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Crash Claims Three Lives In Laconia:

Michaella Biron Seriously Injured In Motorcycle Crash

A young local woman remains hospitalized with life-threatening injuries following a motorcycle crash Saturday night in Laconia that claimed the lives of three people.

Michaella Biron is being treated in the intensive care unit at Concord Hospital-Concord, according to an update shared by her family on Mon-

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Folks from Lemington and Columbia joined others from around the region on Saturday to celebrate the two river communities and the covered bridge built in 1912 that brings them together. Courtesy photo.

Columbia And Lemington Hold Party And Dance At Covered Bridge

A covered bridge links the towns of Columbia, N.H., and Lemington, Vt., and the two joined in a shared event this past Saturday on the very bridge that connects them. The public was invited to take part in a potluck and dance that featured live music throughout the afternoon and into the evening, along with plenty of spirit and celebration.

Stacey Campbell of Columbia, one of the event's organizers, said plans for such an event originally came about a handful of years ago to celebrate Columbia's 250th anniversary. "But then COVID happened, so we couldn't," she told the **Chronicle**. "And it's just kind of been on our mind that we didn't really feel like we got a celebration." With the United States celebrating its 250th anniversary, she added, "We certainly enjoyed putting floats in the parade in Colebrook this year, but we said, 'Let's do something for us and

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Begins At 1:30:

Emily Dickinson Event On Sunday At GNWCA

Be prepared to step back into the 1860s on Sunday at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts in Columbia as Civil War-era poet Emily Dickinson invites audiences into her parlor for a heart-to-heart visit in "Stand Up and Live!," an original one-woman play written and performed by Colebrook native Renée Bucciarelli.

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Twin Beams Were Atop Summit:

Mt. Washington's 9/11 Memorial Was Stunning

By Charles J. Jordan

Last week, as the country observed the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, there were many tributes and memorial observances seen around the country. One of the most stirring was right here in northern New Hampshire when the summit of Mount Washington shone twin towers of lights

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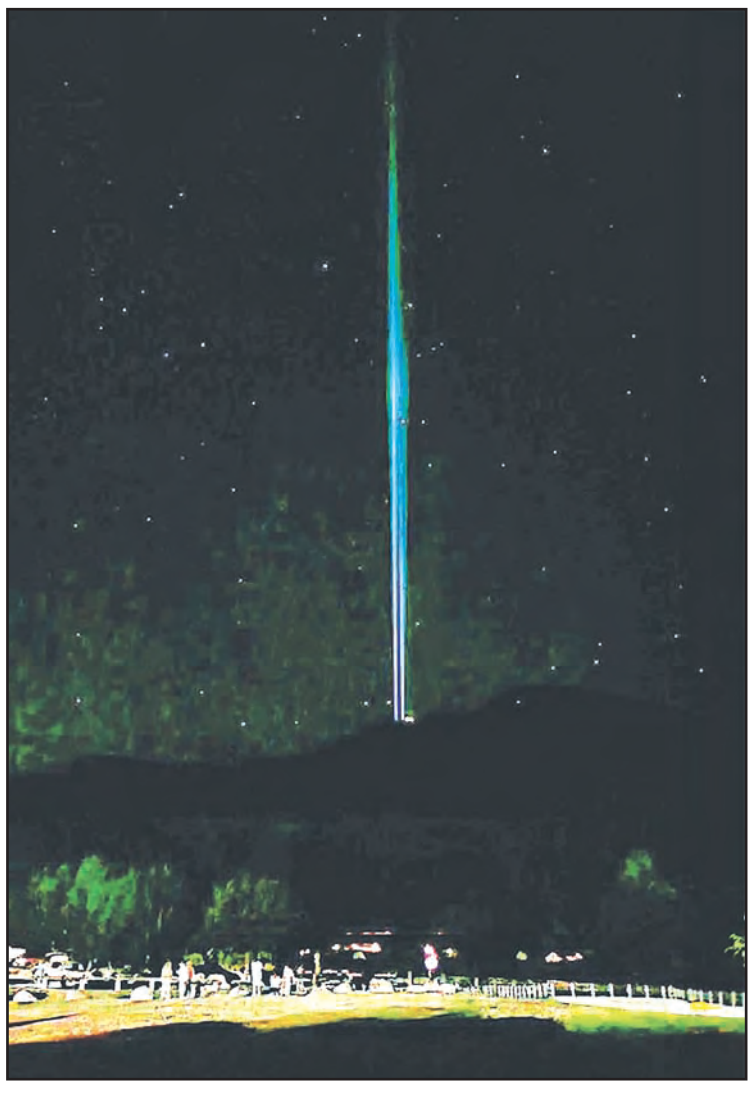

The breathtaking twin beams shone skyward from the top of Mount Washington last week attracted somber reflection. This photo was taken on Friday, the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Charles Jordan photo.

Project Airlift Delivers New Cohos Trail Shelter In Erving's Location

Helicopter transporting a suspended load during Project Airlift earlier this month. Courtesy photo.

After more than two years of planning, coordination and delays, a major undertaking by The Cohos Trail Association came together over four days in early September as 24 volunteers and numerous community partners completed "Project Airlift," using a helicopter to transport materials for a new backcountry shelter into Erving's Location while removing the remains of the former Baldhead Shelter from the top of Baldhead Mountain.

From Sept. 3-6, volunteers worked at three separate locations along several miles of the Cohos Trail. Balsams Wilderness Ski Area served as the base of operations for Tuckamore Aviation, which conducted the helicopter lifts, carrying components of the new shelter and privy into the remote site near Kelsey Notch and bringing dismantled material from the former Baldhead Shelter down from the mountain.

The operation traces its beginnings to

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Crash

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day. She sustained very serious injuries, and her family said the days ahead remain critical.

The Laconia Police Dept. reported that two motorcycles collided on Endicott Street North on Saturday night. Police Chief Matt Canfield identified the three people who died as Cameron Mosher, 28, of Dennis, Mass., Miles Collette, 32, of Gilford, and Jeanine Fereshetian, 33, of Laconia. All three were pronounced dead at the scene.

Police did not publicly identify the injured woman in their initial report. They said she was transported by medical helicopter to Concord Hospital with critical, life-threatening injuries.

Canfield described the crash as tragic and extended his condolences to the victims and their families. He also commended the emergency personnel who responded during what he described as a difficult night that stretched local resources.

Biron currently works as a paraeducator at Canaan Memorial Schools in Canaan, Vt. She attended schools in Stewartstown and Colebrook, where she distinguished herself as a three-sport athlete.

In soccer, Biron finished her high school career with 110 goals–an achievement comparable to reaching the 1,000-point milestone in basketball–and was named first-team all-state in 2016.

She was also a 1,000-point scorer in basketball, finishing her high school career with 1,487 points. She earned first-team all-state honors in 2015, 2016 and 2017 and was selected to play in the Twin State Basketball Classic between New Hampshire and Vermont. **Chronicle** sports announcer Butch Ladd noted that selection to the Twin State team is a rare accomplishment for a Division IV basketball player.

Biron also excelled in softball and was named first-team all-state in 2017.

For the past five years, she has served as an assistant coach for the Colebrook girls' soccer team. Biron had coached the team during its homecoming game against Groveton on Saturday, just hours before the crash.

On Monday, Michaella's brother, Chandler Biron, shared an update on behalf of himself and their mother, Sally Biron, thanking those who have contacted the family with messages, prayers and offers of support. "At this time, Michaella remains in the ICU and is receiving excellent care from her medical teams," they wrote. "She has sustained very serious injuries, and the days ahead remain critical. While we continue to hold on to hope, there are still many uncertainties, and we are taking things one moment and one day at a time."

Left photo: Saturday late afternoon/early evening, the historic Columbia Bridge was the scene of a two-town celebration. Courtesy photo. Tom Frizzell of Lemington, Vt., provided the music for the event. Charles Jordan photo.

Left photo: During Saturday's celebration at the Columbia Bridge, two young journalists were on hand to cover the event. Here Aidan Haley is being interviewed by Emily Rodin (right), and (left) Myla van Lynde of Community News Service from the University of Vermont, in partnership with Vermont Public. Right photo: Stacey Campbell., one of the event organizers, wears a commemorative Columbia T-shirt. See our interview with Stacey about plans that went into the celebration in this week's Video News at www.colebrookchronicle.com. Charles Jordan photos.

The family asked for understanding as they remain focused on being with Michaella and supporting her through the difficult days ahead. They said they do not presently need anything other than continued prayers, positive thoughts and support. "Michaella is an incredibly strong and beautiful person, and we are leaning on that strength while trusting her medical teams and taking each day as it comes," Chandler and Sally wrote.

The family expressed its gratitude for the outpouring of kindness, love and compassion it has received from the community.

Additional information will be published as it becomes available and is confirmed.

Columbia Bridge

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Lemington together'–because, at one time this was a much, much larger community."

She noted that, in the era of a more bustling train depot in town, folks came to the area for the store, transportation, mail and more. "So the people in Lemington had to come across the bridge. The bridge has been the thing that's connected us forever. It was built in 1912, and the last time it was refurbished was 1981, and we thought, gee, I don't know if the bridge has ever had a celebration!"

She explained that the bridge belongs to the Town of Columbia. "Before, the bridges that were here were toll bridges, and most of those people were on the Lemington side," she said. A bridge had been built in 1844 by a stock company and was destroyed by high winds in 1891. A year later, a second toll bridge was built and was destroyed by fire in 1910. "The towns got together and decided to do a public bridge, called a free bridge. I don't really know why it was not the two towns, but it became the 'Columbia Bridge,'" Campbell explained.

The event drew people from around the area to take part. "We want all our neighbors to come and join us," said Stacey, speaking to the **Chronicle** just as things were getting underway, with tables and chairs set along the bridge and music filling the air from local musician Tom Frizzell.

Campbell said the event was a volunteer effort. "I want to thank them," she said. "It just takes so many people. Everyone turned out, and in just a matter of two hours we got all of this set up." She also thanked Britni Haley of the Community Builders Hub for her assistance with the event.

Stacey was sporting a Columbia-themed T-shirt that read, "Population: 659, Deer: 2, Moose: 1, Bear: 21, Natives: Darn Few!" Funds raised through sales of the shirt benefit the local historical society, and the shirts are available at the town office. Another charming keepsake of the event came in the form of postcards. Stacey explained, "We can't afford coins–so we had postcards made up that have a nice picture of the bridge and some history on the back." The postcards also feature a photo of a coin honoring Columbia's incorporation in 1770 and Lemington's in 1762.

Emily Dickinson

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Presented by The Shakespeare Playground, the performance will take place beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 20, when the doors open with live 19th Century music performed by North Woods. Bucciarelli re-creation will begin at 2 p.m. A special exhibit hosted by the Connecticut River Artisan Group will be on display before, during and after the performance inspired by Dickinson's words and themes.

In "Stand Up and Live!," Dickinson emerges from isolation with an urgent and uplifting message for anyone who has felt powerless, disconnected or overwhelmed by uncertain times. Grief, fear and adversity are no match for her wit, grit and extraordinary poetry. "I feel rather bewildered—do you?" Dickinson asks. "The future looks so higglety-pigglety."

Bucciarelli grew up in Colebrook before pursuing a 20-year career in professional theater in New York City. She served in several artistic and educational leadership positions with the Kings County Shakespeare Company of Brooklyn and later spent 15 years as producing artistic director of City Stage New West in British Columbia. She recently relocated to Montreal. Bucciarelli previously portrayed Dickinson to critical acclaim in William Luce's biographical play "The Belle of Amherst." Her return to the North Country carries special significance. In 2006, Bucciarelli performed "The Belle of Amherst" at the Congregational Church in Colebrook as a fundraiser for the Great North Woods Center for the Arts, when the Center was just three

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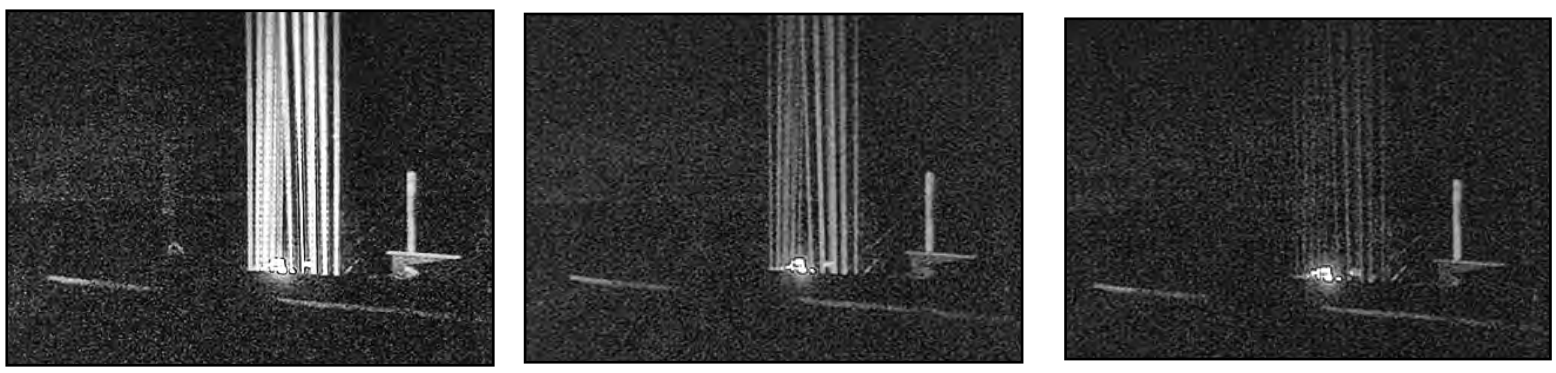
Among the closest vantage points to the lights was the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road, where this zoomed in photo was taken on Friday. Charles Jordan photo.



Right after midnight, as Sunday, Sept. 13 arrived, the powerful lights atop Mount Washington were turned off slowly for the last time, as seen in these sequential photos taken from the Observatory Tower cam's live feed at the summit.

Emily Dickinson

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years old.

Twenty years later, Bucciarelli is returning to perform her own original Dickinson play at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts—now an established cultural venue serving the North Country. Tickets will be sold at the door and are $20 for general admission and $10 for youth ages 13-18 (the show is recommended for ages 13 and over).

9/11 Memorial

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skyward for four consecutive evenings, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Honor Summit, as the project was called, was the idea of a Portsmouth businesswoman named Renee Plummer of Granite Springs Foundation. It was designed "to ensure that the 25th anniversary of 9/11 is remembered with the visibility and respect it deserves," as explained on the project's website. "From Sept. 9 to 12, the beams of light will illuminate the sky, four and a half miles above Mount Washington, and will be visible from communities throughout New Hampshire and beyond on clear nights." The Honor Summit towers, which made use of calibrated displays of high intensity lights, were inspired by the Tribute in Light in New York City.

On Friday, the actual anniversary of 9/11, I decided to head south from our home six miles from the Canadian border and see if I could experience the memorial first-hand. I made Lancaster my destination, as the summit of Mount Washington is visible from town. While en route right after dusk, I encountered Groveton School's Homecoming events. I stopped and took a few photos (they also held a moment of silence in honor of 9/11), then continued to Lancaster. Unable to see anything, I drove through Jefferson on Route 2 and finally at a scenic view overlook in Randolph I saw a cluster of cars by the side of the road. I got out and giving my eyes time to adjust, I began to discern the twin lights–but they were too light to capture with my camera. On through Gorham, I finally opted to go to the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road on Route 16.

And there it was–a breathtaking memorial beaming skyward. I worked with a few settings on my camera and came away with images to remember.

Like so many others, I became attached to those stunning beams, thinking about them all day Saturday. As Saturday wound down, I clicked on via my computer to the Observatory Tower cam's live feed at the summit. Shortly after the stroke of midnight, the beams were poignantly faded out one last time. But seeing them firsthand will remain a memory that won't soon fade.

Education

Eighteen Colebrook Academy graduates, spouses, and guests enjoyed a time together for lunch at the Black Bear Pub on Friday, Sept. 11. It was the 70-year reunion for the Class of 1956. Six of the remaining eight members were in attendance. Members of the classes of 1955 and 1957 were also invited to join in for the luncheon. Front row, from left, Jane Wheeler Coleman (1956), Sylvia Beecher Collins (1955), Betsy Hartwell Lynch (1956), Rita Brooks Brigham (1955). Back row, Bruce Hawes (1955), Palmer Lewis (1955), Charles O. Stevens (1956), Arnold Goodrum (1956), Kenneth Willey (1956), and Alfred Fogg (1956). Missing from photo: Shirley Burrill Stuart (1957). Karen Weed photo.

Police, Fire, EMS

COLEBROOK POLICE

On Sept. 9, at 1:03 p.m., police assisted a citizen with information. At 1:19 p.m., police spoke with a subject regarding an arrest warrant. At 6 p.m., police arrested Kimberly Plante, 37, of Stratford, on a warrant out of Littleton District Court. She was released with a new court date.

On Sept. 10, at 5:58 a.m., police received a report of a vehicle versus dog accident on Route 3. No injuries were reported. At 1:20 p.m., police assisted a citizen regarding a possible arrest warrant. At 6:50 p.m., police received a complaint of a suspicious subject sitting behind Dunkin'. Officers responded, located a homeless subject and removed him from the property.

On Sept. 11, at 12:19 a.m., police received a report of a male subject sleeping in front of the entrance to Dan Hebert's. Officers responded and removed him from the sidewalk. At 11:22 a.m., police took a report of a broken-down ATV on South Hill Road. At 3:41 p.m., police responded to Diamond Pond Road for a broken-down school bus. At 5:24 p.m., police assisted Lisbon Police Dept. with follow-up on an arrest warrant. At 9:49 p.m., police responded to the area of LaPerle's IGA for a report of an intoxicated male passed out on the lawn. At 10:50 p.m., police responded to Village Way for an attempted suicide.

On Sept. 12, at 3:25 a.m., Anna Roy, 45, of Canaan, Vt., was arrested after Colebrook Police Dept. officers observed her operating a vehicle with an inoperative headlight and taillight. She was stopped and charged with reckless operation, tail lamp and reflectors inoperative on a motor vehicle, and transporting alcoholic beverages. She was released on PR bail pending a court date. At 11:18 a.m., police took a complaint in the area of Route 3 and Piper Hill Road regarding a work crew in the roadway with no flaggers, creating a dangerous situation that reportedly nearly caused an accident. At 12:07 p.m., police responded to Diamond Pond Road for a report of a dump truck that had spilled its contents.

On Sept. 13, at 8:18 a.m., police received a report of a pole on fire in the southbound lane of Route 145. At 1:15 p.m., police responded to the Big Apple parking lot for a report of a domestic disturbance involving two subjects yelling at each other. At 2:12 p.m., officers heard gunshots in the downtown area and attempted to locate the source, but were unsuccessful.

On Sept. 14, at 11:06 a.m., police received a 911 hangup that was determined to be accidental. At 12:47 p.m., police received a report of a stolen ladder. At 9:24 p.m., the Colebrook Police Dept. assisted N.H. State Police with a medical emergency involving a male subject in Stewartstown. At 11:49 p.m., officers responded to Pittsburg at the request of N.H. State Police to assist with a homicidal and suicidal subject who was threatening to kill themselves and another person. Upon arrival, officers arrested Lacey Royal, 26, of Pittsburg, for resisting arrest and detention. She was turned over to N.H. State Police, with possible additional charges from State Police. On the Colebrook Police Dept. charge, she was released on PR bail and transported by N.H. State Police to Weeks Medical Center.

On Sept. 15, at 8:42 a.m., officers performed a VIN verification. At 9:54 a.m., police responded to a report of a broken window at a residence.

45TH PARALLEL EMS

The following is the ambulance call activity report for the period from Sept. 6-12.

The 45th Parallel EMS went to 15 medical emergencies in Colebrook, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, Columbia, Norton, and Canaan. Eight patients were taken to UCVH. They provided eight interfacility transfers.

View From The 45th Parallel

The Twin Beams Atop Mount Washington Brought Back A Memory To Us

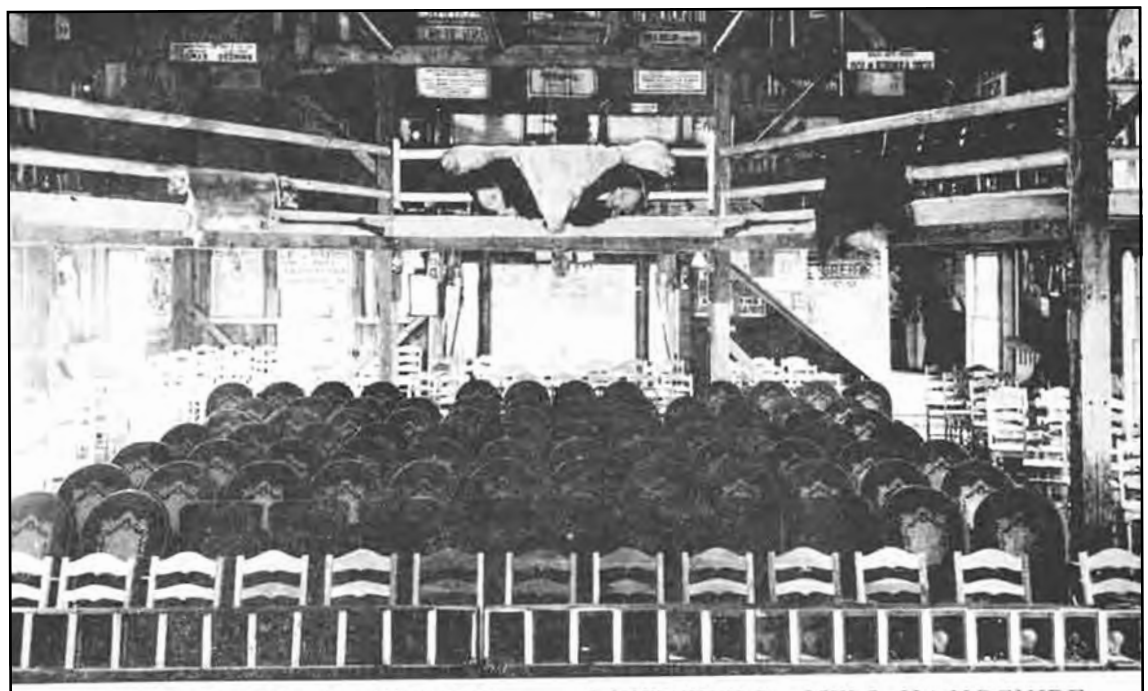
Many years ago–more than we want to readily admit–we were writing a story for a now long-gone magazine called **New Hampshire Echoes**. The article was about a newspaper that was published atop Mount Washington until 1908 called **Among The Clouds**.

We remember being engrossed while doing research at the Gorham Library in large bound copies of the one-time mountaintop journal. Stories of early travels to the Tiptop House by President Ulysses S. Grant and others transfixed us for hours.

One story that really caught our imagination was about a searchlight that was installed at the summit in 1892 that was said to be visible over great distances. In our story in **Echoes**, we wrote that colored plates were sometimes used on the searchlight, with the newspaper telling its readers that the powerful light "will be providing colored moonlight to the entire White Mountains this evening."

Charles J. Jordan

The Way We Were...



This old postcard captures the interior of the Chase Barn Playhouse in the 1940s, which was situated in Whitefield and preceded today's Weathervane Theatre in bringing top-notch performances to the North Country. The Chase Barn Playhouse presented theatrical productions from 1934 to 1962.

Our Yesterdays

By David S. Collins

MISSIONARY

Traveling north through the village of West Stewartstown along US Route 3 you drive by the Hope Baptist Church. The church itself dates back to the middle of the 1800s, but at one time it had a minister who grew up in Russia during the Russian Revolution.

The Town of Stewartstown was granted jointly with the Towns of Colebrook and Columbia on Dec. 1, 1770. Like many land grants of the times, it was not settled until after the Revolutionary War. As the town bordered the Connecticut River valley in the west, West Stewartstown became one of its village centers.

Stewartstown grew in the early 1800s and by the 1840s the population has expanded to 630 residents. At the time, people of the Congregational faith living in West Stewartstown traveled to Colebrook to attend church services. Due to the travel difficulties in those times, 20 members in Stewartstown formed the First Congregational Church of Christ. This group began holding regular services and eventually built the church which stands today.

The church had a succession of pastors into the early 20th Century. In October 1920 Miss Harriett Albee took over as the minister and grew the church further, including ministering to the County Home and Jail residents nearby. In 1948 under new minister Richard Sipley, the name was changed from the First Congregational Church to the Gospel Chapel, aligning in 1950 with the Independent Fundamental Churches of America. In 1955 a new minister, Rev. Mark Housman took over.

Reverend Mark Housman was born Marzelius Hausmann in the State of Minsk in eastern Russia on Nov. 12, 1908. He was one of 13 children, with three from his father's previous marriage and nine siblings from his own mother and father. His father was a carpenter by trade and mother a seamstress, owning a small 25-acre farm to support their large family.

When the First World War broke out in Europe, Czar Nicholas II issued a degree that citizens of various backgrounds, though born in Russia, would be exiled to Siberia. Housman's family was forced to move only being allowed to take with them a few necessities. As the journey was long, they baked bread and prepared pork to supplement their food in the days ahead. They were loaded onto wagons, passing through village after village. After a month's journey they arrived in Kursk. There the Russian government gave them a choice to work in government factories or continue on to Siberia. Housman's father declined and from there they traveled to Siberia by train, arriving there on Dec. 20, 1914.

The family lived and worked in Siberia for the next year and were treated well by the locals. By the spring of 1916, the Russians had pushed the Germans back in the east, so government fears subsided. Housman's father petitioned the government to move back to their home in the east. By the next year they were allowed to go back, but on the journey home his father was hurt loading a large family item on the train and died soon after from his injuries. Further, due to the beginning of the Russian Revolution the family was stopped from getting all the way back home and his mother passed away from an epidemic of the day.

Mark Housman lived through the famines of Russia in 1919 and 1920, eventually getting back to Ukraine to live with relatives. He joined the Communist labor union in order to obtain a job working as a boiler fireman in a flour mill in Nedaschka, living there until 1925. During these years, he was able to reconnect with his sister, Olga, who saw his sadness over his situation. She urged him to go to America.

He obtained documents showing he was a farmer in order to gain immigration status out of Russia into Canada. In March 1927 he left Russia and boarded a ship bound for the eastern provinces of Canada. Arriving there was the pinnacle of a dream he had since 1913 when an uncle came here. Upon arrival in Canada, he was able to obtain work in Saskatchewan as a farmer.

Housman began to enjoy his newfound life and became a Christian in 1928. He soon contracted Tuberculosis (TB) and spent two years being treated in a sanitarium in western Canada. When his health improved,

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Rev. Mark Houseman and his family in 1954, just a year before they moved to West Stewartstown. Courtesy photo.

Our Yesterdays

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he was able to stay with relatives in Minnesota, attempting unsuccessfully to be a restaurateur and operating a cherry orchard. In 1938 he found his true calling–moving back to Canada to attend the Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta. Mark Housman was ordained as a minister in the Evangelical Free Church of Canada in 1941. In 1942 he met his wife and they subsequently had four children. They made their life as the family of a minister and soon Mark was working in service of his faith. By 1946 he would emigrate back to the U.S. and serve as a minister in Minnesota. He would go on to preach in 224 different cities throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York, eventually doing missionary work in Russia and the Caribbean Islands. In October 1955 he moved to West Stewartstown, becoming the new minister of the Gospel Chapel.

Rev. Housman and his family made their new home northern New Hampshire, where he shared stories of his missionary work with his church and the Baptist Church in North Stratford. He was well respected by his church and never hesitated to share how he had been led through some very troubling times. Eventually he would publish his work in a book titled **Under the Red Star**.

In August 1957 he resigned as the minister in West Stewartstown and moved his family to Indiana. There he had a base for missionary work in Jamaica and beyond. Rev. Mark Housman continued to serve as a minister, passing away in 1990 at age 82.

A thought to ponder. Being a history buff at a young age I heard the story of Marzelius Hausmann and obtained an early edition of his book, but it would be years before I took the time to read it. No doubt many reading this article probably never heard of him, but his story is one of inspiration of the trials of life and for a time here in the Upper Coos he shared those words.

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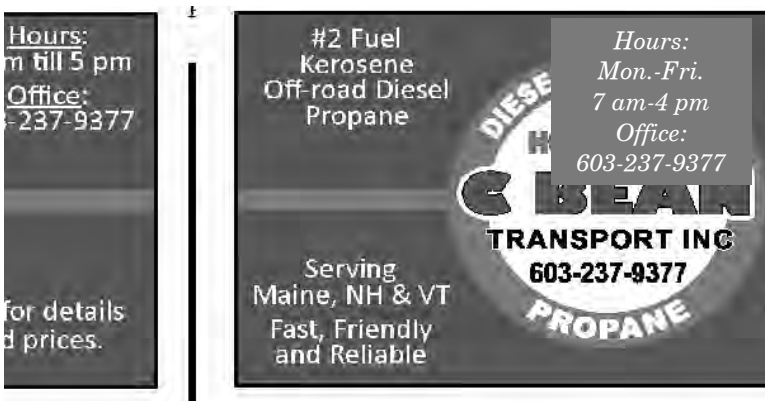
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New Shelter

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January 2024, when New Hampshire Fish and Game wildlife biologists John Sojka and Jacob "Jake" DeBow bushwhacked to Baldhead Shelter, located within the Hedgehog Brook Wildlife Management Area. During the visit, the biologists observed evidence of wildlife using the high-elevation spruce-fir habitat, including lynx tracks in the snow near the shelter. The area also provides habitat for moose and American marten.

Fish and Game subsequently allowed the Cohos Trail itself to remain on its existing route, avoiding the additional habitat disturbance that construction of a new trail corridor could cause, but requested that the shelter and latrine be removed from the sensitive area.

That decision presented The Cohos Trail Association with two challenges: finding a suitable location for replacement facilities and figuring out how to move thousands of pounds of building materials into, and old shelter debris out of, remote backcountry locations.

A solution to the first challenge came when Jamie Lintner of Bayroot Timber Company granted permission for TCTA to locate a new shelter and latrine on Bayroot property bordering the northern reaches of Nash Stream State Forest in Erving's Location, an unincorporated township in Coos County covering about 3.7 square miles and recording no residents in the 2020 census.

Other partners then helped make the complicated logistics possible. Maggie Machinist, manager of Nash Stream State Forest, approved a temporary helicopter drop zone on state forest property just above the new shelter site. Andy Pearson of the Balsams Resort secured permission from the owners of the Balsams and Balsams Wilderness Ski Area for TCTA to use the closed ski area as the helicopter base of operations. Clint Savage of the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails authorized vehicle access to the Cohos Trail trailhead via the Kelsey Notch ATV trail, saving volunteers considerable hiking time and dis-

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Sunset

Left photo: Suspended lift bag above a ground worker and dismantled shelter materials. Right photo: Volunteers gathered at the new shelter during construction. Courtesy photos.

New Shelter

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tance.

Meanwhile, preparations for the physical relocation were already underway.

On July 12, 2025, eight volunteers spent eight hours each dismantling the original Baldhead Shelter, which had stood at the high-elevation site since 2000, and its latrine. The 64-hour effort left the dismantled materials on the mountain awaiting eventual removal.

The Association initially hoped to complete the relocation during the summer or fall of 2025. When that proved impossible, another attempt was planned for early June 2026. Further delays followed before all of the pieces finally came together in September.

The new 10-by-12-foot timber-frame shelter, named "Erving's Hideaway," was constructed by Dana Southworth and Garland Mill Timberframes. Debbie and Andy Cobb constructed the new privy.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, volunteers gathered at Balsams Wilderness Ski Area to sort and organize the new construction materials into helicopter loads. The following morning, teams spread out among the ski area, Baldhead Mountain and the new shelter location.

At the ski area, volunteers prepared loads for Tuckamore Aviation. On Baldhead, another team bundled the remains of the old shelter and latrine for removal. Volunteers also carried lift bags, straps and other supplies up the mountain and secured sharp roofing and other debris for safe transport beneath the helicopter. At Erving's Location, another team waited to receive and organize the incoming construction materials.

As loads of new shelter components traveled into the backcountry, debris from the former Baldhead Shelter traveled out.

After the airlift, volunteers turned their attention to erecting the new shelter and privy. Twenty-four volunteers participated during the four-day project, some for all four days and others for one, two or three. Together they contributed 542 volunteer hours from Sept. 3-6.

Combined with the 64 hours spent dismantling Baldhead Shelter in 2025, those two major work periods alone account for at least 606 documented volunteer hours, without counting the considerable planning, preparation and other work that took place behind the scenes.

"After more than two years of planning and several delays, it was remarkable to finally see Project Airlift come together," said Cohos Trail Association President Susan Wentworth. "Twenty-four volunteers worked over four days, and every one of them played a critical role. The crew from Tuckamore Aviation was incredibly skilled and efficient, and it was exciting to finally see everything we had planned for so long become a reality."

The overall project is valued at approximately $99,700 and was made possible through a combination of grant funding, donated and discounted materials and services, volunteer labor and financial support.

The project received a $15,861 Tillotson Local Grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. While the grant provided important support, it covered only a portion of the overall project cost. Garland Mill Timberframes contributed donated time and discounted materials in addition to its work on the shelter. Pride Roofing donated the metal roofing, while White Mountain Lumber Company and The Paint Gallery provided discounted supplies.

The Association also credits Aaron DeAngelis, Wade Lein and Jordan Ford of the New Hampshire Army National Guard for their efforts to assist with the project during its planning and preparation.

For The Cohos Trail Association, Project Airlift represents more than the construction of a new shelter. It required cooperation among private landowners, state agencies, businesses, volunteers and community partners to solve an unusually difficult backcountry conservation and logistical challenge.

By Sunday, Sep. 6, the result of that collaboration stood in the woods at Erving's Location: a new timber-frame shelter and privy for Cohos Trail hikers, while the former shelter and latrine had finally been removed from the sensitive high-elevation habitat at the top of Baldhead Mountain.

Although Project Airlift is complete, TCTA continues to raise funds to help offset the remaining expenses associated with the project. The Association plans to launch a GoFundMe fundraiser, and additional information will be announced soon.

The Cohos Trail Association is an all-volunteer organization and welcomes those interested in helping maintain and protect the Cohos Trail. Donations are also greatly appreciated. To learn more about volunteering, membership or supporting the Association, visit cohostrail.org. Contributions may also be mailed to The Cohos Trail Association, P.O. Box 82, Lancaster, NH 03584.

Erving's Hideaway, the new timber-frame shelter. Courtesy photo.

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Community News

COOS COUNTY NURSING HOSPITAL

Several residents enjoyed making apple crisp for our apple-themed birthday bash. Staff members and residents have been working hard on their fall bulletin boards. Residents from both floors enjoyed an ice cream social and a fall social with cinnamon buns and apple cider.

Several residents made paper scarecrows to start off our

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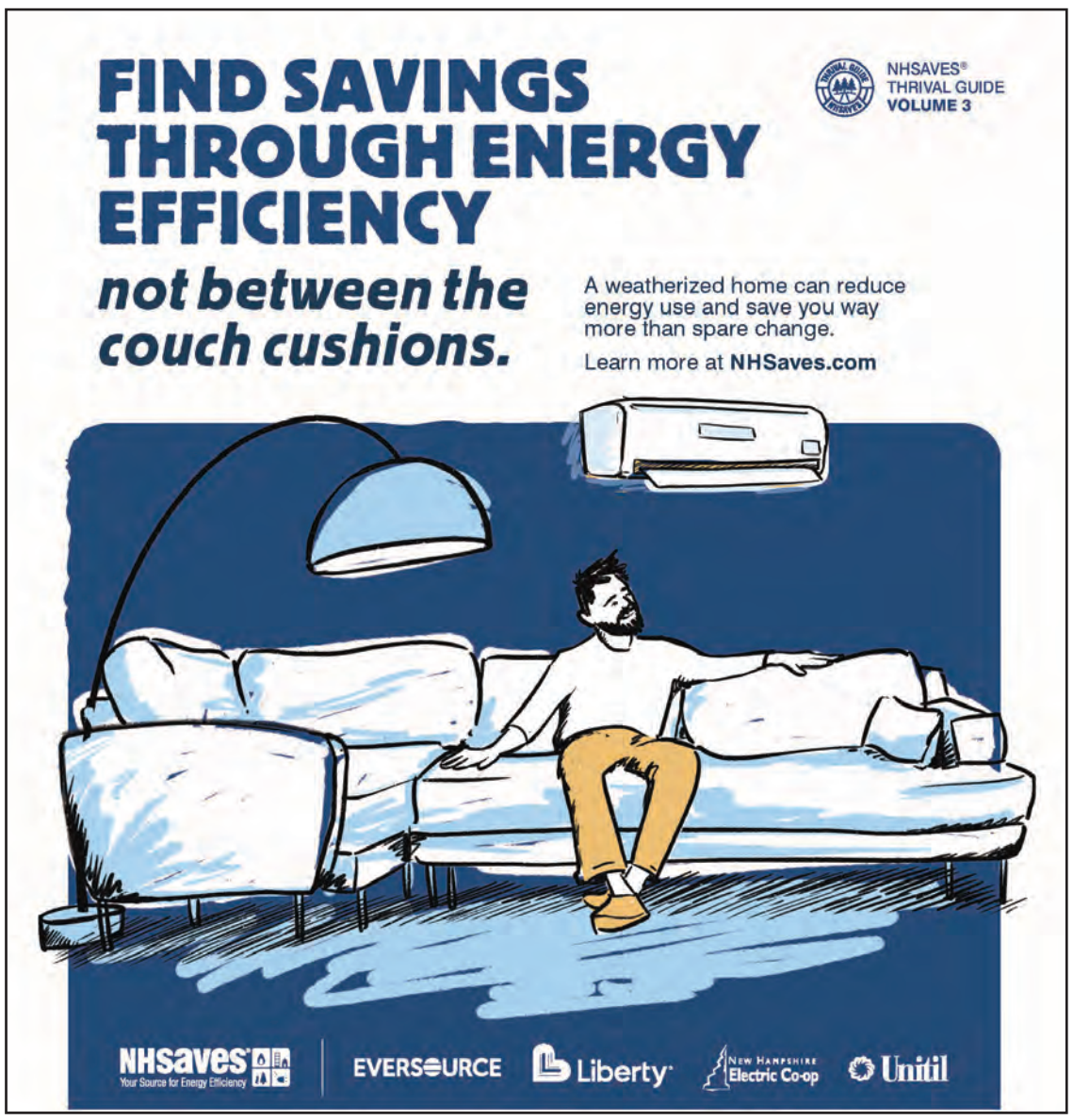

Senior King and Queen at Groveton's Homecoming on Friday were Mason Flanders and Delainey Parks. Charles Jordan photo.

Making more whipped cream pies during the Pie A Senior event at Groveton's Homecoming are Matt Hirtle and Kelley Brown. Charles Jordan photo.

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The Tom Gershwin Quintet performed a night of jazz at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts in Columbia on Saturday evening. Charles Jordan photo.

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fall decorating and joined our art class and enjoyed decorating canvas bags with leaf stencils.

We celebrated our own County Fair Week with fun activities each day. On Monday we had a big bucks/prize bingo; Tuesday a cocktail party with fresh-squeezed lemonade, corn dogs, on rings, and fruit cobbler; Wednesday was Karaoke with Rick; Thursday watched "Charlotte's Web," and snacked on popcorn; Friday we played a variety of fair games. All participants received prizes of their choice.

Resident Council met and discussed resident rights, upcoming events, and new events. They welcomed their new administrator, Ashley Hodge, to their meeting.

The men got together and had a men's night tailgating party. They enjoyed hot dogs and pretzel bits, while sipping on their favorite beverages.

Residents from both floors colored wooden pumpkins and entered them in a coloring contest, which other residents and the staff voted on. The winners were Jeanette in first place, Jacinthe in second place, and Dora Price in third place.

Residents from both floors enjoyed welcoming back the Line Dancers. Residents from both floors participated in Rosary and Baptist services. Several residents participated in Move to the Music with Ellie. Both floors participated in bingo this week and read the **Chronicle,** enjoyed manicures and having their hair styled at the salon.

COLEBROOK CRIBBAGE COHORTS

(Editor's note: weekly report submitted by Stan Mullins.)

The Colebrook Cribbage Cohorts played their first match of the 2026-27 season with 11 members and no guests at the

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boards.

Wendell Woodard was only member to score 12 or more points to claim first place. He scored 14/6/+75, followed by Louise Streeter with 11/5/+26 for second and third was Craig Greene with 11/5/+9. Our resident 95 year old, Margaret Frizzell (who will be 96 on Sept. 22) just missed out with an 11/5/-18 card.

Bob Pyne scored two 24 hands (the only one to score a 24 hand) for the coveted prize. The whining was kept to a minimum, although Mike Manley was close. I am sure he will be in better form in the coming weeks.

The Colebrook Cribbage Cohorts play at 1 p.m. at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts in Columbia and guests are welcome to join us. More information can be obtained from Stan Mullins at 603-631-4434 or 603-788-2603.

CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED SEPT. 2025

(Editor's note: monthly column by Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.)

As the leaves change into their colorful tapestry, the whirlwind of October is almost upon us at Canaan Naturally Connected (CNC). Starting right off will be the fourth Annual Chili and third Pickle Festival on Oct. 3, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Beecher Falls Park. A huge thank you to Dave and Wanita Begin, who created this fundraiser for CNC's benefit and continue to organize this amazing event. Join us for an afternoon of chili, pickles, raffles, games, prizes, crafts and music by Aron Swift. Please email us to acquire a contestant form or stop in at The Canaan Town Office or D&P Specialty Shop in Beecher Falls. There will also be a Cornhole Tournament going on simultaneously with the proceeds going towards the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department. To register email BFVFD326@gmail.com or register that same day.

The annual Scarecrow Contest will begin Oct. 1 and run through the 31st. All are invited to build a scarecrow at Fletcher Park or Beecher Falls Park, or on your own lawn. The categories, to spark your creativity, are Funniest, Friendliest, Scariest, Prettiest, Best Recycling. This is always a fun event and makes our communities welcoming. Pictures on our Facebook page will continue to be highlighted throughout the month, and where you can vote for the People's Choice Award. Trunk or Treat will happen on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2-3 p.m. at the Canaan Rec Park. Trunkers who would like to participate, please contact Terrie Herr at 802-735-4711 or email us. We ask trunkers to arrive by 1:30 to be ready for the treaters at 2 p.m. Grace Community Church will again offer hot dogs on Halloween night. What an active and fun October we have in store for all!

The Canaan Community Forest will be hosting the Enchanted Forest Trail again on Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Forest, 660 Green Hill Rd. Signage with balloons will point you in the right direction. Help make a portion of the trail continue to be a community for gnomes, fairies, and dragons! If you participated last year, see how your habitat fared. Some of them might need refurbishing. Refreshments will be available. Creations may be assembled at home or in the forest. There is a rain date of Oct. 11, should there be a need.

The Canaan Recreation Committee will be partnering with CNC hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner in November. Be on the lookout for more information available soon! If you

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TOWN OF COLEBROOK
MOWING BIDS

The Town of Colebrook is requesting bids for mowing of its closed landfill for the 3-year period beginning June 1, 2027 through September 1, 2029. Work includes mowing about 17 acres of closed landfills, road shoulders and buffer areas to the tree line. Mowing will be done once per year and be completed by Mid-August. Will require mowing on steep slopes and around structures including monitoring and landfill-gas-extraction wells and culvert headwalls. All bidders shall be required to verify that they are covered with automotive and general liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 and worker compensation insurance meeting the statutory requirement.

All bidders are encouraged to visit and thoroughly familiarize themselves with the site prior to the submission of their bid. To schedule a site visit please contact David Brooks, Landfill Operator, at (603) 915-0332. Bidders are not permitted to access the landfill area unless accompanied by a landfill employee.

All bids must be received by October 15, 2026 in a sealed envelope mailed to Town of Colebrook, 17 Bridge Street, Colebrook, NH 03576.

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Columbia is soliciting bids for the plowing/sanding of the following two Town properties:

1. TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

1679 US Route 3, Columbia, NH. Must be cleared/sanded prior to 10:00 a.m. and as needed during the day in order to keep the lot safe for town residents.

2. TOWN HALL

1919 US Route 3, Columbia, NH. Must be cleared/sanded at the end of each storm. (Does not include the new parking lot.)

Snow banks at the two locations may be required to be set back as needed.

Bids will be accepted on a per time basis not for the entire season. The successful bidder must provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance.

Bids may be mailed to Town of Columbia, P.O. Box 157, Colebrook, NH 03576. Please mark "town snowplowing" on the outside of the envelope.

Bids may also be hand delivered to the Town Office during normal working hours.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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would like to get involved, let us know.

Teen Game Nights continue–these fun-filled evenings are held the third Monday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 47 in Canaan, Vt.. All teens are welcome–the more the merrier.

The North Country Community Recreation Center will be hosting the NH/VT Covered Bridge Half-Marathon on Sept. 26, starting at 8 a.m. Please see their Facebook page or www.northcountryreccenter.org for more information.

CNC has monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 4:30 p.m., either at the Grace Community Church or by Zoom. We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any projects to please get in touch with us. Besides the website https://canaanvt.com you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. As CNC moves into the fourth quarter of 2026 with continued opportunities of good stewardship for our communities, we truly hope that more people become involved to make it continue to happen.

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION IN GILMAN

The Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel & Museum will host a First Responder Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., bringing together first responders and community members for a special day of recognition, gratitude, and fellowship.

First responders from area departments and agencies will participate in the event, providing community members with an opportunity to meet them, learn more about their work, and personally thank them for their service.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with a Community Ceremony of Appreciation honoring first responders for their courage, compassion, commitment, and service to others.

Following the ceremony, attendees will have opportunities to meet participating first responders, explore emergency vehicles, and tour the Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel & Museum. Free ice cream and a light lunch will also be provided.

The Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel & Museum, situated at 52 Elm St. in Gilman, Vt., invites families and community members of all ages to join in this special day and help show area first responders how much their service is valued and appreciated.

Politics

PITTSBURG TALLY, AND GORMAN/COTE RESULTS

Complete results from Pittsburg for the Tuesday, Sept. 8, New Hampshire State Primary were not available in time for last week's edition. The following results have since been reported by the N.H. Secretary of State's Office. Write-in votes are not included.

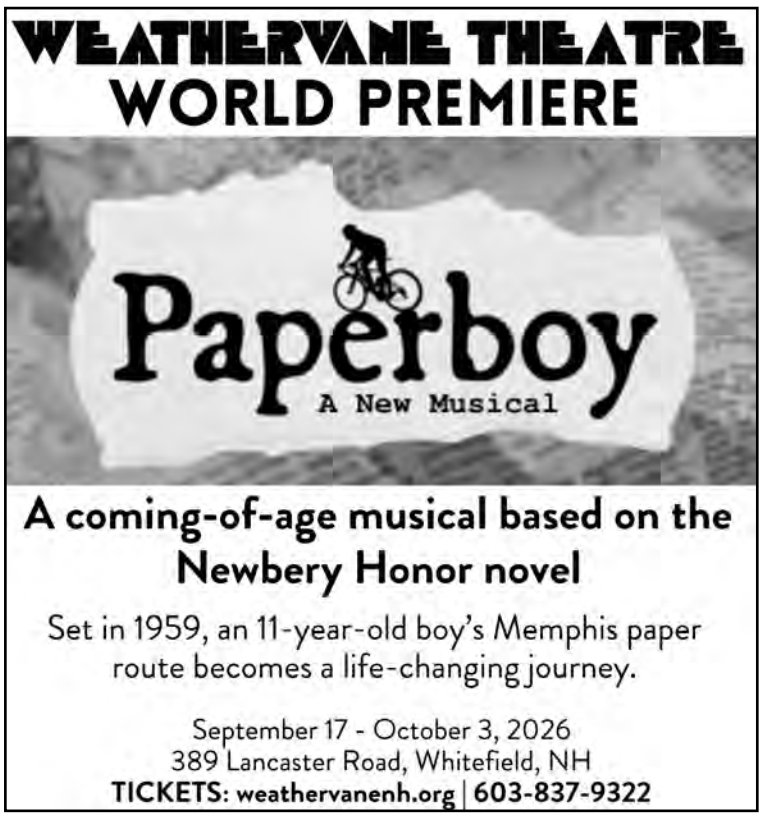
Republican: Governor: Kelly Ayotte, 122; Bob Wayne McClory, 2; Shaun Fife, 1. U.S. Senator: John E. Sununu, 115; Scott P. Brown, 10; Tom Alciere, 4; Sabrina Ann Smith, 3; Sky Danley, 0; Andy Martin, 0; Mary Maxwell, 0; Richard A. McMenamon II, 0. Representative in Congress, District 2: Lily Tang Williams, 86; Dan Nicholson, 22; Victor Orlando, 5; Michael Anthony Callis, 4. Executive Councilor, District 1: Joseph D. Kenney, 115. State Senator, District 1: David Rochefort, 113. State Representative, Coos District 2: Arnold G. Davis, 113. County Commissioner: incumbent Ray Gorman, 92; Michael Cote, 24.

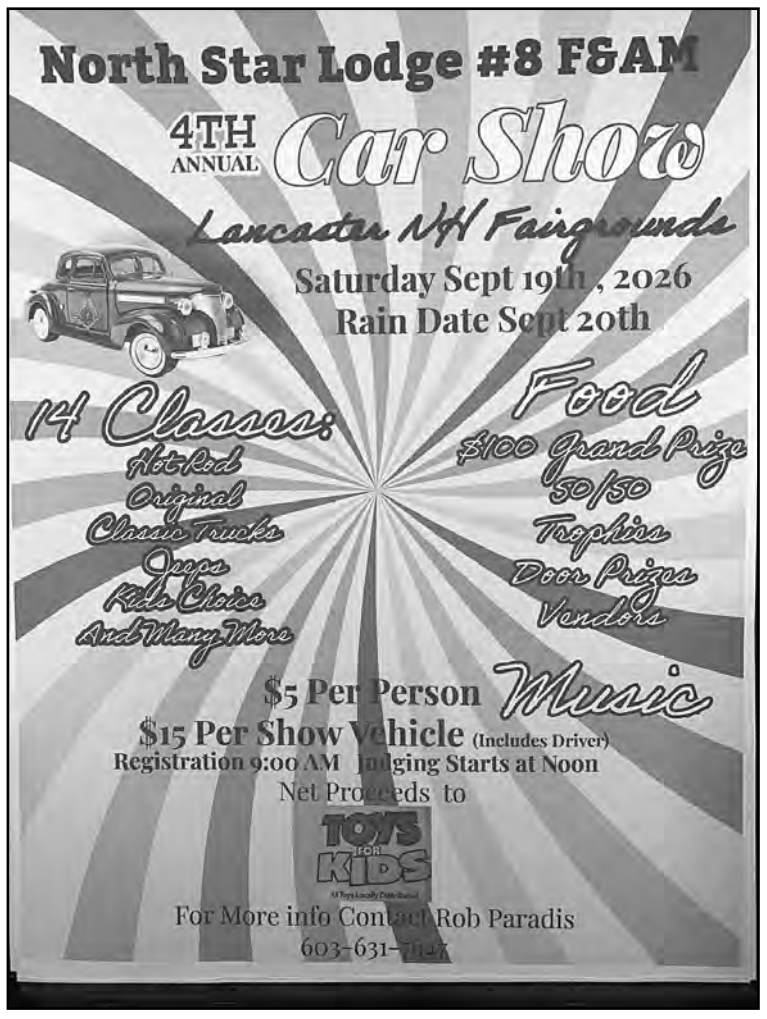
Democrat: Governor: Cinde Warmington, 35. U.S. Senator: David Jarvis, 1; Karishma Manzur, 4; Chris Pappas, 33; Maxwell L. Saal, 0; John Vail, 1. Representative in Congress, District 2: Paige Beauchemin, 6; Maggie Goodlander, 33. Executive Councilor, District 1: Luz Bay, 30. State Senator, District 1: Cathleen A. Fountain, 33. State Representative, Coos District 2: Lincoln Robertson, 31

No candidates were listed for delegate to the Republican or Democratic state conventions.

The Republican contest for Coos County Commissioner remained too close to call when last week's edition went to press. The final countywide results showed incumbent Ray Gorman winning the nomination with 545 votes, 20 more than Michael Cote, who received 525.

The election date and results source are confirmed through the New Hampshire Secretary of State and its 2026-27 political calendar.





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COLEBROOK CEMETERY NOTICE

Bylaws of the Town of Colebrook, NH municipal cemeteries state that the cemeteries will be cleared of all flowers and wreaths, artificial and natural, and all other decorations by September 30 of each calendar year.

In order to make sure no arrangements, containers, or decorations are removed in error, please pick them up by September 30, as any remaining will be disposed of by cemetery employees. The grounds will be ready for placement of winter wreaths by Nov. 1.

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Around The Region

Pat the dog poses with his owner, Danielle Vallieres. Corey Bellam photo.

Members of the Lennoxville Quilters Guild gather for a group photo during their annual quilt show at Grace Village. The guild, made up of approximately 30 quilters, displayed around 30 quilts during the two-day event and meets weekly at Grace Village to work on projects and visit with residents. Each year, the group also creates two Quilts of Valour to be presented to current and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces in recognition of their service. Corey Bellam photo.

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE AT THE EMERALD

St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, now doing business as The Emerald Art Center, welcomes back Counterfeit Cash: A Tribute to the Man in Black on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Counterfeit Cash brings the legendary music and unmistakable sound of Johnny Cash to the stage, with Rhode Island native Rodney Brunelle taking on the role of the "Man in Black." With his rich, low vocals and appreciation for the stories behind Cash's music, Brunelle has made it his mission to help keep the songs and legacy of Johnny Cash alive.

Counterfeit Cash has performed more than 300 shows throughout the Northeast and in New York, Memphis and Nashville. The Sun Studio recording artists have built a following among Johnny Cash fans with a performance that celebrates both the music and storytelling that made the Man in Black an American music icon.

Doors open at 1 p.m. and the show begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. The performance is presented with series sponsorship from Bryant Funeral Homes and is co-sponsored by Eversource. The Emerald Art Center is located at 155 Emery St., Berlin, NH. For tickets and more information, call 603-752-1028.

Roland Mittner stands with part of his collection of more than 200 antique sewing machines at his Canton de Hatley property. His collection ranges from early hand-crank and foot-pedal machines to electric models, including machines from the USSR and even sewing machine-themed items such as pencil sharpeners. Mittner's interest began years ago when a friend was about to throw away two old machines, which he repaired and kept, and the collection grew from there. He is now hoping to find a museum or other home for the collection so it can be preserved for years to come. Corey Bellam photo.

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Obituaries

Betty Montgomery

BETTY MONTGOMERY

GROVETON–The family of Betty (Withers) Montgomery of Groveton is deeply saddened to announce her passing on Sept. 1, 2026, at the Lafayette Center in Franconia at the age of 97.

Betty was born on May 21, 1929, in Madison, Maine, to Herman and Esther (Young) Withers. She attended school in Groveton and later married Roger Montgomery in 1947.

Betty lived a full and active life. She was a family-oriented homemaker, raising five children and caring for her own mother until her passing in 1993. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Groveton for many years.

Betty is survived by her brother, Dean Cushman of Florida; two sons: William "Widgy" Montgomery (Kendra) of Midlothian, Texas, and Richard Montgomery of Stark; one daughter: Donna (Robert) Stinson of Groveton; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Betty will be fondly remembered as a devoted family matriarch who loved cooking and baking. Crafting, sewing and reading were some of her many hobbies. She also loved to walk and would walk four miles every day. Betty had a green thumb, and if she wasn't in the kitchen, she could be found in the garden or in her flower garden.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Roger; her brother, Thomas Withers of Pa.; daughter, Susan Suda of Georgia; and daughter, Karen Merrow of Groveton.

A graveside service will be held at the Northumberland Cemetery on Monday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m.

Betty's family wishes to thank North Country Hospice and the Lafayette Center in Franconia for their compassion and care in Betty's final days.

Carole Ann Tyler

CAROLE ANN TYLER

PITTSBURG–Carole Ann (Martin) Tyler, 83, of Pittsburg and formerly of Stratford, died peacefully at Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, with her loving family by her side.

Carole was born on Jan. 30, 1943, in Lancaster, to the late Shirley and Flora (Shatney) Martin. She graduated from Stratford High School, class of 1962. Carole grew up in Stratford before moving to Bloomfield, Vt., then Underhill, Vt., and then back to Stratford, where she lived from 1969 until 2012, when she moved to Colebrook and then to Pittsburg in 2019.

Carole was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford.

Carole started the Stratford Boy Scouts Chapter, ran an Amway business for 15 years, worked as a factory worker, a CNA, a teacher's aide, provided private duty care for the elderly, then worked at the Balsams Motel and Resort, and finally at Santa's Village.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidering, crocheting, crafts and cake decorating.

Carole is survived by five children: Arlene Tyler Paquette and husband Michael of Pittsburg, Arlene's twin, Arland Tyler, and wife Donna of Groveton, Stacey Tyler of Littleton, Jimmy Tyler and wife Darlene of Colebrook, and Angela Hooker and husband Wayne "Buzz" of Maidstone, Vt.; two daughters-in-law: Betty Tyler and Tammy Tyler; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three siblings: Betty Williams and husband Larry of Bloomfield, Vt., Claire Steady of Berlin, and Danny Martin and wife Darlene of Colebrook; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by, in addition to her parents, her husband of 46 years, Clyde A. Tyler, on June 29, 2010; and two brothers, Shirley Martin, Jr., and Ronald Martin.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. at Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home, 100 State St., Groveton. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 51 Main St., North Stratford, with Pastor Mike Pelletier officiating. Interment will follow in the West Charleston Cemetery in West Charleston, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Carole's name to North Country Home Health and Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561.

For directions to the services or to send the family condolences via the online guestbook, visit www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com.

Ginette Pariseau

GINETTE PARISEAU

COLEBROOK–A rescheduled graveside committal service for Ginette "Gigi" L. Pariseau, 84, who passed away on May 21, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m. in St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery in Colebrook.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ginette may be made to the Catholic Women's Club of St. Brendan's, c/o 55 Pleasant St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins and Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

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Seeking snow plowing bids for the 2026-2027 winter season for the Jackson Rd. off of RTE. 114 to include 6.5 miles.

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Quote deadline: October 30, 2026

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We wish to thank our neighbors, families, and friends for all their help and support with our 250th Celebration for Columbia, NH and Lemington, VT.

With lots of planning and many good folks working together, we had a nice event with potluck, music and dancing on the Columbia Bridge on Saturday, September 12.

Whether it was providing music, offering parking, making signs, creating advertising, taking photos, providing lights and power, donating fall decor, or helping us set up or take down tables - we couldn't have done it without your help and we appreciate all of you!

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Strong communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to apply regulations fairly and consistently are essential. Familiarity with land use, construction, or municipal government is helpful.

$250 annually, plus $25 per permit

Submit a letter of interest and summary of qualifications to Zachary Brown, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Canaan Town Office, by September 28, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. Contact the Town Office at 802-266-3370 for more information.

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TOWN OF COLEBROOK
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
JOB OPENINGS

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

The position requires a CDL certification and the ability to undertake a variety of physical tasks. Experience in highway plowing preferred and mechanical abilities are an asset. This full-time position offers a competitive benefits package and will require a fitness-for-duty physical and a criminal background check. Applications may be obtained at the Colebrook Town Hall, 17 Bridge Street, Colebrook. For inquiries, call (603) 237-8019 and ask for Kevin Rice, Highway Department Head.

Starting pay is commensurate with experience and applicants should be prepared to start immediately. Completed application may be dropped off at the Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Northern Borders Dispatch Center in the town hall after hours. This position is open until filled.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

To work in all Public Works departments on an as-needed basis. The position includes operating the Bobcat and keeping town sidewalks plowed in the winter months. Applications can be obtained at the Colebrook town office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For inquiries, call (603) 237-8019 and ask for Kevin Rice, Highway Department Head.

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Obituaries

Mary Jane Falkenham

MARY JANE FALKENHAM

LANCASTER–Mary Jane (Evans) Falkenham passed away peacefully at Morrison Nursing Home. There, she was fondly referred to as "MJ" by both the staff and residents. The family is grateful for the care she received.

She was born in Lancaster to Roger Evans and Etta (Ramsdell) Evans on June 5, 1931. Born the middle child, she was predeceased by her siblings, Priscilla (Evans) Truchon, Franklin "Bum" Evans, Sylvia (Evans) Aldrich, and Samuel Evans.

Mary Jane attended school in Lancaster, where she met the love of her life, Elwin Falkenham. She graduated valedictorian from Lancaster High School. She then attended the University of New Hampshire and Keene State College.

She worked for the telephone company in Littleton and in Boston. On Aug. 29, 1953, she married her high school sweetheart, Elwin. They moved to Boston and Mary Jane worked to support them while he was attending Tufts Medical School.

Mary Jane spent many years raising their five children at their home on Elm Street. Her home was always open to our many cousins and all the neighborhood children. She also chaperoned school activities, helped with youth Bible studies and supported the Mt. Prospect ski area in many ways.

Mary Jane loved playing tennis and was a member of the bowling league. She sang in local choruses and in the church choir. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Lancaster and was well known for the abundance of baked goods she'd make for the Christmas Bazaar every year.

After their children left home, Mary Jane and Elwin traveled to faraway places. They enjoyed visiting China, Ireland, Panama and Iceland, just to name a few.

In 2019, they decided to simplify life and moved to independent living at Summit by Morrison in Whitefield, where they lived comfortably for two years, making new friends and enjoying activities.

After Elwin passed, Mary Jane had the blessing of meeting Bob Slater. They fell in love and shared a commitment ceremony with their families on June 5, 2024. Bob was an unexpected gift in her last few years.

Mary Jane was predeceased by her husband, Elwin; daughter, Sally; and granddaughter, Jennifer Fargo.

She leaves behind four children: Carol (Falkenham) Dillingham and husband Michael of Rochester, Ann (Falkenham) Fargo and husband Richard of Chatham, Mary Ellen (Falkenham) Fuller and husband Russell of Colebrook, and David Falkenham and wife Jokie of Lancaster; five grandchildren: Ryan Dillingham, Laura (Dillingham) Morgan, Jeffrey Fargo, Marion (Fuller) Fogg and Elise (Fuller) Gaumond; and five great-grandchildren: Isaac Morgan, Avery Morgan, Kaelyn Dillingham, Annelise Fogg and Oliver Fogg.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Summer Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lancaster Community Food Bank at Christ United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Main Street, Lancaster.

Sports

PERRAS TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES

Emilya Perras has earned the opportunity to represent the United States and New Hampshire at The Cup, an international fastpitch softball event held in the Netherlands.

Out of nearly 400,000 fastpitch softball athletes competing across America, Perras was selected for the opportunity, representing her family, coaches and community as well as her state and country.

Perras lives in Campton and attends Plymouth High School. She is the daughter of former Groveton residents, Amanda Corrigan and Bobby Perras, and her grandparents include Josee Lawton of Colebrook, Jeff Webster of Groveton, and Bob and Christine Perras of Groveton. She is the step-granddaughter of Mike Ouellet, of Colebrook.

In January 2027, Perras will travel to the Netherlands to compete in the 31st annual The Cup, an international event that has become one of the most respected showcases in fastpitch softball. For more than three decades, The Cup has brought together elite athletes from around the world. Perras will compete against national team players, professional athletes and Olympians representing countries including the Netherlands, Italy and the Czech Republic. Many of the international athletes competing range in age from 20 to 33.

The Cup also gives participating athletes an opportunity to experience historic landmarks and destinations throughout Europe. Scheduled stops include the Anne Frank House, Corrie ten Boom House and Church in the Attic in Amsterdam, as well as the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, the Mona Lisa, the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées.

Games from The Cup will be broadcast internationally to more than 30 countries, allowing family members, friends and softball fans around the world to follow the competition. More information is available at www.thecup.nl.

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Related experience, leadership ability, and basic computer skills desired. Valid driver's license required; CDL not required. On-call and emergency availability required.

Submit an application and any supporting résumé to **Zachary Brown, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Canaan Town Office, by September 28, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.** Contact the Town Office for application information and the full posting.

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Boss plow, 7-ft. 6-inch blade. In real good condition. Three year's old–all there. $4,000 firm. Also, a car trailer, 16 ft. Long by 7 ft. Wide. Has five brand new tires. All steel. 603-636-0050 or 603-631-2360. 9/18

Retirement Sale in Colebrook, (home all day/night, call 603-937-2009)…
• Outboard 18hp boat $3,100: 17' w/battery start, trailer, all accessories.
• 2017 Ford Expedition $18,800: 10k lb tow pkg w/brakes. Winch, sunroof, new a/t tires. Everything works w/manuals & service records.
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• Snowblower heavy-duty B&S 21ft-lbs $1,800: 38" wide w/electric start & heated handles.
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Miscellaneous

To Whom It May Concern: We towed your vehicle from an arrest at the gravel pit at the end of Fish Pond Rd.. In Columbia on April 17, 2026 per the request of N.H. State Police. The car has been at my tow yard since. I am applying for a mechanic and storage lien on it to obtain the vehicle title. The total bill is now $14,800 and increasing by $100 per day. The vehicle will be held for public auction on 9/25/2026. Located at C-4 Automotive, 114 Colby St., Colebrook.

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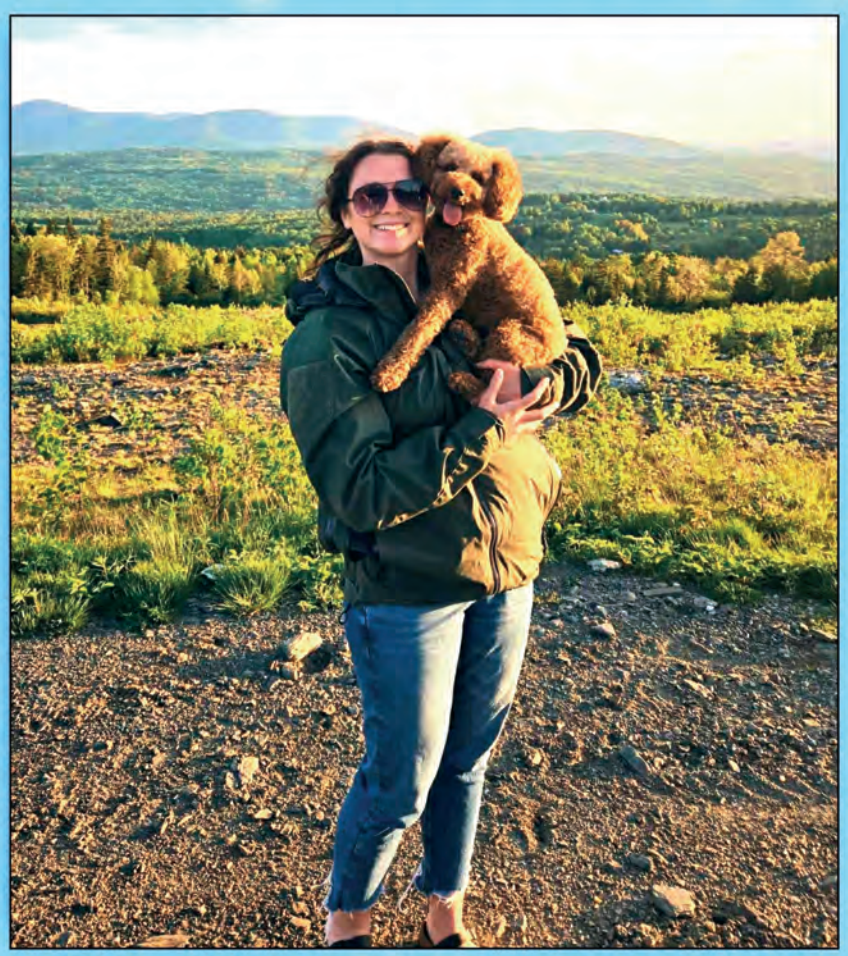

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