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A New Office Assistant for the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce

We are excited to introduce you to our new Office Assistant, Jessica Johansson. Jessica has been training with us and is ready to dive in! As we write this, the office hours have not yet been determined. As soon as they are, we will send out an email to the membership and post it on the Website.

To help you get to know Jessica, she has written this bio. Please stop in and introduce yourself.

Jessica has lived all over the country, from Alaska to Florida, and has been a resident of New Hampshire since 1985, having spent her teen years in Dublin and college years in Keene. Jaffrey has always felt like home to her. Her great-grandparents lived in Jaffrey before moving to Dublin, and her grandparents



Welcome Jessica Johansson!

lived in Jaffrey Center for many years. Her grandfather worked for W.W. Cross during WW2, and her father is a 1963 graduate of Conant. She has lived here with her own family since 2000. She has two adult children who are both Conant graduates. Her

son, Christian, is an Electrical Engineer at Eversource Energy. Her daughter, Delaney, is a Clinical Microbiologist at Wentworth Douglass Hospital.

From 1994 through 2017, she combined being a stay-at-home mom with managing her husband's chiropractic practice, Dr. Joshua Hirsch, Jaffrey Chiropractic. They were fortunate to have had the opportunity to raise their children in the office; it was a true family practice.

For her creative outlet, she also had a freelance graphic and web design business since 1999, back when websites were something that smaller businesses were just beginning to consider.

In 2018, she took a position with American Steel & Precast
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Motorcycle Poker Run Had a Winning Hand



After a two-year hiatus, the Chamber was proud to bring back the Motorcycle Poker Run. After months of planning, the day finally arrived for the ride... Sunday, August 21. The weather was perfect and spirits were high. Riders began arriving at Monadnock Plaza a little before 9:00 AM. The early birds were excited to get underway.

Riders registered, picked their first card by spinning our iconic wheel of cards and purchased commemorative tee shirts and raffle tickets. By the time registration ended at 10:00 AM, we had over 50 riders and passengers signed up. They enjoyed a scenic 100+ mile ride through Southwest New Hampshire, making 3 stops along the way: Howards Leather in Spofford, Mr. Mike's Mobil in Stoddard and Belletetes in Peterborough. We appreciate these businesses opening their doors to us.

After the ride, riders and volunteers enjoyed a barbecue lunch

at the American Legion in Jaffrey while listening to tunes provided by our DJ, Andy Baranowski. Once everyone had arrived safely from the ride, we drew the tickets of the lucky raffle winners, the 50/50 raffle and the grand prize, a \$150 gift certificate compliments of Howards Leather. Our winner this year was Steve Christian.

We are also proud to announce that the Chamber will be starting a scholarship fund in the spirit of the now retired Marty Taylor Scholarship fund. This annual scholarship will be

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From the President



It has been a very exciting time at the Chamber. Cathy and I are so excited to introduce our new Office Assistant, Jessica Johansson. She has hit the ground running! Remember in one of my recent President's messages I mentioned that we either move forward or fade away? We are confident that hiring Jessica will move us forward. We had a very successful Poker Run. Max, Peter and the committee did a great job. Part of the money

will be put towards a scholarship for a student who will pursue a career in the trades. A very popular fundraiser, Dozen Days of Dollars, will kick off in mid-October. Be sure to buy your tickets early as we sell a limited number! Everyone can use some extra cash, especially at holiday time. The Board is beginning to update the Strategic Plan. I would like to thank Steve Pelkey for seeing that the office had a mini-split system installed. We now have reliable A/C and heat on demand! Where would we be without our volunteers? Thank you all!

The last piece of exciting news that Cathy and I would like to share with you is that we received an unexpected visit from Chris Coates, a Cheshire County Administrator, at our last Board meeting. He presented to the chamber a check in the amount of \$20,000 from the American Rescue Plan. Several organizations in the region, and specifically Jaffrey, received funds from the ARP. It is to help businesses to continue doing their work to make our community a better place to live, work and play. What a surprise it was! All of us on the Board thank you for seeing the Chamber through the tough times. As we make changes, update our Strategic Plan, By-Laws, policies and procedures, we hope that you will become active on a committee and help move us forward.

We have other things in the works. Ever heard of Zazzle? Well, time to become acquainted. Years ago, Kari Lindstrom and others had the idea to sell merchandise on Zazzle. Jessica actually set up the account back then. We have updated the account and added a couple of new things to our "store." This is a steady stream of income with no work involved! We make money when an item sells. Look for the ad in this edition of the newsletter.

Happy fall! Remember to drive carefully as our future is back in school.

Cyndy Burgess

Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce President



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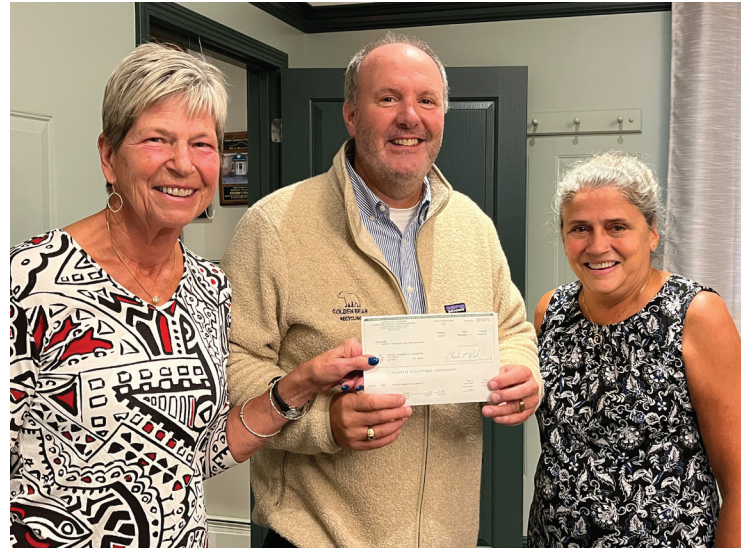
Erectors (ASPE) as Marketing Director where previously she was their contracted graphic designer, web developer, and email administrator since 2011. This quickly turned into an executive management position as Managing Director, upon their acquisition of a larger steel erection company in North Carolina a few months later.

As was the case with many people, the pandemic catapulted her into some soul searching. She left ASPE in April 2021 to pursue further education full time. She is now an Ordained Interfaith Minister and recently received her End-of-Life Doula professional certification from the University of Vermont. Since then, she has been helping people on their end-of-life journeys. The most notable thing about Jessica is that she does not like to be idle. You will not find

her sitting down watching television, nor will you find her personal life on social media. She is always doing something, and lately that might be writing for the Keene Sentinel's ELF Publication, serving as a volunteer advisor for Life Forest (a conservation burial forest in Hillsborough), practicing Reiki, spending time with her family and friends, creating art, and treating her two rescue cats like her children.

It is evident that Jessica has developed the ability to work with all types of people and can be counted on to speak directly with candor, sincerity, and compassion.

We at the Chamber of Commerce, look forward to the opportunity to have her serve our fellow Jaffrey residents and businesses.



Cyndy Burgess, Chris Coates, Cathy Furze

Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Awarded ARPA Funds

Cheshire County Commissioners and County Delegation made Cup of 23 State Representatives awarded the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce \$20,000 dollars from the funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Cheshire County was awarded over 14 million dollars through ARPA in June of 2021, and after looking internally at how they could best utilize this funding, the commissioners and County Delegation looked to the community to see how best we could have the most impact. The County looked at those small businesses and non-profits that serve our communities' health and well-being and fiscal recovery from the COVID Pandemic. The county has given to date over 3 million dollars of ARPA Funding back to our local organizations and firms in Cheshire County.

Chris Coates, the County Administrator leading the Delegation, said "The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce serves as a valuable resource to the business of Jaffrey and the surrounding area; they also advocate for a strong connection between businesses and the local community by hosting and communicating about community meetings and events. The Chamber is the central contact for visiting, for those moving to the region and most importantly for marketing of this beautiful "Gem" of a town and telling the story of what it has to offer."

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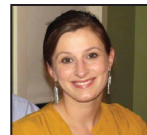
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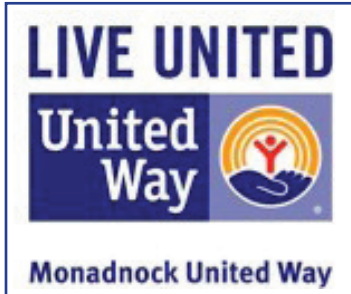
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MUW's vision is a United community where all are cared for and thriving. We believe in the caring power of community to help us achieve this vision. Year after year, you, our community, have stepped up and made positive things happen. Because of you, people received food and emergency shelter. Families received essential services, like home visiting, parent education and quality

child care. Our partner agencies, our cross-sector initiatives, and the community flexed time and again to help every person possible – all because of your generosity.

In the wake of Covid, we continue to rebuild our community, thanks to you and the caring power of community. Yet we face some hard realities. Realities that existed before Covid-19 and continue with no end in sight.

- We have the third highest rate of child abuse and neglect in the state
- Our children score lower than the rest of the state in English and math
- 25% of our residents are low-income while the rest of NH the rate is 20%

We believe that the people of the Monadnock Region want to help each other and have an intuitive understanding that children,

education, and financial stability are the cornerstones of a good life. If we improve those foundations together, we build a stronger foundation for community and individual success.

For more information or to give, go to www.muw.org. You can also text MUW to 41444 or send a check to: MUW, 23 Center Street, Keene, NH 03431.

Double Your Support: The Park Theatre Wins Matching Grant

On August 25, 2022, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) awarded \$304,000 to The Park Theatre in Jaffrey,



New Hampshire, for stage lighting, rigging, and sound. The matching grant will allow the new performing arts center to finish outfitting the theatre for live concerts as well as stage plays, musicals, comedy, dance, opera, and more. The award is part of the 2022 State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program.

The gift is a matching grant. People and businesses who give to this special project will have their donations doubled by the NBRC grant.

Swap Shop Up and Running...Again

After a challenging winter and spring of finding materials and workers, the Town of Jaffrey gave the Jaffrey Chamber the green light to re-open the swap shop after having to replace the roof and repair the ceiling inside.

A big "Thank You" to the town Department of Public Works for working through material and work shortages to get this done for the fall. Our volunteer staff and the town residents are all

happy to be back swapping and shopping.

Hours of operation are Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Interested volunteers should come to the Swap Shop on Saturdays to sign up. Volunteers will take names and contact information to get people on the schedule.

FINANCIAL FOCUS:

What should you know about IRA rollovers?

If you've been contributing to an IRA, you've chosen a great way to save and invest for retirement. All IRAs have potential tax benefits and a range of investment possibilities, but not all IRA providers offer the same features. So, if you decide that your current IRA provider is charging higher fees than you'd like, or perhaps doesn't offer as many investment choices as you want, then you might choose to move your IRA assets to another provider. How should you go about making this switch?

Here are some options to consider:

- Trustee-to-trustee transfer or direct rollover – You can ask the financial institution holding your IRA to move the money directly to another IRA. No taxes will be withheld from the amount transferred at the time of the transfer. This method is generally hassle-free, but some IRA sponsors will still only mail the check to your address of record, so you'd have to forward it to your new IRA.
- Indirect rollover – If you take an indirect rollover, also known as a 60-day rollover, the assets from your existing IRA will be liquidated and the custodian or plan sponsor will send you a check or deposit the funds directly into your bank or brokerage account. This payment may be subject to withholding for federal taxes, and possibly

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state taxes, unless you opt out of withholding. You have 60 calendar days from the time the funds were withdrawn to deposit the money, including any amount withheld, into a new IRA. If you miss this 60-day deadline, the withdrawal may be taxable at your personal income tax rate, and it could also be subject to an early withdrawal penalty if you're younger than 59 1/2.

Given the immediate withholding and the possibility of further taxes if you don't move the money into a new IRA before the 60 days are up, you've got much to consider before initiating an indirect rollover. Consequently, you should consult with a financial advisor and tax professional before you make this type of move.

In addition to a rollover from an existing IRA, you may someday want to move the money from your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan to an IRA. This can occur when you retire or change jobs, although if you do take on another job, you might have the options of leaving your 401(k) with your former employer or rolling it over into your new employer's plan. However, if you do want to move your 401(k) funds into an IRA, you can make what's known as a direct rollover, in which the administrator of your old retirement plan will send you a check made payable to the custodian of your



Joshua I. Brier, GFA President and Chief Executive Officer (right), and Paul Fitzpatrick, SVP/GFA Investment Management (left), present Alex Lucier (center) with the David Jacques Memorial Scholarship.

IRA. No taxes will be withheld, but you need to get the funds transferred within 60 days to avoid any potential tax issues.

You spend years contributing to your IRA and 401(k) — and for good reason. So, when it's time to move that money, be careful and consider getting help from your financial and tax professionals. These funds can play a big role in your retirement income, so manage them wisely.

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GFA Federal Credit Union Awards Student Scholarships to 2022 Graduates

GFA is proud to annually recognize area high school seniors for their scholastic achievements and for demonstrating strong

qualities of character, good citizenship, and extracurricular engagement.

The David Jacques Memorial Scholarship celebrates the memory of long-time GFA supporter and former Board of Director member, David Jacques. This year's scholarship was presented to Alex Lucier, a Gardner High School student who graduated

at the top of his class. Alex is a hard worker who enjoys challenging himself in and outside of the classroom and has been involved in local and national student government programs, extracurricular activities, and community service from a young age. His experiences have helped him learn the importance of a strong team and the incredible results that can come



Heather Gonyea (center), alongside Cody Gadsby, Conant High School faculty and scholarship nominator (left), accepts GFA's Student Visionary Award from Joshua I. Brier, GFA President and Chief Executive Officer (right).

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from a passionate community. Alex will attend Worcester State University in the fall where he plans to study Marketing and Communications.

Heather Gonyea, a Conant High School graduate, is this year's recipient of the GFA Student Visionary Award. This award is presented to a student who demonstrates strong qualities of character and good citizenship, is dedicated to making a difference within their community, and is devoted to setting forth a vision that exemplifies the entrepreneurial approach of bettering the lives of others. Heather is a bright student with a love of math who graduated at the top of her class. She cares for her classmate's wellbeing and is very active in her community, having dedicated over 60 hours of community service during her high school career and worked with the school to create the Conant High School gymnastics team.

She plans to attend Western New England university where she will study Actuarial Science.

"We could not have picked two more deserving students as this year's GFA scholarships recipients. Their academic achievements, leadership qualities and community involvement are truly inspirational. I am positive they will excel in all future endeavors," said Joshua I. Brier, President and Chief Executive Officer of GFA Federal Credit Union.

Jaffrey Woman's Club Awards Scholarship

The Jaffrey Woman's Club is pleased to announce the winner of their Adult Continuing Education \$1000 Scholarship, Bronwin Southwick. Members of this community likely recognize her as an always smiling and helpful Pharmacy Technician at the Rite Aid in Jaffrey. Bronwin began her career as



Jaffrey Woman's Club presents scholarship to Bronwin Southwick to continue her education in Radiologic Technology.

a dental hygienist in Virginia where her husband was stationed before his retirement and the family's return to Jaffrey.

She is now attending River Valley Community College in Claremont pursuing a degree in Radiologic Technology, in addition to working and raising five children. She is proud to demonstrate to her children that you can make a change at any stage in your life and appreciates that this scholarship will help achieve her goals. Bronwin loves the clinical aspects of radiology and looks forward to the possibilities as an X-ray Technologist upon completion of her degree next year. Congratulations, Bronwin!

The Jaffrey Woman's Club promotes civic, cultural, and charitable projects in support of the community. Membership is open to all Monadnock area women age 18 and over. Visit the Club on their webpage www.jaffreywomansclub.org, on Facebook or email jaffreywomansclub@gmail.com for further information.

Debra Miller Joins Bar Harbor Bankshares Board of Directors

Bar Harbor Bankshares (NYSE American: BHB), the parent company of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, is

pleased to announce that Debra Miller has joined the company's board of directors. She has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry, including extensive experience leading Community Reinvestment Act activities and programs that help banks meet the credit needs of the communities where they do business, with a particular focus on low- and moderate-income communities.

"We are very excited to welcome Debby to the Bar Harbor Bankshares Board of Directors," said Bar Harbor Bankshares Board Chairman David Woodside. "Debby's prior banking experience, leadership skills, and extensive knowledge of the New Hampshire market is a valuable addition to the board. I look forward to working with her and the other members of the Board as we continue to pursue our vision of being the best community bank in Northern New England."

Ms. Miller joined New Hampshire Community Loan Fund in 2013 and currently serves as the organization's Executive Vice President Strategic Partnerships and Philanthropy. Prior to joining New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, she served as the Executive Director of More Than Wheels, a nonprofit vehicle purchasing program that helped consumers buy reliable vehicles regardless of their credit situation. Ms. Miller also worked at Citizens Bank for more than 16 years and served as Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Affairs in New England. During her time at Citizens Bank, she was responsible for the bank's Community Reinvestment Act activities and programs in 13 states and obtained Outstanding CRA ratings from the FDIC in 1999 and 2003.



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Ms. Miller is an active volunteer in her community and has served on the Board of Directors for many organizations. Ms. Miller previously served as the chair of the Board of Trustees for Winston-Salem State University and was previously appointed by New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen to serve as a trustee for the University System of New Hampshire.

Ms. Miller has received numerous awards in recognition of her leadership and community efforts. In 2003, she was named one of New Hampshire's Remarkable Women by New Hampshire Magazine. Ms. Miller is the recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Manchester YWCA and the Leading Women Award from the Girl Scouts Patriots' Trail Council, among many others. She was inducted into the Academy of Women Achievers at the YWCA Boston in 2008.

Ms. Miller earned a bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs and Economics at Winston-Salem State University.

Kara Sarantis Joins Bar Harbor Bank & Trust as AVP, Mortgage Loan Originator

Kara Sarantis has joined Bar Harbor Bank & Trust as Assistant Vice President, Mortgage Loan Originator (NMLS# 1051766). In this role, she helps individuals and families in Southern New Hampshire find the right financing solutions for their homes.

Prior to her career in banking, Kara worked as a business and retail manager for eight years. She joined TD Bank in 2013 as Assistant Branch Manager for their Londonderry, New Hampshire, branch and, later, for their Manchester, New Hampshire,

branch. Kara was promoted to Branch Manager of TD Bank's location in Epping, New Hampshire, in 2018. Prior to joining Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, she worked as a Financial Center Manager for Bank of America.

Kara completed coursework at Seacoast Career Schools and earned a certification in medical coding. She is active in the community and has previously volunteered with the Special Olympics and Easter Seals.

Kara and her significant other, DJ Ladeau, live in Deerfield, New Hampshire.

TEAM Jaffrey Says Goodbye to Summer, Hello to Scarecrows and Halloween Treats

Summer has come to a close, and what a summer it was! TEAM Jaffrey is very thankful to our sponsors and to our fantastic community for supporting and attending our events! "Concerts on the Common" showcased wonderful talent from various performers throughout the region, and the Farmers' Market provided the opportunity to purchase local, farm fresh vegetables and meats, as well as other homemade wares. "Riverfest" attracted hundreds of people to our downtown, with highlights such as live music, "Touch a Truck" on Blake Street, local vendors on the Common, as well as the Car Show at the Monadnock Plaza.

TEAM Jaffrey is very excited for the return of our traditional Fall festivities. "Scarecrows on the Common" will be back for the first time in person since 2019. The event will take place on our downtown Main Street and will feature activities on the Civic Center Lawn, Scarecrow building on the Jaffrey Public Library lawn, a Craft Fair at the Woman's Club, and local vendors and craftsmen on the Commons. Lignetics (formerly New



England Wood Pellet) has also graciously donated a TON of pellets to be raffled, and tickets are available for purchase. "Scarecrows on the Common" will host live music as well as family friendly activities, and downtown businesses will be offering specials and deals throughout the holiday weekend.

TEAM Jaffrey is also looking forward to the return of "Trick or Treating on the Town", which will take place on Monday, October 31 from 4-6pm. Bring your ghouls and goblins downtown where they can Trick or

Treat at our local businesses! It is a great event that is always so highly attended. TEAM Jaffrey is very thankful for the support and participation of our local businesses and community, and we look forward to a wonderful season of Fall fun!

Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District and Franklin Pierce University Partner To Train Next Generation of Teachers

This partnership will provide hands-on training for FPU students and additional opportunities to personalize education at JRCSD.



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The Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District (JRCSD) and Franklin Pierce University have announced a formal partnership to provide undergraduate students with hands-on, real-world classroom training in preparation for the job market or graduate study.

“A consistent presence of Franklin Pierce students in our classrooms and facilities will benefit our learners, staff, and the broader district community by increasing our ability to personalize education for our Jaffrey and Rindge learners,” said JRCSD Superintendent Reuben Duncan. “This partnership gives Franklin Pierce students access to a welcoming and collaborative environment that will surely help their transition from

students into the next generation of teachers and educational leaders.”

The partnership will allow students seeking certification in elementary, secondary, or special education the option of clinical placements throughout the JRCSD, from kindergarten to twelfth grade. By gaining this experience, Franklin Pierce students will be better prepared to manage their own classrooms prior to a minimum of one semester of student teaching, which may also take place in a JRCSD classroom.

“The partnership between Franklin Pierce and the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District is the epitome of experiential learning,” said Joan Swanson, director of the University’s School of Education. “With this memorandum of understanding, we are solidifying an already robust partnership that

will undoubtedly build instructional capacity and educational leadership throughout the greater Monadnock region.”

Select Franklin Pierce education courses have been taught at Rindge Memorial School and the Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School since August 30. This structure allows students to seamlessly switch between their undergraduate classes and observation hours, and also enables them to have part-time volunteer or employment opportunities.

“Our hope is that by having our students in the classrooms, it will create more personalized instruction for the K-12 learners,” added Swanson.

Franklin Pierce students may also have an opportunity to transition into a job within the district after graduation, giving the JRCSD new employees that already have experience within the school community.

“As we continue to enhance our partnership with Franklin Pierce throughout this school year and in the years to come, their students will benefit from our teachers’ expertise, and our district will increase its capacity for hiring and retaining great teachers,” noted Duncan. “Our existing staff also stand to benefit from this relationship as they will have access to increased leadership opportunities when

working with Franklin Pierce students.”



Four-Legged Friends Scared of Loud Noises? Here Are Some Tips

The Fourth of July is over, so you can breathe a sigh of relief and put fireworks out of your mind until next year, right? Wrong! Right now is the best time to start working on desensitizing your dogs for next year. Some dogs who have fireworks phobia also have thunderstorm phobia. Why not take some time and invest in your dog’s future comfort now?

Many of us rely strongly on management to get our dogs through these acute events, calling our vets in a panic for medication, setting up specialized rooms with sound buffers, throwing on thundershirts, and holding our shaking dogs while we pray for our neighbors to stop with their backyard fireworks displays. While some of these options can be helpful

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in the moment, and for some dogs will always be a necessity, there are simple steps we can take to help acclimate them to these stressors so that we aren't sent into panic mode next July, or any time a summer thunderstorm is predicted on our weather app.

Systematic desensitization can be as simple as playing realistic sounds of fireworks and or thunderstorms, at a low volume that the dog can tolerate without stress. Thanks to youtube and white noise apps, these sounds are easy to access for everyone. You can pair these sounds with high-value food such as cheese, chicken or hot dogs, and relaxation exercises such as settling on a mat. Increase the volume slowly over time in increments that your dog can remain calm through.

If you find yourself caught in a sudden thunderstorm or with inconsiderate neighbors setting off fireworks on a random day, and your dog's stress level is mild enough, you can simply shower them in treats or kibble. This can help build up Classical Conditioning between the sounds they are hearing and the appearance of something they like, food! If you put the work in with getting them accustomed to these sounds, when an event sneaks up on you, you will be

prepared to handle it, and your dog will be much calmer.

For new puppies, and dogs that don't yet have any association between these noises and anxiety or fear, start early, pairing the sounds with food or play. Set them up to succeed when it comes to these scenarios as they mature. Thunderstorms mean tug or fetch; make treats rain from above as lightning streaks across the sky.

While many of us are reactionary when it comes to noise phobia with our dogs, it can pay off today, tomorrow, and for years to come if we set aside the time to make our dogs' lives better when they aren't stressed and panicking. Let's be honest, it will make our lives better too. Why wait? There are plenty of qualified trainers and behavioral consultants who would be happy to help you and your dog live better lives and come up with a specific plan for your dog. For a list of suggested trainers, or to set up a consult with one of the trainers at Monadnock Humane Society, contact us today at <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/dog-training>.

Jaffrey Woman's Club Member Receives Award

Jaffrey Woman's Club member and local resident Mary Ellen Davies Rock was recently awarded the 2022 UnitedHealthcare Champion Award for



Mary Ellen Davies Rock receives UnitedHealthcare Champion Award for Volunteer Service. She and five other recipients also got a chance to meet Doug Flutie, second from right.

volunteer service to St. Joseph's Hospital. For the past five years, Mary Ellen has devoted her time and efforts to helping run the St. Joseph Hospital Employee Food Pantry.

The pantry is a unique organizational program designed to help 1,500+ employees, volunteers, and Saint Joseph School of Nursing students. There are between 250-300 visitors per year to the pantry, and since opening its doors in 2012, have had 3,300+ visits. Mary Ellen helps with the daily operations, stocking, inventory, and most importantly building relationships with visitors. During the pandemic, the volunteer program was suspended, but Mary Ellen constantly checked in to see how the pantry was doing and if there was anything she could do to help. She was one of the first volunteers to return

in January 2021, and St. Joseph Hospital believes her support has made hundreds of lives better.

Mary Ellen and five other recipients of UnitedHealthcare awards were celebrated by football legend Doug Flutie at the event.

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News Around Town



Jaffrey residents Harvey Sawyer, Carolyn Garretson and Franklin W. Sterling, Jr. were recognized by Governor Sununu and Executive Councilor Wheeler for their service to Jaffrey through the years.

The Town of Jaffrey Welcomed Governor Chris Sununu and Executive Council

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, Jaffrey was honored to host Governor Chris Sununu and the Honorable Executive Council for their bi-monthly meeting.

The day began early at the Jaffrey Fire Department with a gourmet breakfast hosted and provided by the Jaffrey fire fighters. A short presentation by Jason Leavitt of the New Hampshire Bureau of Aeronautics and Harvey Sawyer representing the local airfield followed. The subject was the airfield history and the recent Jaffrey runway

improvement project. Other state department representatives also spoke informally with the Governor and Council.

The meeting then adjourned to “Hangar 5” at the airfield for the formal Governor and Council meeting which opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a special a cappella performance of “My Country, ‘tis of Thee” by the first-grade class of Dublin Christian Academy.

The meeting continued with the awarding of Governor and Council commendations

recognizing length of service and the dedicated work of three Jaffrey citizens: Selectman, Frank Sterling; Jaffrey Conservation Commission member and chairperson, Carolyn Garretson; and Airfield manager, professional pilot, and Jaffrey Chamber founding member, Harvey Sawyer. The Governor and Executive Council then proceeded with the conduct of the “routine” business of our state and concluded with a “bus tour” of Jaffrey’s newly repaved and improved runway.

Comments were made by the Governor and by various members of the Council about the beauty of our part of the state and the “togetherness” and participation of Jaffrey’s citizens.

Thank you to Governor Sununu and the Executive Council for bringing live state government to Jaffrey. Thank you also to the Jaffrey Select board, the Jaffrey Fire Department, the Jaffrey Department of Public Works, and to Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch for hosting!

Jaffrey Downtown Revitalization Workshops Scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 10

The Town and Carsey School of Public Policy/NH Listens is partnering to facilitate two 2-hour community workshops with the Downtown Revitalization Committee that focus on visioning the revitalization of downtown. The purpose of the workshops will be to hold

space for learning and common ground conversations about what residents imagine for the downtown after current Department of Transportation construction projects are complete.

The workshops will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday,

Nov. 10 at the Jaffrey Fire Station located at 138 Turnpike Rd. Meet and Greet will begin at 5:00 pm and the workshop will be from 5:30–7:30 pm. A light supper will be provided.

Workshop 1 will focus on information sharing and a discussion. During the session, participants will engage in a World Café style conversation with committee members’ support.

Workshop 2 will start with a summary of what was shared in the first gathering. Participants will share stories, pictures, videos of the downtown they love and discuss what they want to bring to Jaffrey and what is important to keep. This provides information for a conversation about creating a vision of

what we would like to see in the downtown (e.g., sidewalk amenities, crosswalks, information center, new businesses, business expansion/growth).

Final Report with Process, Themes, and Findings NH Listens will help document the process and people’s perspectives and experiences with a report that includes recommendations and strategies for next steps based on the workshop findings.

For questions please contact Jo Anne Carr at 603-532-7880 x 110 or email jacarr@townofjaffrey.com.

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Jaffrey Woman's Club Resumes Dental Program Donation for Local Schoolchildren

The Jaffrey Woman's Club is pleased to announce that their dental program for local schoolchildren in need has resumed. Since 1946 the Club has supported dental care for local schoolchildren in need, most recently through the Monadnock Healthy Teeth program at Monadnock Community Hospital. Since the schools were under



Jaffrey Woman's Club Treasurer Judy Filippini (left) presents a donation check of \$1,500 to Monadnock Health Partners Program Coordinator Louise Danforth.

COVID restrictions the last few years, this in-school program in Jaffrey was suspended temporarily but has recently been resurrected with a collaboration between Monadnock Healthy Teeth and Dental Health Works. Dental Health Works serves

Cheshire County and will now include children in Jaffrey Grade School and Middle School in their service area. Supplemented by a contribution from the Alice Poole Fund, the Jaffrey Woman's Club recently handed a check for \$1,500 to Louise Danforth, Program Coordinator at Monadnock Health Partners, Monadnock Community Hospital.

The Jaffrey Woman's Club promotes civic, cultural, and charitable projects in support of the community. Membership is open to all Monadnock area women age 18 and over. Visit the Club on their webpage www.jaffreywomansclub.org, on Facebook or email jaffreywomansclub@gmail.com for further information.



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Lif Petrova, Indigo Wolf and Helen Martynuska in Shakespeare's Will

Project Shakespeare Presents A Stage Reading of Shakespeare's Will

Project Shakespeare will be presenting a stage reading of Shakespeare's Will by Vern Thiessen directed by Deborah Shakespeare Thurber on Saturday, October 15 at 7pm at the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey.

Playwright Vern Thiessen provides voice in Shakespeare's Will to one of the most silent characters in history: Anne Hathaway, the wife of William Shakespeare. The play sheds light on unexplored aspects of Hathaway's life by looking through the eyes and heart of the woman who spent a lifetime with - and without - the great poet.

Shakespeare's Will will be performed by Maya Fredrickson, Eleanora Kishinevsky, Helen Martynuska,

Benjamin Michaud, Lif Petrova, Corbin Sanders, Emmy and

Morgan Ratcliffe, and Indigo Wolf. Samantha Chesney will stage manage.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under and are available at the door prior to curtain.

Shakespeare's Will was commissioned by the Free Will Players and premiered on February 3, 2005 at the Citadel Theatre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For more information visit: projectshakespeare.org.

Jaffrey Woman's Club Upcoming Events

October 8

Holiday Craft Fair, 9am to 3pm, Cutler Memorial Building. Get started on your Christmas shopping, or just buy for you! Featuring an assortment of artisans with a bountiful array of handcrafted items. This craft fair will coincide with Scarecrows on the Common; fun for all!

October 22

Rock Around the Clock Sock Hop, 7pm to 10pm, American Legion Post 11. Fundraiser to purchase an AED for the JWC. Put on your poodle skirt and your saddle shoes and join us for a blast from the past with DJ Dan Lambert.

Tickets available on www.jaffreywomensclub.org/events.

October 29

Bride of Frankenstein Contest and Movie, 1:30pm to 4:00pm,

Cutler Memorial Building. Three categories of judging: Bride of Frankenstein, Dr. Frankenstein, Frankenstein; children and adult separately. Contest will be followed by a showing of the classic movie 'The Bride of Frankenstein.'

November 4 & 5

Fall Rummage Sale, Cutler Memorial Building. Nov. 4, 10am to 5pm, Nov. 5, 'Bag Day' 9am to Noon. Donations of laundered, gently used clothing accepted Nov. 3 between 10am and 5pm.

Lions Club Hosts Murder Mystery Dinner

"The Most Wonderful Christmas Crime of the Year"

October 29 from 6pm-9pm. Jaffrey American Legion, 20 Webster Street.

Includes an additional 50/50 drawing and Silent Auction.

For tickets or information contact Laura 603-562-6015.

Fall Happenings at East Hill Farm in Troy

Oktoberfest - October 2

Join East Hill Farm for their 17th Annual Oktoberfest dinner on Sunday, October 2. Live oompah music and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 p.m. and the German inspired dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Prices are \$30.00 per adult (age 16+) and \$15.00 per child (age (2-15) plus tax & gratuity. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

NH Growers Dinner - Nov. 6

On Sunday, November 6, they will be hosting NH Growers Dinner with live fiddle music by Randy Miller. Hors d'oeuvres and music begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a feast of locally grown fruits, vegetables, and meat, as well as locally produced eggs and dairy products. There will be a silent auction to benefit the Young Farmers of Cheshire County. Prices are \$32.00 per

adult (age 16+) and \$15.00 per child (age (2-15) plus tax & gratuity. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

Fall Family Farm Day - Nov. 11

Bring the whole family to The Inn at East Hill Farm for Fall Family Farm Day on Friday, November 11. Activities may include milking, pony grooming, arts & crafts, tractor rides, campfire with s'mores, help the farmers collect chicken eggs, swimming in the indoor pool and more! A buffet lunch is also included. Reservations are required. Prices are \$35 per adult; \$25 per child (age 2-15).

Please call The Inn at East Hill Farm at 603-242-6495 to make reservations for any of these events.

Get a Jump on Holiday Shopping at the Holiday Bazaar

The VFW Post 5613 Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Hathorn Road (off Route 202) in Jaffrey, NH.

For more than 100 years, the VFW Auxiliary has been fulfilling its original objectives by supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, service members and their families, and spreading patriotism nationwide.

Offering over 40 tables of art and lots of various handcrafted items, Christmas décor, home décor, cards, jewelry, candles, personal care items and more, plus product vendors... Something for everyone! Bake sale and hot and cold lunch items will be available for purchase. Raffle winners will be announced at approximately 1:30. Admission is free. A perfect start (or finish!) to your holiday shopping. Contact

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Something for Everyone at The River Center

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For more information you can contact them directly at 9 Vose Farm Rd. in Peterborough, NH, 603-924-6800 and info@river-centernh.org.

MONDAY

9-10:30 AM Baby & Me (0-24 months; weekly)

11 AM-12 PM You & Me Toddler Yoga (ages 2-3)

TUESDAY

9:30-10:30 AM Tiny Tots: Music & Movement (ages 1-3 w/ parent/caregiver; 8 weeks)

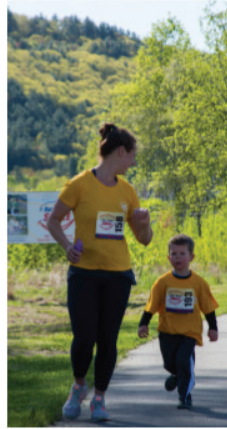
10:30-11:30 AM Small Fries: Music & Movement (ages 4-5; drop-off; 8 weeks)

6:30-7:30 PM TED Talk Tuesdays (monthly on Zoom)

9/20 10/18 11/22 12/20

WEDNESDAY

9:30-11 AM Mini Explorers (ages 24 mos-5 yrs w/ parent/caregiver)



Raising Funds for Dental Expenses for People with Developmental Disabilities Saturday, November 5, 2022 in Downtown Keene NH

12-1:30 PM Coffee & Conversation weekly meet-ups

3-5 PM Wicked Wednesday (Gr. 6-8 gaming)

6:30-8 PM See the ABLE not the LABEL (2x/mo support group for parents of kids w/special needs)

THURSDAY

9:30-11:30 AM Jaffrey Group (parents/kids; weekly)

12 PM-1:30 PM Money Matters Virtual Book Club -Your Money Your Way by Kumiko Love

12:30-2 PM Jaffrey Walk & Talk (w/ or w/o children)

6:30-8 PM Mindful Moments (adults; bimonthly)

MDS Run~Walk~Smile Set for Saturday, November 5

Join the community on Saturday, November 5, 2022 for the 8th annual MDS Run~Walk~Smile

5K/10K Chapman Challenge/1-Mile Fun Run. We're raising funds for dental care for adults with developmental disabilities. All proceeds go to the MDS Dental Fund.

The 5K race is open to both runners and walkers, and the course is fast and flat through East Keene neighborhoods. The 10K Chapman Challenge is for avid runners only and includes the hill at Chapman Road. There's also a 1-Mile Fun Run that starts at 9:30 a.m. Prizes and medals will be awarded, and all registered participants are entered in a raffle for more than a dozen great prizes from local merchants.

Monadnock Developmental Services is grateful to our Platinum Sponsors: Children's Dental Care, Clark-Mortenson, Raynor

Dental, and Savings Bank of Walpole; to Montshire Pediatric Dentistry and Perry Dental as Premier Sponsors; and to AmeriHealth Caritas, Borislow Insurance, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Children's Dentistry of Dublin, Mascoma Bank, The Family Council, Fenton Family Dealerships, M&T Bank, Mutual of America, Noble Dental, PIF Technologies, PrintFusion, Ted's Shoe & Sport, and Wel-nak Dental for their Co-Sponsor support.

Details and registration information are available at mds-nh.org. Want more information? Contact Karen Peterson, karenp@mds-nh.org or call 603-352-1304. We hope to see you on November 5. We're looking forward to a fun race day!

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This event would not have been the success it was without all of the amazing people who attended, our talented food, wine and drink vendors who brought tastings of their delicious products, our dedicated volunteers who helped to facilitate the event, donations for our raffle and silent auction, our wonderful musicians - Sheepdip, and our generous sponsors.

Special thanks go to Rudy Rosalez, owner of Woodbound, and his outstanding staff, for their ideas, timeless energy, endless help and perfect venue.

Proceeds will go to fulfilling our Shelter From The Storm mission of providing transitional housing and support programs for the homeless in our area. To date we have helped over 350 men, women and children with your help.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Linda Harris
Executive Director, Shelter From The Storm

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awarded to a Jaffrey High School graduate wishing to pursue further education in the vocational or technical related fields. Details on how to apply for the scholarship will be announced at a later date. We are also pleased to announce that we have set the date of next year's ride, Sunday, August 20, 2023. We are excited that this date will correspond with the Jaffrey 250th Jubilee celebration.

Of course the success of the ride would not have been possible without the generous contributions of local area businesses, the tireless hard work of our committee, Peter Chamberlain, Janice Fiandaka, Trisha Hill and Ann Dea Whippen and of

course the team of volunteers who took valuable time out of their busy schedules to spend the day with us. Mike Baldwin, Mark Chamberlain, Phil Bourgoine, and Denise Barlow, manager of the American Legion, were our culinary team! We would also like to thank Belletetes and the Jaffrey American Legion for providing their venues for the registration and rally locations.

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Boy Scouting in Jaffrey: A Vibrant and Valuable Experience

The Boy Scout Movement was founded in Great Britain in 1908 by the then Lieutenant General Robert S.S. Baden-Powell. He had no idea how popular his idea would become around the world. His goal was to develop good citizenship, chivalrous behavior and skill in various outdoor activities in boys ages 11-14. In 1916 the age group was expanded to include both younger down to 6 yrs. of age and older boys up to the age of 18.

It was Feb. 1910 when scouting arrived in the United States. Wm D. Boyce, an American businessman and millionaire, incorporated and funded Boy Scouts of America and appointed a permanent executive. He had picked up Baden-Powell's book, "Scouting for Boys" when traveling in England and was inspired by it.

Scouting came to Jaffrey in 1940 when Hubert O'Neill became the first Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 33. Twenty-one Scoutmasters have since led the troop. It is impossible to count the number of Jaffrey boys who have benefited from the guidance of these dedicated adults.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the scout program and Troop 33 has had 26 boys who have achieved this rank!

In the words of Eagle Scout Kris Houghton, "I had a wonderful experience being a part of Boy Scouts in Jaffrey in the late 1980s. We had a large active troop with a nice mix of experienced older scouts and younger members. Through monthly camping trips we learned how to plan menus, shop for food and cook in the outdoors. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, each candidate must plan, raise money and execute a project that helps the community. My project was a playground behind the United Church that included clearing brush, building a



Scouts and leaders from Troop 33B and 33G on a nature hike at MacDowell Dam in Peterborough.



Troop 33 in 1945

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Back Row:

N. Bossie,

J. Letourneau, A.

Pelkey, B. Bryant, J.

Ouellette, D. Adams,

L. Stewart,

B. Hautanen,

B. Johnson

Front Row:

D. Christian, T.

O'Neil, R. Naylor,

R. Eastman

sandbox and a tree house. I had a great experience in Troop 33 and appreciated all of the leaders that volunteered their time to share their knowledge about so many camping and scouting projects." Houghton is Chief Operating Officer for Pratt & Miller Engineering Co. in New Hudson, Michigan.

Eagle Scout Oliver Tullio says, "The scouting program taught me not only vital outdoor skills like First Aid, Shelter Building, and Cooking, it vastly expanded my self-efficacy, instilling in me the knowledge that I can accomplish anything with hard work.

I had many leadership opportunities early in life that helped prepare me for success in future endeavors. My Eagle project was making a Safety Video for the Jaffrey Chamber to use to train Road Side Clean-up Crews. Thank you to all of the leaders of Troop 33 that helped me along the scouting path, especially the Webbers." Tullio is a junior at Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he is majoring in Computer Science. He is spending this fall in Iceland, where he's studying Global Warming, Geothermal,

and Energy Environmental Science.

Current leaders of the boys' troop are: Scoutmaster Josh Levesque and Assistant Scoutmasters John Whitney, Peter Wentworth, Dan Starr, and Marc Patterson.

In 2019 girls officially joined Scouts BSA! Jaffrey Girls Troop 33G was established in 2019 by Shannon Tremblay, Jan Fisher, Kathy Weibel, Heather Weibel Tullio, and Linda Kot. Girls ages 11-18 in Jaffrey, Rindge, New Ipswich, Peterborough, and the Monadnock Region are welcome to join.

Scouting has seen a host of changes over the last 112 years, from older badges, like Indian Bead Craft replaced by new interests, such as Digital Technology and Engineering. Some things have not changed such as the Boy Scout Oath, "A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." The focus on fun in the outdoors, including camping, fire building, knot tying, hiking and boating, is still the same.

Both troops are currently accepting new members. Their mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meetings are held at First Church, Jaffrey Center, Monday evening from 6:30-8:00.

Have a child or grandchild who might be interested in joining Jaffrey Scouts? Please contact Scoutmaster Josh Levesque for 33B at Quake25@comcast.net or Committee Chair Shannon Tremblay for 33G at Shan-RhodesTrem@gmail.com.

Submitted by:
Kathy Weibel



Scout Oath

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Save the Date

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