Main Street Inc. and the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce a "good demonstration project of what the lot is capable of."

The property along the Ammonoosuc River is currently owned by Ron Murro, with whom the town has been negotiating for several years as they floated ideas for the public space, including a health and wellness park.

Littleton has already been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Land, Water and Conservation Fund that will go toward the purchase of the seven acres from Murro, who is leasing the property to the town for current uses that include the Littleton Farmers Market.

The \$250,000 NBRC money will allow for the acquisition and development of at least five acres, to include improved public access to the section of Littleton's downtown and with benefits to a number of local businesses, including the local farmers market.

The project is also expected to support the development of a new outdoor recreation area to draw visitors year-round to Littleton.

In the next year or two, the town plans to acquire the property from Murro and move forward with the fuller vision that came out of the Sept. 13 and 14 charrette, said Dorsett.

Many residents, business owners and stakeholders participating in the charrette reached a consensus on keeping the area green space, nixing the idea of a permanent pavilion, and having an area that could be used for concerts and events using tents and portable infrastructure in a pop-up fashion, with a nearby electrical outlet for power.

That will keep the space flexible and also help bring down what had been an estimated \$1 million original project cost to something less expensive, said Dorsett.

Not recommended by the Plan New Hampshire volunteers was the initial idea by the town and commission of subdividing two of the seven acres to be used as commercial or condominium space.

The volunteers concluded it would not be the best use and would raise the values of the parcels around it, said Dorsett.

Their recommendation instead is to use the two acres as public space and green space and for recreation, he said.

"Traditional New England towns have a town common," he said. "Littleton doesn't have one and this is looked at as Littleton Commons already. We can open it up a little."

According to the town's NBRC grant application, the project will address the need for more parking spaces in the downtown area and will provide parking for the Littleton Farmers Market, which supports 45 vendors, in addition to parking

for other local businesses and tour buses.

The plan could involve 50 new parking spaces. The Plan New Hampshire volunteers recommended early permitting to get set up for spring, coordinating with private property owners for redevelopment opportunities, formalizing pathways to the river, making traffic control measures at the Riverside Drive intersection, lighting for aesthetics and safety, and managing vegetation for visibility.

The preliminary ideas launched the vision, and now with Plan New Hampshire's recommendations, which the town and commission plan to follow, Littleton will have an even bigger idea of the space's potential, said Hennessey.

He said the NBRC award marks three phases that include the \$200,000 LWCF grant awarded last year and the recent announcement of the Rails to Trails program, which involves pulling out the rails of the former railway bed in town and converting it to a recreational trail that will extend into the river district.

As for developing the Murro property, Hennessey said, "There certainly will be more funding needed, particularly to create the parking that will benefit the senior center and other businesses in the area, as well as event parking when we build out for the farmers market and other uses. We feel confident in our plan and our ability to figure out how to execute it."

Police Say Accused Bomb Threatener Planted Real Bomb At Post Office

The Center Conway woman accused of sending a bomb threat in May to Cannon Mountain in Franconia faces a new felony charge that alleges she planted a real bomb at the post office and courthouse building in Littleton.

In the September round of Grafton Superior Court indictments handed up by a grand jury last week, Grace Woodham, 30, is charged with a Class A felony count of having in her possession a chemical reaction bomb on June 2.

On that day, prosecutors said Woodham placed an "infernal machine," or chemical reaction bomb or similar device, on the fire escape structure of the building that houses the post office and the courthouse, which a Franconia couple had been visiting to seek a restraining order against Woodham, who Franconia police said had been stalking them for months.

During her arraignment on June 10, police and prosecutors said Woodham's arrest on multiple charges of stalking as well as planting explosive devices in cars is part of larger investigation that includes federal law enforcement and the state bomb squad.

Also last week, Woodham was indicted on a Class B felony count of issuing on May 3 a false report regarding explosives to Cannon Mountain, where one of the stalking victims works.

Woodham sent a letter through the U.S. mail addressed to Cannon Mountain and regarding the location or planned location of a bomb at the mountain, with the letter stating, "Mother's Day bomb f*** Cannon," said prosecutors.

Woodham sent it while knowing the report of

the bomb was false, but with the intent of "causing anxiety and fear among Cannon Mountain personnel and other persons" and "causing anxiety and fear" that physical harm would come to them, said authorities.

In New Hampshire, a Class A felony charge is punishable by a maximum New Hampshire State Prison Sentence of 7 1/2 to 15 years and a Class B charge with a maximum sentence of 3 1/2 to 7 years.

After her most recent arrest on June 7 by Franconia police, who had arrested her previously in the case that involves multiple charges of criminal trespass, stalking, violation of restraining orders and planting explosive devices, Woodham was held on preventative detention after the judge agreed with prosecutors that she is a threat to the community and the two stalking victims.

Prosecutors allege Woodham trespassed on the Dow Avenue property of the Franconia couple, after disobeying two court orders to not enter their property or enter the town, and planted devices in their vehicles.

Before Woodham's June 10 arraignment, Franconia Police Chief Mac Cashin and New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Paul Parisi publicly announced her arrest, which was a cooperative effort involving Franconia police, the state fire marshal's office, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Conway Police Department, the New Hampshire State Police Explosives Disposal Unit (or bomb squad), and NHSP Troop F.

On April 8, Cashin informed Franconia selectmen of a suspicious improvised explosive device found in a vehicle in Franconia on April 3.

On June 2 in Littleton, the state bomb squad was called in when the suspicious device in Littleton was found at the post office/courthouse at 134 Main St.

A search warrant of Woodham's residence in Conway turned up electronic devices, including three laptop computers that had Google search terms that included "gas tank bomb" and "leaky fuel line car explosion" and that no other users were known to operate, said police.

Whitefield Police Search For Dollar General Robber

WHITEFIELD — Whitefield police remain on the search for the masked man they said robbed the Dollar General store at about 9 p.m. on Saturday and fled on foot with an undisclosed amount cash from the register.

"As of now, we have no arrests and no suspects," Whitefield Police Chief Ed Samson said Monday afternoon.

It was the first time that the store, which opened several years ago at 117 Lancaster Road/Route 3 and was among the first Dollar General stores to open in the area, has been robbed, said Samson.

No injuries were reported.

The suspect, caught on video surveillance, is

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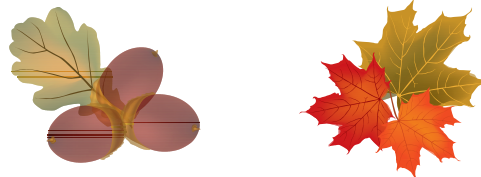
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Obituaries

James F. McMahon Jr.

James F. McMahon Jr., age 65, passed peacefully on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. surrounded by his family. He was born on Aug. 7, 1954 in Washington, D.C., a son to James F. McMahon, Sr. and Mary Patricia (O'Connell) McMahon. He graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School.



James McMahon

Jim took pride in caring for the athletic fields during high school and this work ethic continued while working at an automobile service station and attending Lincoln Technical Institute. He excelled in providing prompt customer service, he partnered with a friend to start a trucking company, M&M Transportation before relocating to New Hampshire with his family. From the early 1980s to mid 1990s he operated two full service Sunoco fuel stations in West Lebanon, N.H. and Littleton, N.H. and continued for over 25 years providing 24-

hour on-call recovery and roadside assistance under McMahon's Towing Service, Inc. Also during this period, Jim volunteered on the Littleton Fire Department Call Company and was a member and recent officer of the Eureka Hose Company. After the birth of his first grandchild, Jim made a big move toward retirement, leaving self-employment, and working as a mechanic supervisor for S.G. Reed Truck Services in Claremont, N.H., and most recently as a service writer with North Country Ford of Lancaster, N.H.

Jim will be remembered for his overwhelming love and pride for his family. He was happiest spending time off as "Papas" with his four grandchildren, and was excited for his fifth to arrive. He was a passionate cook, always bringing new and improved dishes to his family to try. Jim was always ready to help, and always had the right tool (or two) on hand, as he "only would ask to borrow a tool once." He taught his boys valuable lessons throughout their lives, one that was particularly meaningful was to "do things because you want to do them, not because you expect something in return," which was the way Jim himself lived his life.

Surviving family members include his father James F. McMahon, Sr.; son James F. McMahon III and wife Jennifer; son Joseph E. McMahon and

wife Cristina, and their four children Sawyer, Cameron, Janelle, Quinton; sister Kathleen Currie and husband Alan; sister Patricia McMahon and Doug Ratford; sister Maureen Cooper and husband Bill; and brother Bill McMahon and wife Annette; as well as 14 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Mary Patricia, in 2012.

Visiting Hours will be Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ross Funeral Home, 282 West Main St. Littleton. The Very Rev. Mark Dollard will Celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday Oct. 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, High St. Littleton. Interment will follow at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 77 Clay St. Littleton, NH 03561 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. To share memories and condolences go to www.RossFuneral.com.

Ellen Morrow

Ellen Morrow, 77, a native of Littleton, was born on June 9, 1942, a daughter to Olof and Marjorie (Fisher) Johnson.

On September 9th, 2019, Ellen died tragically

in an automobile accident on the front lawn of the home she loved. She will miss her flowers, her pond and the walks on the paths that she and her husband, Don, built through the woods behind their home. She had many flowers beds and other projects that she lovingly tended. She and Don also made many wooden signs together. She would draw them on the 4X8 board, and he would cut them out. Then they would paint them together and either sell them or display them. This was just one of the many projects that they enjoyed doing together over their 54 years of a wonderful marriage.

Ellen also worked at the Littleton Public Library for over 50 years, where she was known as the "story lady". Some of her kids are all grown up now and when they would see her, they would always comment on how they always loved her stories and especially the summer reading program. She also had numerous hand puppets that they all loved as kids.

Later in life Ellen lost most of her eye sight, but she was always a very positive person. A few words that would describe Ellen would be hardworking, talented, friendly and most importantly modest.

Ellen is survived by her loving husband, Don a/k/a "Kat", her loving sister, Carol Waters, her nephew Bruce Toney and his wife Brenda and their

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St. Matthews Chapel in Sugar Hill is undergoing foundation restoration. The project is expected to last six weeks.

Fixing The Rock A Picturesque Church Is Built Upon

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

SUGAR HILL — It's the most photographed church in the region.

And it's about to be moved.

But don't worry, it's not going far. In the coming weeks St. Matthew's Chapel on Route 117 will be jacked up and temporarily relocated on site as part of a \$150,000 foundation renovation and repair project.

Work is expected to take a month and a half and will ensure the church remains a destination for shutterbugs for years to come.

"If you Google 'Sugar Hill' and click on 'images,' [St.

Matthew's] is what comes up. It's pictures of the church in spring, summer, and fall. Morning, noon, and night. Snow, leaves, everything," said church member Betsy Holcombe.

Three years ago, after a gap appeared between the concrete front steps and the church entrance, an inspection revealed that the foundation needed fixing.

Holcombe spearheaded fundraising efforts, obtaining a \$50,000 grant from New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and a matching \$50,000 donation from an anonymous donor. Additional funds were raised through smaller grants and local collection efforts.

"We knew the church was sliding a little towards Franconia and we really want to keep it in Sugar Hill," she said.

Contractor A.N. Graton Associates, specialists in historic preservation, are in charge of fixing the 126-year-old Episcopal summer chapel, which was designed by architect Frederick Clarke Withers.

After placing the church on steel beams and wheeling it aside, they will remove the existing understructure and lay a new concrete foundation, which will hold the church in place. It will be below the freezing line, to prevent frost heave damage. Drainage will also be addressed.

The contractor will use hand tools when possible, to add to the authenticity of the final product.

The renovation ensures that St. Matthew's will continue to serve as a point of pride for local residents, and will

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Church

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remain an object of interest for out-of-towners.

“It’s just a really important building to the community,” Holcombe said.

Located at the intersection of Route 117 and Birches Road, St. Matthew’s was opened in 1893 to serve the area’s seasonal populations, including guests at the grand hotels: The Profile House, Peckett’s-On-Sugar-Hill, The Sunset Hill House, and more.

Today it hosts Sunday mass 10 times a year — from July through mid-September — and is available for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other events, including live musical performances by the North Country Chamber Players.

And, of course, it’s pretty to look at.

“It’s unique,” said Andrew Graton of A.N. Graton Assoc., who has worked more than 60 years in building and renovation. “I think there are eight of these little cathedrals in New Hampshire and [the people who built them] didn’t want them to all look alike. If you’ve been to one, they didn’t want you to say ‘Well, I’ve seen them all.’”

During recent work, Graton uncovered a surprise under the building: The church rests on a central beam of painted spruce that is 55 feet, nine inches long and measures six inches high by 10 inches wide.

“That means there were some pretty tall trees here,” Graton said.

Standing outside of the church on Friday afternoon, Holcombe described the chapel as visually arresting, regularly drawing looks from passers by, with many stopping to take a closer look — and a photo or two.

“People stop when they are driving by, when they are visiting the White Mountains, and they say ‘Wow, what a cute church!’” Holcombe said, noting that when the door is open and people step inside, they are even more awestruck. “People just think it will be a traditional church on the inside with white walls. But the wood work is so beautiful.”

At the head of the church, near the sanctuary, Holcombe pointed to her favorite feature: A tall, narrow stained glass window depicting mountains and a running river. Underneath is written a passage from Psalm 121, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.” Ironically it came from Long Island, N.Y.

“This is the best window,” she said. “My father always said ‘What this window was doing in Long Island, I’ll never know.’ The outside streams, the mountains, the colors. It’s so pretty. It’s perfect for New Hampshire.”

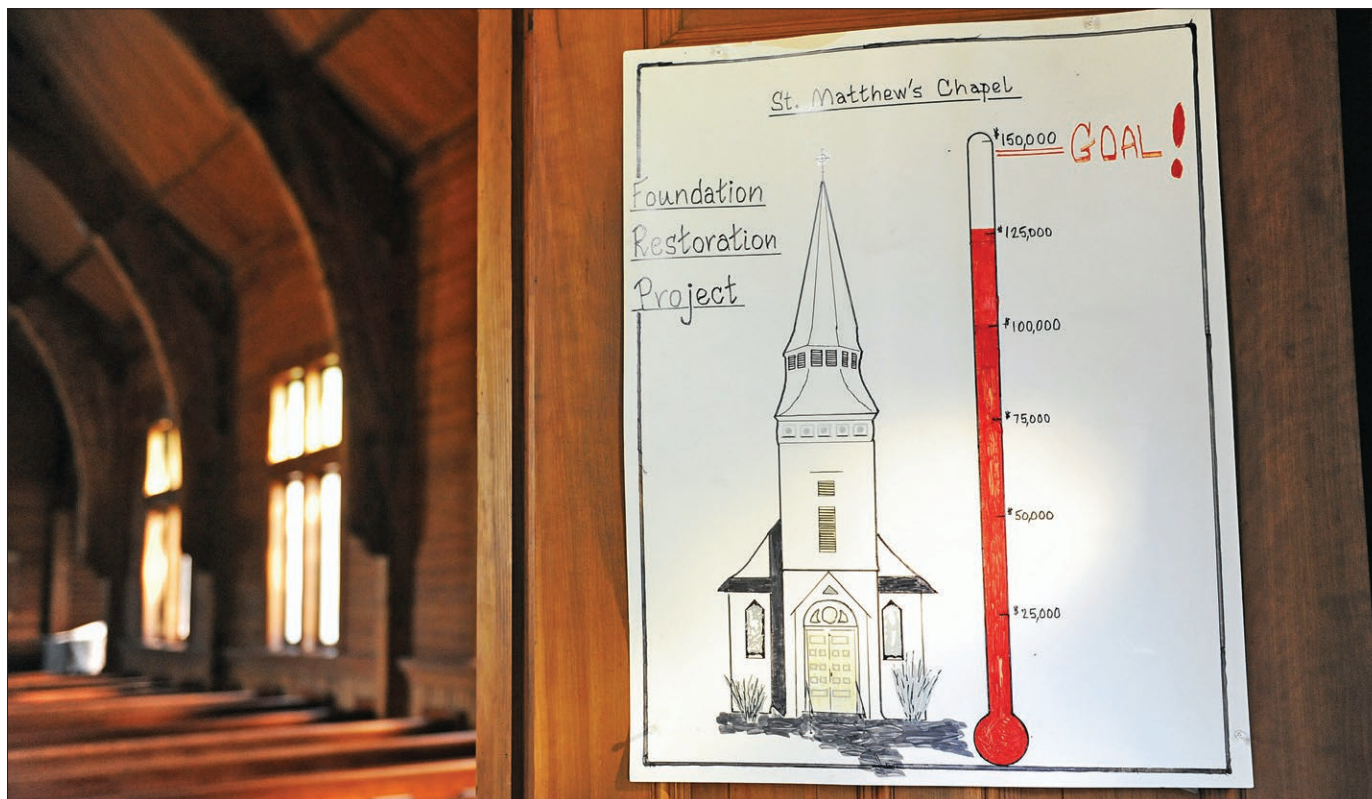


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TOP: A fundraising poster hangs inside St. Matthew’s Chapel. Approximately \$150,000 was raised to restore the foundation at the Chapel in Sugar Hill.

MIDDLE: Betsy Holcombe spearheaded fundraising efforts for a foundation restoration and repair project at St. Matthews Chapel.

BOTTOM: Andrew Graton of A.N. Graton Associates will oversee the foundation reconstruction for St. Matthews Chapel in Sugar Hill.



New Hampshire Passes Budget, This Time With Governor's OK

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire lawmakers passed a two-year, nearly \$13 billion compromise state budget Wednesday, ending three months of impasse after Republican Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed their first effort.

The House and Senate votes to pass the budget came just five days before a temporary spending plan was set to expire and were overwhelming in both chambers. The main spending bill passed the House 327-29, while the companion bill to make policy changes passed 316-40. In the Senate, the spending bill passed 24-0, with one senator, Republican Bob Giuda, voting against the trailer bill over funding for family planning services.

Sununu acknowledged the challenge of negotiating a deal with the opposing party, but said all sides kept the focus on the best interests of the people.

"Today's vote is obviously a huge win for New Hampshire families, New Hampshire businesses, everyone across the state," Sununu told reporters. "This budget returns a lot of funding back to cities and towns, something I think we all wanted to see, and provides historic investments in our education system."

Sen. Jeb Bradley, R-Wolfeboro, said the compromise wasn't perfect, but will help taxpayers while protecting the state's grow-

ing economy.

"We always focus on the glass being half empty, you see it on TV every night — people at each other's throats. But what this represents to all of us is a glass that is quite a bit more than half full," he said. "Nobody got everything what they wanted, but it's reasonable, and New Hampshire will benefit."

Democrats had argued their original plan provided property tax relief and a boost to education funding while addressing the state's most pressing problems. But Republicans argued it relied on one-time surplus funds for ongoing expenses and would drive the state toward a broad-based tax.

The last governor to veto a budget was Democrat Maggie Hassan in 2015. That year, Republicans controlled the Legislature and included in their budget a series of business tax cuts to take effect over several years. Now, Democrats are in control of both the House and Senate, and they originally sought to halt the last phases of the cuts.

Under the compromise, the tax rates will fall, rise or stay the same depending on how much revenue they bring in. In fiscal year 2021, the rates will go down if revenues in the previous year exceed projections by 6%. They'll go up if revenue is 6% below projections, and will remain the same if revenues are in between.

The compromise maintains the \$40 million in unrestricted money for cities and towns in the form of revenue sharing in-

cluded in the original budget, as well as the \$138 million increase in education funding. But the education money would be allocated in a different manner than Democrats wanted, and \$62 million of the total would be one-time funds.

Sen. Dan Feltes, D-Concord, said the compromise preserved most of the key provisions of the original, including increases in Medicaid provider rates, and makes significant investments in mental health care and other areas.

"It's a bill that's going to deliver real results beginning Oct. 1 across all of the state of New Hampshire," he said.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, D-Concord, agreed.

"The compromise accomplishes a great deal and will bring meaningful relief to our cities, our towns, our departments, and most of all, the New Hampshire citizens," she said.

Among opponents, Rep. John Burt, R-Goffstown, said he was disturbed that lawmakers had only a little over 24 hours to process the budget. He also objected to the tax rate revenue triggers.

"Businesses will go, 'Huh? What should we do?'" he said. "They aren't going to invest if they don't know."

Early in the debate, Speaker Steve Shurtleff banged the gavel to interrupt Burt's criticism of reporters in the room as "fake news."

"You will not attack anyone in this House," Shurtleff said sternly.

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described as tall with an average build and wearing a black mask with sunglasses, black gloves, light gray hooded sweatshirt, light colored pants,

and black sneakers with white soles.

"He just walked in and made contact with the store clerk," said Samson. "He never showed a weapon, but does have something in his right hand that he keeps in his right hand the whole time. It could have been a gun. He demands money and leaves."

The robbery lasted 90 seconds or less and occurred when no other customers were inside, he said.

"He waited until no one was in the store," said Samson. "Most likely, he was hanging out in the wood line."

Two people were working in the store at the time — the second was in the back stockroom — and it appears the suspect followed the store clerk inside, he said.

When the clerk went to the back of the store instead of directly to the register, the robber followed her, and when she saw him, told her to go to the cash register and demanded cash inside, said Samson.

"She followed his demand and didn't ask questions," he said.

Members of other police agencies were called and units from the Lancaster Police Department and New Hampshire State Police responded to assist and quickly established a perimeter, said Samson.

"Lancaster PD and New Hampshire State Police got on scene pretty quickly," he said.

A K9 Unit from the NHSP was requested and arrived on scene a short time later, but a search of the immediate area turned up no suspects.

No vehicles that could have been involved in the robbery were identified nearby, though it is possible a vehicle was parked close by and waiting on a side street for a getaway, he said.

If caught, the perpetrator will face a Class A felony count of robbery, which is punishable by a maximum sentence of 7 1/2 to 15 years in New Hampshire State Prison.

Whitefield police have not yet spoken with police in Vermont to determine if the Whitefield robbery is connected to any similar robberies in Vermont, though in New Hampshire it does not at this point appear to be connected to other robberies in the Granite State or North Country area, said Samson.

Samson cannot recall the last time a robbery occurred in Whitefield, with a population of about 2,300 residents.

"There might have been one in the past or there may have been none at all," said Samson.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Whitefield Police Department at 603-837-9086.



The robber is seen in this still from video surveillance taken Saturday night at the Dollar General store in Whitefield. (Courtesy Image)

Littleton Inks New Ambulance Contract With Sugar Hill, Easton

LITTLETON — As Littleton's new fire-house-based Emergency Medical Services gets off the ground, the town is completing ambulance service contracts with the towns of Sugar Hill and Easton.


"Both contracts have been drafted and underwent legal review," Littleton Fire Chief Joe Mercieri told selectmen during their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday. "We are currently awaiting approval by those towns. We anticipate approved contracts by October."

Littleton's contract with Sugar Hill is for \$1,938 monthly and with Easton for \$904 monthly, for a total annual contract cost of \$34,108.


The current contracts expire in April and the contracts about to be completed will run April to April.

Because Littleton's EMS is still in its infancy and subject to change, Mercieri said all towns agreed a one-year contract would be good to

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start off with.

“This is new for us and we felt it appropriate to go year to year,” said Mercieri.

Previously, the three towns had been covered by a Golden Cross Ambulance, a contracted provider that also operated out of the Littleton firehouse, as did the previous provider, CALEX Ambulance, and the longtime Littleton provider before that, Ross Ambulance.

Annually, Sugar Hill has about 50 medical calls and Easton about 40 calls, said LFR Capt. Chad Miller.

Selectmen approved the ambulance contracts with the two towns in a 3-0 vote.

They also unanimously approved an ambulance fee schedule that was done in consultation with and recommended by Municipal Resources Inc., the Littleton EMS billing company.

That schedule calls for a fee of \$1,100 for non-emergency basis life support (BLS); \$1,200 for emergency BLS; \$1,400 for non-emergency level 1 advanced life support (ALS); \$1,500 for emergency level 1 ALS; \$2,100 for ALS emergency level 2; \$2,700 for specialty care transport; \$300 for a paramedic intercept; \$185 for an additional provider; and \$25 a loaded mile.

The fees are similar to the ambulance fees statewide, said Miller.

Veterans Group Pushes To Dismiss Suit Over Bible

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A battle over a Bible on display at New Hampshire’s veterans hospital was the focus of a federal court hearing Wednesday, with lawyers for the government arguing that a lawsuit demanding its removal should be dismissed because the Air Force veteran who filed it hasn’t shown he was harmed in any way.

Justice Department attorney Cristen Handley told a judge Wednesday that James Chamberlain has acknowledged he was a devout Christian who wasn’t offended by the display at a table honoring missing veterans and POWs. But Chamberlain’s lawyer Lawrence Vogelmann said his client’s religion should not matter and that he was filing the lawsuit on behalf of his fellow veterans who might feel the VA is choosing Christianity over other religions.

“My client seriously believes that it diminishes him as a veteran and as a Christian to exclude these other people he served with,” Vogelmann said, adding he may consider adding another plaintiff to the case who is not Christian to bolster his case.

The Bible became part of the missing man table honoring missing veterans and POWs at the entranceway of the Manchester VA Medical Center. The Department of Veterans Affairs said the table was sponsored by the Northeast POW/MIA Network and has been up since last September. The POW organization said the Bible was owned by a prisoner of war in World War II from New Hampshire.

Vogelmann said that the Bible’s inclusion is in violation of the Constitution, which prohibits

discrimination of anyone based on their religious beliefs. He said the issue was that the group had chosen to put the display up inside the VA.

“They could put up in front of their office anytime,” Vogelmann said. “But they have chosen to involve the government.”

Since the lawsuit was filed in May, the dispute has sparked a national debate that caught the attention of Vice President Mike Pence. In a speech last month, Pence said his message to the Manchester VA was that the “Bible stays.”

The medical center initially removed the Bible in January after another group, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, objected, saying it got complaints from patients, from a variety of religious backgrounds, who felt it violated the First Amendment.

But the Bible reappeared on the table in February after the medical center received complaints from veterans and others, “many of whom dropped off Bibles at the facility” in protest, said Curt Cashour, a spokesman for the state departments of veterans affairs.

The lawsuit said the original POW/MIA table tradition was started by a group of Vietnam combat pilots and didn’t include a Bible as one of the items.

A missing man table is usually set up near military dining facilities and is in honor of fallen or missing service members. It’s a table set for one person and features a white tablecloth, single rose, a lit candle and more. In some displays, a Bible is also on the table to represent spiritual strength.

On Wednesday, the Northeast POW/MIA Network was granted a request that they be included in the lawsuit supporting the display. The group cited VA policy, which dictates that religious symbols may be displayed in public areas of VA facilities.

“Under the Constitution and federal law, our client has the right to put up a display in the form that our client wants to have. Our client wants to have a Bible donated by a World War II POW,” said Michael Berry, the chief of staff for First Liberty Institute, which was representing the POW organization in this case.

“If somebody else wants to put up a display that looks different, that has some other elements that represent their beliefs, they are free to do so. We would encourage them to do so,” he continued. “What they shouldn’t be doing is trying to use the court system as a bullying tool to force the VA to injure our client’s free speech rights.”

Panel Hears Testimony About Nuclear Plant Cracks, Study

SEABROOK, N.H. (AP) — Neighbors of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant have told a federal panel that they want more transparent, independent monitoring of cracks that have formed in the plant’s concrete foundation.

New Hampshire Public Radio reports they spoke Monday before a panel of administrative judges for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. They’re weighing whether Seabrook’s owner, NextEra, adequately studied the cracks.

The hearing was granted to a watchdog group C-10, which cites an independent expert in con-

tending that NextEra didn’t properly study the cracks in order to write their monitoring plan.

NextEra based its monitoring plan for Seabrook’s concrete on a study, and regulators approved that plan.

Regulators extended Seabrook’s operating license through 2050 earlier this year, despite calls to delay that decision until after the hearing.

Hearing results are expected by January.

Kuster, Pappas Support Impeachment Proceedings Against Trump

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Several members of New Hampshire’s Democratic congressional delegation welcomed plans to begin impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

Democratic Reps. Annie Kuster and Chris Pappas, both of whom previously supported an impeachment inquiry, said Tuesday they supported House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s announcement that a formal impeachment inquiry would be launched. Both said Trump should be investigated following allegations that he pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate the family of former Democratic Vice President Joe Biden.

Kuster said the allegations against Trump were “very serious” and “if true, threatens our democracy.” She also said Congress should review a whistleblower complaint that partly involves Trump’s interaction with the Ukrainian leader.

Pappas, meanwhile, said the inquiry allows Congress “to put all the facts on the table so we can proceed expeditiously to protect national se-

curity and our democracy.”

Hepatitis A Cases In New Hampshire On The Rise

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire health officials say the number of hepatitis A cases in the state is on the rise.

The Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday that from last November to early September, 220 people were diagnosed with the disease, compared to an average of six or seven annually in recent years. One person in Merrimack County died.

Beth Daly, chief of the Bureau of Infection Disease Control, tells WMUR-TV there’s been a national outbreak of over 25,000 hepatitis A cases.

State officials said the disease thrives in homeless populations, where people are often crowded together and don’t have access to bathrooms, showers or clean laundry. Hepatitis A causes inflammation of the liver and can include fever, nausea, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay-colored bowel movements, and jaundice. It’s preventable with a vaccine.

Mega Millions Jackpot Winner Claims \$168M Prize

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire’s first Mega Millions jackpot winner has claimed a \$168 million prize from a drawing in July.

The winner of the July 23 drawing claimed the prize through the Just as B4 Nominee Trust of 2019, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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ABOVE: A large crowd turns out for a performance by the Dawg Trio featuring David Grisman at Ammonoosuc River Park in Littleton, N.H., on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. The concert highlighted the 50th Annual Littleton Arts & Culture Festival.



MIDDLE: David Grisman performs with the Dawg Trio

BELOW: Irene DePonte, center, and Patsy Wockenfuss, right react during a performance by the Dawg Trio.



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two children, Alex and Megan of Nebraska; her brother -in-law Gary of Londonderry; her brother-in-law Steven and his wife Gladys and their two children, Stan and Kelly Templeton; her sister-in-law Patty and husband Bob of Manchester and their three children Jim, Jill and Mike, as well as numerous other nieces and nephews.

Ellen will be buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Littleton and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Ellen's life.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Ellen's memory to the Littleton Public Library, 92 Main Street, Littleton, NH 03561, Second Chance Animal Rescue, 1517 Meadow Street, Littleton, NH 03561 or Riverside Animal Rescue, 236 Riverside Avenue, Lunenburg, VT 05906.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, 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.pillsbury-phaneuf.com.

Ann Willey Sheppard

Ann Willey Sheppard, 81, formerly of East Ryegate, Vt., died on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Ann was born in St. Johnsbury on Dec. 7, 1937 to Kenneth M. and Margaret A. (Lamb) Pollard. She was a graduate of McIndoe Falls Academy. On Dec. 28, 1957, she married Lee George Sheppard.

Ann worked with her husband as a bookkeeper at his business, Sheppard's Auto Repair in East Ryegate. She also helped him with his paper route, delivering the Caledonian-Record.

Ann grew up in McIndoe Falls and has always enjoyed reading in her spare time. She was a very religious person and she held her family near and dear to her heart.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lee Sheppard on Oct. 3, 2011.

She is survived by two daughters, Lynn M. Ruggles and husband, Richard of North Haverhill, N.H. and Vicki L. Sheppard of Georgia; four grandchildren, Topaz Sheppard, Odessa Crowley, Christy McClintock-Such, and Cathy McClintock; nine great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; a brother, Neil K. Pollard of Essex Junction, Vt.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be in the Monroe Village Cemetery, Plain Road, Monroe, N.H. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1248 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 or to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, 2225 Portland Street, PO Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com.

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.

Hartley James "Jim" Jackson

Dec. 28, 1929 - Aug. 30, 2019

Hartley James "Jim" Jackson, died Aug. 30, 2019. Born to parents Harry H. and Edna (Greene) Jackson of Milton, Wisc., he married Dona L. Dawson (Pomplun) on Aug. 30, 1975 at Olbrich Gardens in Madison, Wisc.

He is survived by his wife, Dona of Lyndonville, Vt., step-daughter, Gillian Moira Pomplun, Moira Walker Pomplun and Dylan Thomas Walker of Soldier's Grove, Wisc., sister-in-law, Dorothy Jackson of Madison, Wisc., and niece, Cynthia Robinson of Madison, Wisc. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Rolland Jackson and niece Linda Jackson of Madison, Wisc.

Hartley graduated Milton College Cum Laude in Milton, Wisc.

with a BS in Mathematics, minor in Physics then enlisted in the United States Army During the Korean War era, training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Following his military service he returned to Wisconsin and began public service for the State of Wisconsin where he retired in January 1992, as Labor Market Chief in the WI Department of Employment and Training in Madison.

Hartley started his Civil Service career as a Job Service Interviewer in Milwaukee, Wisc., when he decided it would be easier to help other people look for work than to work himself. He became an employment counselor in Watertown, Wisc. because it might be easier to help people decide what job to look for than to help them actually look for a job. He then applied for a statistician opening in Madison when he realized it would be easier to count people who were looking for work than to help them decide what kind of work to look for. There were three openings for statisticians and only one candidate. He scored highest so he got the job. Thus began Hartley's career in Labor Market Information.

Jim spent years in Madison learning sailing, became a Dixieland music fan, took up sports car racing and joined the Madison sports car club. He raced his MGA Twin Cam for a year which gave him good spots to watch the races as he frequently spun off on the different corners of the track. Jim was nervous before every race. Three times he ran over his tool box on the way to the track. He quit when he ran out of tool boxes and became a super spectator. After selling the MGA he ordered a GBB at the factory in England. He went to England, picked up his new car and toured England, Germany, the mountains in Switzerland, then shipped the car back to the states and took a train to Paris. That was back when you could see Europe on five dollars a day. At an inn in Switzerland Jim asked for another beer. They didn't understand him until he went out and came back in and asked for a beer. Later at home a friend asked if he couldn't remember "encore."

Five years after Jim met Dona through the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, Dona asked him out. After a summer of driving the 80-mile trip to Appleton from Madison he asked Dona to marry him so her daughter Gillian wouldn't have to change schools in mid year and so they wouldn't have that 80-mile trip in the winter. His neighborhood needed an excuse for a party which they were more than willing to set up. It was a beautiful wedding of friends and family at the Olbrich Gardens in Madison. Hartley and Dona promised in their wedding vows to "have more fun than anybody" and we sure did.

Jim loved bicycling since he was a child. He bought a Trek Touring bicycle and joined the Madison Bombay Bicycle Club so he had people to ride with when any of the other riders were slow enough. On his first Century ride with the club he rode his bicycle the eight miles to the start and eight miles after to get home afterward. On his second Century ride he took the car to the start.

Jim started running with a group at the office at the age of 46. They ran for mental health, and at times Jim really needed it while he was still working. At the age of 50 he ran a 10K in 49:37, he needed two hours for the half marathons. Slow as he was he finished two 20 mile Syttende May runs. He ran as a team with his step-daughter, they were the 1,300th, and 1,301 finishers. "More fun than anybody."

Gillian and Dona were into ice skating so Jim decided he would learn to skate. He learned to do a waltz jump on ice at age 47. After one of his louder falls he heard the instructor say something about Jim not having much coordination, but having "some guts." The skaters were in awe of his efforts.

Dona had wanted to live in Vermont, since she learned about it in fourth grade, so they began taking camping vacations there along with their Abyssinian kitty, Mr. Alexandre', who loved riding in the sporty Honda CRX through the mountains of Vermont. Each vacation there just got better and better. A couple of times they spent several hours in laundromats drying out their rain soaked sleeping bags, Vermont has wet Autumns. Bob Ware of East Burke, who was employed in the Labor Market Information job in Vermont, suggested Jim and Dona come up to the Northeast Kingdom to explore possibilities. That did it, it was love at first sight.

They sold the house in Madison and the day after he retired gainful work in January 1992 left town for Vermont in a loaded up rental truck with their Honda on a trailer behind. More fun than anyone! They first had a house, that Dona designed, built in Sheffield. In the ensuing years Hartley ran for their school board. In 1998 after five years on

the board, while he was Chairman of the Caledonia North Supervisory Union Board and Vice Chairman of the Vermont Schools Boards Association he was not re-elected to the Miller's Run School Board. Ahh, six months later he was re-appointed to the school board, as an at large member and served another stint as chair of the CNSU during the time they worked to end conflicts between Lyndonville and smaller member schools and between the board and the teacher's union. While he was chair, the teacher's union and the school board negotiated an equitable contract without the need for lawyers. It can be done.

Jim became the newsletter editor for the Northern Vermont Apple Users Group and served as their Apple Ambassador. He read tomes of first issue computer books, writing book reports for each, one of which went national. He then donated the books for drawings at the NVAUG meetings The monies were donated to the Northern Vermont Regional Hospital as a thank you for letting them use space for the meetings.

He served many years as treasurer of the Caledonia County Democratic Committee, also maintaining their membership list until resigning in 2003, because he was tired of correcting his reports. All the bookkeeping at home was always Dona's job.

Hartley had joined the Half Fast Mountain Climbers Club and met more long time friends. On their first 4,000 elevation hike Mt. Lafayette, Fernand Belval asked Jim to remind him where he put his hiking stick. It is probably not still up there. They hiked up Mt. Washington and later those who hiked down decided Hartley and John, who rode the Cog Railway down, made the better move. Fernand, Alfred Cole and Jim hiked the Long Trail, hiking not more than three days at a time, as carrying more food was onerous. They proudly finished the Long Trail in September of 2000. During this time, Alfred and Jim hiked the Appalachian Trail from the Long Trail to Mt. Moosilauke in New Hampshire while Fernand waited for his injured knee to heal. When they finished they wished they could do it again with their new digital cameras. More fun than anybody!

Hartley had won an all-expense paid trip for two to the national Apple Users meeting in San Francisco. A little thing he and Dona forgot to discuss before marrying was who did and didn't like to travel. Jim took a friend with him and they had much fun.

Jim and Dona sold their home in Sheffield and moved to a new home, 11 miles lower in elevation, in Lyndonville, Vt. in 2005.

When Jim compiled his daily diary minutes for this article he was still with us and, "in no special rush to depart this world, however, if it did happen tomorrow it would have been a full life with much fun." During his writing of these notes he decided he would continue to find more fun and humor in whatever he was doing and did that right up to three days before he left us for a new world. He is very much missed and still much beloved.

I wish to thank Caledonia County Hospice for making his last few months with me on this earth pleasant, peaceful and for allowing him to continue to have "more fun than anybody." Such a beautiful goal in his life.



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The winner, who purchased the jackpot winning ticket at the Brookside Market & Deli in Exeter for the drawing, chose the one-time cash prize of \$108.5 million. The market received \$75,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The Mega Millions drawing results from July 23 were: 1-4-23-40-45 MB-11.

Last year, a judge allowed the winner of a nearly \$560 million Powerball jackpot to stay anonymous. The woman signed the ticket before she realized that state law would let her create a trust to shield her identity.

Parents To Get Prescription Lock Boxes, Disposal Bags

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — More than 800 New Hampshire families are getting lock boxes and safe disposal bags in hopes of keeping youth away from prescription drugs and making

a small dent in a big problem.

Officials from the Capital Area Public Health Network and the Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative of New Hampshire said Tuesday they will be distributing the boxes and bags at community events and recovery-friendly workplaces in Concord and two dozen surrounding towns. Parents can request them directly from the organizations, said Annika Stanley-Smith, the network's director of substance misuse prevention.

She said prevention is an important part of addressing the state's opioid crisis, and the new initiative builds on other programs, such as the periodic drug take-back days when police departments collect prescription medication.

"Prevention can't just be one event at one time. Prevention needs to happen every day and everywhere. We need to stack up protective factors," she said. "We want to meet people where they're at."

A study published in July involving more than 18,000 high school seniors found that about 11 percent reported misusing prescription medication in the past year. Within that group, nearly half said they had multiple sources for the

drugs, including family members, friends with prescriptions and other sources that led back to prescription drugs in the home, according to the study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. A second study published in the same journal examined the source of prescription drugs misused by nearly 104,000 adolescents ages 12 to 17. The most common sources were family members, friends and prescriptions written for previous conditions. About 30 percent of those misusing the drugs took them from their home medicine cabinets.

Sean Esteban McCabe, the studies' author, said Tuesday more than 90% of American households that contain controlled substances are easily accessible to youth. Evidence is building that offering families cost-effective ways of safe prescription drug disposal methods is an effective in reducing the amount of leftover medications, he said in an email.

"New Hampshire is taking an important step in educating families about the importance of proper storage and disposal of controlled substances," said McCabe, a professor at the University of Michigan Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Health.

In New Hampshire, which has been among the states hardest hit by the opioid crisis, a recent survey by the public health network found that more than 80 percent of youth in the Concord region had easy access to prescription drugs. The initiative announced Tuesday was one of many efforts to address the crisis, along with a new hub-and-spoke model called "The Doorway-NH" in which hospitals and others work with local providers to ensure that help is less than an hour away anywhere in the state. Multiple fire departments also have created "Safe Stations" to direct people to treatment and services.

In Nashua, Fire Chief Brian Rhodes said Tuesday that as of last week, the city had seen a 3 percent decrease in fatal overdoses in the last year, compared to the previous year.

"I think we are seeing some successes, but I don't know if we can pinpoint any one thing," he said.

He said he may be difficult to measure the success of efforts like distributing the lock boxes, but said he absolutely thinks such an ap-

proach is worth it.

"We did not get into this crisis overnight, and we're not going to get over it overnight, but I think educating our youth to the dangers of prescription drugs is critical for their survival," he said.

5 of 13 Marijuana Bills Passed In New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire lawmakers considered more than a dozen bills related to marijuana this year, but fewer than half of them became law.

A push to have the state join others that have legalized recreational use of the drug fizzled, as did efforts to expand the qualifying conditions for the state's medical marijuana program and to allow patients to grow their own supply.

Of the 13 bills, five were enacted, including one allowing physician assistants to prescribe medical marijuana and another eliminating the requirement that providers have three-month relationships with patients before writing prescriptions.

Republican Gov. Chris Sununu had vetoed the bill related to the three-month provider relationship, but enough Republicans joined Democratic majorities in the House and Senate to override the veto Thursday.

As a practicing physician, Sen. Tom Sherman has certified patients as medical marijuana recipients. In arguing for a veto override, he asked colleagues to imagine requiring a psychiatrist to wait three months before prescribing a drug or a cardiologist telling a patient with heart trouble to wait.

"What do we call that? We call that malpractice, and delay of care," he said. "We all need to override this veto because as a practicing physician, right now, to not do so means that we are not practicing appropriate medicine in these cases."

The Legislature also authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to take steps to establish additional medical marijuana dispensaries, and in a separate bill, authorized the department to collect and release certain data

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regarding the use of medical marijuana.

The Legislature also established an annulment process for those convicted of possessing up to three-quarters of an ounce of marijuana before 2017, when the state decriminalized the drug in small amounts.

New Hampshire legalized medical marijuana in 2013. As of late last year, more than 7,000 patients were enrolled in the program. The list of qualifying medical conditions has been expanded over the years to include cancer, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease and more than a dozen other illnesses.

Lawmakers did not pass a bill that would have replaced the long list with "any condition for which treatment is determined to be necessary by a provider."

That bill was sent back to committee. Lawmakers also delayed action on a bill that would have added opioid use disorder to the list and another that would have added Lyme disease, insomnia and anxiety. State health officials and the program's oversight board are holding a public hearing on those four proposed additions on Sept. 25, with written comments accepted until Oct. 2.

New Hampshire Gets 13 Bids For Sports Betting

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Thirteen companies have submitted proposals to run New Hampshire's new sports betting system, lottery officials said Monday.

Republican Gov. Chris Sununu signed a law in July that legalizes betting on professional and most Division I college sports, excluding games involving New Hampshire schools.

Mobile betting and retail gambling at 10 locations will be allowed, and the wagering is expected to produce an estimated \$7.5 million for education in fiscal year 2021 and \$13.5 million two years later.

The new law created a Division of Sports Wagering within the New Hampshire Lottery, which said Monday that it expects to approve final contracts by the end of November and launch sports betting by early 2020.

"We are pleased and encouraged at both the robust number

of responses and the overall quality of the proposals," lottery director Charlie McIntyre said in a statement.

Voters in New Hampshire communities will have a chance to weigh in on permitting the operation of betting locations. The lottery is working to provide information on sports betting to cities with November elections.

Since a U.S. Supreme Court last year ended Nevada's monopoly on legal sportsbooks, they've opened in 12 more states. They've also been legalized but have not yet opened in another five — including New Hampshire — plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The issue is going to voters in Colorado this November.

Telemedicine Care To Assist Littleton Regional

LITTLETON, N.H. (AP) — A hospital in New Hampshire's North Country has formed a telemedicine partnership with the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock for the care of newborns.

Littleton Regional Healthcare announced Friday that the service would provide real-time assessment and treatment recommendations for babies born in Littleton.

A Dartmouth-Hitchcock neonatologist will join the local bedside team in Littleton to provide neonatal care and support.

A Dozen Spice Overdoses In A Few Hours In Manchester

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Manchester firefighters say

they were overwhelmed with calls for overdoses this weekend, many involving the synthetic marijuana product known as spice.

District Chief Henry Martineau told WMUR-TV that the first calls started coming in around 8 a.m. Saturday, and the number increased to a dozen in just a few hours. He says such calls are spreading the department thin.

Several of the overdoses happened at the New Horizons Shelter. An official there says spice has recently become a problem at the shelter. Chief Strategy Officer Cathy Khun thanked police and emergency responders, and said it will take multiple partners to tackle what she called a public health crisis.

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p.m., Outside League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters, 49 S Main Street, Concord. <https://www.nhcrafs.org/event/capital-arts-fest/>.

Open Meditation: 10-11 a.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury. <https://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org/>.

St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches to have joint service: 10-11 a.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Elm Street, Lyndonville.

Worship Service: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Sutton Freewill Baptist Church, 36 Church Street, Sutton.

Corn Maze: 1-5 p.m., River of Life Camp, 1145 Route 14, Irasburg. <https://www.riveroflifecamp.newhopevt.com/corn-maze/>.

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

Monday, Sep 30

COMMUNITY

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

Golden Ball Tai Chi: 8:30-9:15 a.m., St. Johnsbury House, 1207 Main Street, St. Johnsbury.

RSVP Bone Builders: 9:45 a.m., Littleton Area Senior Center, 77

Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

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

Tuesday, Oct 01

COMMUNITY

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

Play Groups at The Family Place Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:30-11:30 a.m., The Family Place at the St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Ave., St. Johnsbury.

Preschool Story Time: 10:30-11 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

Paint by Pages: Where Picture Books Meet Art: 1-2 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Annual Cabot Turkey Supper: 5 p.m., Cabot Church, Main Street, Cabot.

Annual Cabot Turkey Supper: 6:15 p.m., Cabot Church, Main Street, Cabot.

The Fall Foliage Festival

Variety Show: 7-9:50 p.m., The Willey Biuldong Auditorium, 3084 Main St, Cabot. <https://www.cabotarts.org>.

Northern Grafton County Republican Committee: 7-9 p.m., Littleton Regional Healthcare, 600 St Johnsbury Road, Littleton.

Wednesday, Oct 02

COMMUNITY

Awareness Through Movement lesson: 9-10:05 a.m., Littleton Studio School, 3rd Floor, 23 Ammonoosuc St, Littleton. <http://www.movementmentor.me>.

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

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

Awareness Through Movement - Mid-week Level Up: 12:15-1:15 p.m., Littleton Studio School, 23 Ammonoosuc Street, 3rd Floor, Littleton. <http://www.movementmentor.me>.

Whatever Wednesdays: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

Teen Creative Writing Series: 3:30-4:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Mindful Parenting Peer to Peer evenings: 5-6 p.m., The Family Place at the St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Ave., St. Johnsbury.

Meditation Open House: 6-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury. <http://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org>.

Alzheimer Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Little-

ton. <http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org>.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cook-A-Book: 3:30-4:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

1st Wednesdays: Willa Cather's Prairie Landscapes: 7-8:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Thursday, Oct 03

COMMUNITY

Kalischer photo exhibit at Peacham Historical Association: 12 a.m., Peacham Historical Association, 145 Church St., PEACHAM. <http://peachamhistorical.org>.

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

Play Groups at The Family Place Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:30-11:30 a.m., The Family Place at the St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Ave., St. Johnsbury.

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

Creative Kids: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

Peacham Fall Foliage Italian Dinner: 5-8 p.m., Peacham Congregational Church, 56 Church Street, Peacham. <http://www.peachamchurch.org>.

Thursday Parent's Night Out: 5:30-6:30 p.m., The Family Place At St. Johnsbury School, Western Avenue, St. Johnsbury.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

To submit for this calendar and for event descriptions, visit www.caledonianrecord.com/calendar/

Friday, Sep 27

COMMUNITY

Acorn Club Storytime: 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

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

Capital Arts Fest: 5-8 p.m., Outside League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters, 49 S Main Street, Concord. <https://www.nhcrafs.org/event/capital-arts-fest/>.

Star Party at the Northern Skies Observatory: 7:30-10:30 p.m., Northern Skies Observatory, 336 Bayley Hazen Road, Peacham. <http://www.nkaf.org>.

ENTERTAINMENT

Classic Movie Night: Captain Blood: 6:30-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Saturday, Sep 28

COMMUNITY

Concord Historical Society Open House: 12 a.m., Concord Historical Society, 456 Main Street, P O Box 301, Concord.

Yard Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Butlers Bus Service, 231 Red Village Road, Lyndonville. <http://www.kingdomanimalshelter.com>.

Capital Arts Fest: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Outside League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters, 49 S Main Street, Concord. <https://www.nhcrafs.org/event/capital-arts-fest/>.

Littleton Historical Muse-

um: 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://www.sugarhillnh.org/library-and-museum/sugar-hill-historical-museum>.

NAMI Vermont MIND Walk: 12-3 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl Street, Burlington. <http://namivt.org/walk/>.

Corn Maze: 1-5 p.m., River of Life Camp, 1145 Route 14, Irasburg. <https://www.riveroflifecamp.newhopevt.com/corn-maze/>.

Fabulous Chicken Pie Dinner: 5-8:30 p.m., North Danville Baptist Church, 4243 Bruce Badger Memorial Highway, North Danville.

Newark Fire Chicken Pie Supper: 5-7 p.m., Newark Street School, 1448 Newark Street, Newark. <http://www.newarkvtfire.org>.

Talk: What's Making Our Children Sick?: 7-8:30 p.m., Sterling College, 1322 N. Craftsbury Rd., Craftsbury Common. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-lecture-whats-making-our-children-and-the-rest-of-us-sick-tickets-70058684411>.

Ghosbusters - FREE Movie Night on the Green: 7:30-10:30 p.m., Danville Town Green, Park St and Route 2, Danville. <http://movenightonthegreen.com>.

ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night: BFG: 3:30-5 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Sunday, Sep 29

COMMUNITY

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

Capital Arts Fest: 10 a.m.-4

MOMS North Country Powersports Hosting Anniversary Bash Sept. 28

To celebrate its first anniversary of doing business in Groveton, N.H., MOMS North Country Powersports is hosting a one-day community celebration with free activities for area residents of all ages, and special off-road riding opportunities thanks to a temporary opening of the trail leading to the dealership.

In announcing the MOMS North Country Powersports First Anniversary Bash scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28, MOMS General Manager Larry Meservey Jr., said the event's focus would be to welcome and thank the community.

"Groveton is on the rise again thanks to the

incredible people of this area, and to celebrate we're inviting everyone to enjoy a great day together, both on the trails and at our store," he said. "Local organizations and businesses will have displays at MOMS during the event, and there will be fun and activities for everyone."

The event will include an off-road vehicle Poker Chip Run co-sponsored by MOMS and Caron's Gateway Real Estate. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Mill Yard, and special one-day trail access has been granted so riders can ride to MOMS, where the ride will end. Riders will receive poker chips at properties listed by Caron's,

and they'll get to enjoy fall foliage while out on the Ride the Wilds Trail System.

More than 30 vendors, including several food vendors, will have displays at MOMS, where activities will include a petting zoo, pumpkin painting contest, corn hole tournament, chili cook-off, a DJ playing music all day, and a special appearance by the Paw Patrol from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

The Broken Halo band will perform during the after-party from 5-7 p.m. at the store.

There will also be prize drawings throughout the day, and special deals on powersports vehicles, accessories, and apparel. But the real focus

of the event is celebrating the Groveton community.

"We were welcomed warmly when we opened our doors, and we've had a very special first year here," Meservey said. "We're proud to be part of Groveton and invite everyone to join us in the Anniversary Bash so we can say thanks."

Additional details about the 2019 MOMS North Country Powersports Anniversary Bash are available on the MOMS Facebook page, and at www.MOMSNorthCountry.com.

MOMS North Country Powersports is located at 149 State St., Groveton, NH 03582.

Celebrated Cellist to Join North Country Chamber Players for 'Foliage Concert' in Sugar Hill And Haverhill

The North Country Chamber Players will present their popular "Foliage Concert" on Saturday, October 12, at the Sugar Hill Meeting House, and on Sunday, October 13, at Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall in Haverhill. Both programs will begin at 4 p.m.

Now in their 42nd Season, the Chamber Players have been described by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts as "one of the outstanding cultural resources in the state of New Hampshire," and a critic from the Boston Musical Intelligencer lauded them as, "a sophisticated group of experienced, passionate, focused, and obviously talented musicians."

Chamber Players members Bernard Rose, piano, Susan Nidel, flute, Ronnie Bauch, violin, and Ah Ling Neu, viola, will be joined by North Country audience favorite, violinist Anna Lim, and world-renowned cellist, Edward Arron. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Arron has garnered international recognition for his elegant musicianship and impassioned performances. He appears regularly as a soloist and chamber musician throughout North America, Europe, and Asia, has participated in YoYo Ma's Silk Road Project, as well as Isaac Stern's Jerusalem Chamber Music Encounters, and, is the Director of the Masterworks Concerts series in Lyme, Connecticut.

The fall program will feature masterpieces from three centuries, including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's stylish and charming C Major Flute Quartet, Maurice Ravel's colorful, tuneful and jazzy Sonata for violin and cello, and Robert Schumann's historic Piano Quintet. The first major work to combine piano with a string quartet, paving the way for similar pieces by such Romantic giants as Brahms and Dvorak, Schumann's masterpiece is bold, energetic, enchantingly romantic and dazzling.

Piano Master Matthew Odell Returning To Tilly For Another Steinway Concert

The Juilliard School's master pianist Matthew Odell is returning to the Tillotson Center to play another afternoon concert in its popular "Sunday on the Steinway" series. This concert is slated for 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 29.

His performance will include such works as "Cloches d'angoisses et Larmes d'adieu" by Olivier Messiaen, "Noble Pond" (2008) by Chris Rogerson, "Sonata in B minor" by Franz Liszt, and "Gaspard de la nuit" (Ondine, Le gibet Scarbo) by Maurice Ravel.

A frequent performer at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, and the 92nd Street Y, the New Hampshire-born Odell has also appeared at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in Boston, Chicago, Paris, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Taipei, Taiwan, and Helsinki, Finland.

He has performed at the Aspen Music Festival in Aspen, Colorado, the European American Musical Alliance in Paris, New York's Focus! Festival, La Gesse Festival in Toulouse, France, Nuits musicales and Concerts du cloître in Nice, France, and the Rohm International Music Festival in Kyoto, Japan.

"Odell currently teaches at The Juilliard School and frequently presents master classes, workshops, and lectures at professional conferences and universities throughout the U.S and Europe. In 2010 he graduated with a doctoral degree from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Margo Garrett, Jonathan Feldman, and Brian Zeger. He studied further with Marian Hahn at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, graduating Pi Kappa Lambda with both a master of music degree and a graduate performance diploma in piano performance," according to his biography.

"He also worked with Karl-Heinz Kämmerling at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, with Ann Schein at the Aspen Music School, with Laurence Morton at Bob Jones University, and in master classes with Leon Fleisher, Richard Goode, Ian Hobson, Martin Isepp, Peter Hill, and the Tokyo String Quartet."

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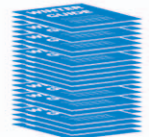


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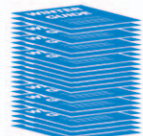
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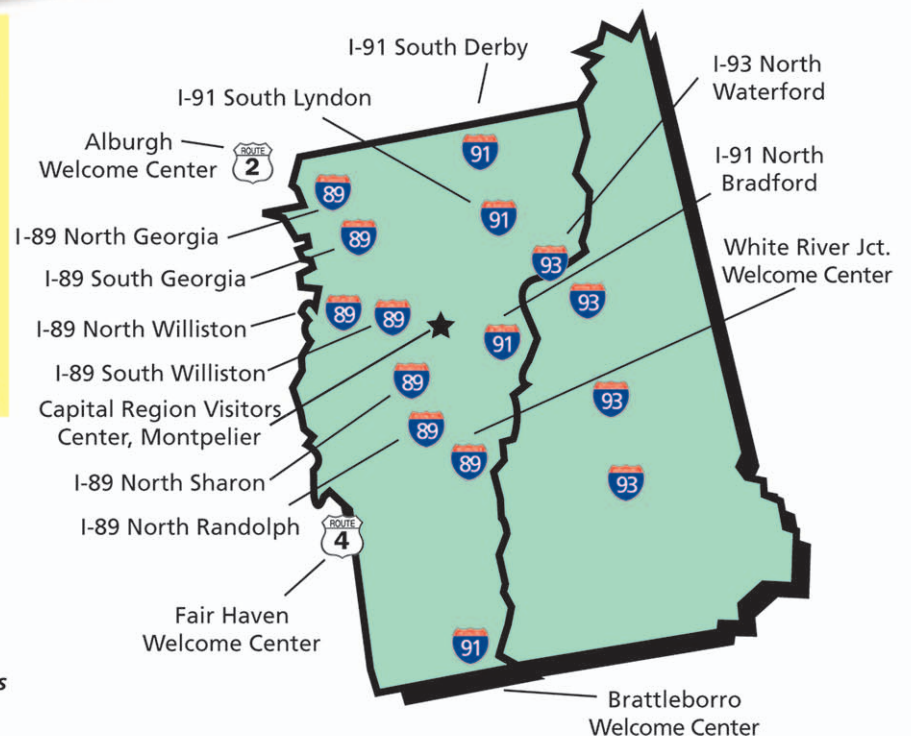
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George Morrison earned a BA in History at the University of New Hampshire. He served for 27 years as a high school teacher.

A long-time researcher of unpublished primary sources, Morrison has contributed to the work of numerous aviation historians and artists in several countries. He is a life-long photographer, historian, and motorcyclist. Morrison has already traveled over 18,000 miles in the course of researching monuments and memorials, an interest sparked by a puzzling 1918 monument inscription.

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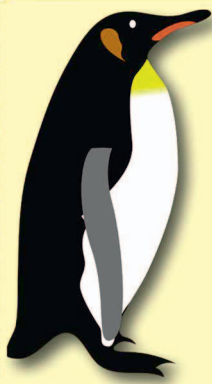
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