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Something about Nothing

\$5 cans of nothing support the NH Food Bank

With 1 in 9 New Hampshire residents not knowing when or where their next meal is coming from, New Hampshire Food Bank and the Citizens Bank Foundation announced that they are teaming up to do something about "Nothing." The NH Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, launched the third annual "Nothing Campaign," a month-long effort to raise awareness and critical funds to support the struggling population of more than 135,000 New Hampshire residents—including more than 44,440 children—who have nothing to eat. In this groundbreaking initiative, cans of "Nothing," which represent the reality that thousands of people in New Hampshire have nothing to eat, will be sold throughout the state at participating grocery stores to raise money to support the NH Food Bank's efforts. To learn more about the campaign and to donate, visit: www.nhfoodbank.org/nothing.aspx.

Governor Maggie Hassan purchased the first



(L to R) Thomas Blonski, President & CEO of Catholic Charities; Joe Carelli, Citizens Bank President; Governor Maggie Hassan; and Mel Gosselin, Executive Director of the NH Food Bank.

can of Nothing. Nothing cans are on sale for \$5 and are available at 68 locations statewide, including all New Hampshire Hannaford, Harvest Market, and Market Basket locations, as well as Sully's Superette in Goffstown and Allenstown and Vista Foods in Laconia. Cans will be on sale through May 30.

Lee named Citizen of the Year by Franklin Lodge

LRGHealthcare would like to congratulate its own, Melissa Lee, Community Health Educator at Franklin Regional Hospital for recently being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Franklin Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. She was presented the award on April 4 by Franklin Mayor Ken Merrifield at the annual meeting of the Franklin Elks Lodge Membership.

Melissa was recognized for her outstanding service and contributions to the Franklin community. Mayor Merrifield expressed his appreciation for her "helping to make Franklin a healthier



community" through her many community contributions including the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force, the Franklin Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition (HEAL), the Community Day Planning Committee, her work on the Odell Park Centennial Project, coordination of the Franklin Farmer's Market initiative, initiating the annual Odell Park after Dark Community Halloween event, instructing

Zumba classes at Bessie Rowell Community Center, and serving as a call EMT with the Franklin Fire Department.

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Medical Office Bldg.

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Manchester: Catholic Medical Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Easter Seals Senior Center, Elliot Health Center, Elliot Hospital, Elliot Pharmacy, Elliot Wellness Center, Elliott Senior Center, Hackett Hill Healthcare, Hannaford (3), Hanover Hill Nursing Home, Ledgewood Adult Comm Ctr, Manchester Welcome Center, Maple Leaf Nursing Home, Palace Theater, Villa Crest Nursing Home

Meredith: Hannaford

Merrimack: Reeds Ferry Market, Shaw's (2)

Milford: Shaw's, Market Basket

Nashua: Hannaford, Hunt Community, Market Basket (3), Senior Center Shaw's (2), St Joseph's

Hospital, Whole Foods

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Nottingham: Anchorage Inn by the Sea

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of Commerce

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MAINE

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Kennebunk: Veria Pizza, Chamber of Commerce,

Hannaford

Kittery: Kittery Trading Post **Ogunquit:** Chamber of Commerce **Wells:** Chamber of Commerce, Hannaford

Senator Ayotte praises Medicare payment reforms

A new way for Medicare to pay doctors, approved in a bipartisan U.S. House vote, will sail through the Senate, according to Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H. The state's junior senator was the keynote speaker at a legislative briefing for New Hampshire business leaders, hosted by the Business and Industry Association.

She praised a 392-37 vote by the House of Representatives on a bill to repair the formula for reimbursing physicians whose patients rely on Medicare, after nearly 20 years of stopgap measures.

The bill, promoted by Republican House Speaker John Boehner and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, fixes a long-standing problem with how Medicare pays doctors and makes adjustments to the health insurance program for seniors. It also extends the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and funding for community health centers for another two years.

Ayotte said she expects bipartisan support in the Senate as well, when it reconvenes after the Easter break.

"When we return, I expect it will get a strong vote in the Senate and I'm glad we resolved this," she said. "Our physicians spend so much time worrying about this (Medicare) fix that we often don't get to the other challenges we face in health care."

President Barack Obama praised the House passage and said he hoped the Senate would approve the measure too, because he wants to sign it. The Boehner-Pelosi measure would replace a 1990s formula that linked doctor pay

to economic growth with a new one more focused on quality of care. It also would require means-testing of Medicare beneficiaries so higher income people pay higher premiums.

Steve Ahnen, president of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, publicly thanked Ayotte for supporting the measure. "We've kicked that can down the road 17 times before fixing it once and for all," he said. "This is an important step forward."



Atty. General obtains injunction against Vet museum

Attorney General Joseph A. Foster announces that the Charitable Trusts Unit has today obtained a preliminary injunction against a registered New Hampshire charitable organization, Veteran Museum of New Hampshire, and its president, Henry T. Pratte. The injunction prohibits the Museum organization and Mr. Pratte from soliciting donations or accepting military artifacts, pending a final hearing in the case. This injunction comes after several years of efforts to bring the organization into compliance with the law.

The complaint against Veterans Museum of New Hampshire and Mr. Pratte was filed on March 27, 2015. It alleges that the defendants committed numerous violations of statutes concerning the solicitation of donations and the composition of the board of directors. In this case, it is alleged that the defendants maintained a website, veteransmuseumofnh.com, that sought donations to build a museum across from the New Hampshire Veterans

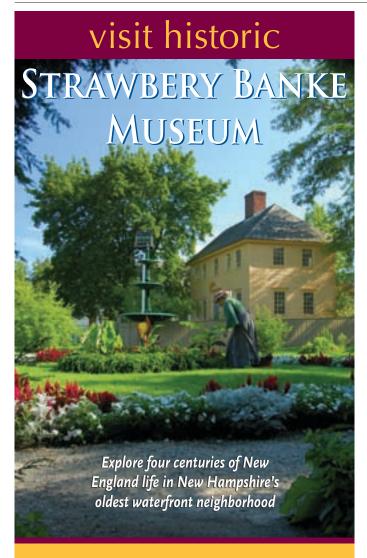
Cemetery, on land they did not own, for an organization that had not obtained tax exempt status. The complaint also claims that Mr. Pratte filed a false report with the Charitable Trusts Unit claiming that the organization fielded a full board of directors.

Attorney General Foster urges members of the public, and especially veterans, to be extremely careful before contributing money or military artifacts to an organization that purports to support veterans' causes. All such organizations must first be registered with the Charitable Trusts Unit. Attorney General Foster recommends that anyone considering making donations ask questions of the solicitor and research the organization on the Internet. The public may also call the Charitable Trusts Unit at 271-3591.

Finally, Attorney General Foster asks that anyone who has donated money or military artifacts to Veterans Museum of New Hampshire to call the Charitable Trusts Unit at 271-3591.







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(L to R) Richard Gerrish, NHLC Director of Marketing, Merchandising and Warehousing; Mark Roy, NHLC Spirits Marketing Specialist; Joe Dudek, General Sales Manager, North American Spirits & Wine Brokerage of New England; Jim Adelmann – Sales Director, DIAGEO; Michael Milligan, NHLC Deputy Commissioner; Joseph Mollica, NHLC Chairman; and Craig Bulkley, NHLC Director of Administrative Services.

New Hampshire Liquor Commission supports US troops abroad

The New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) and North American Spirits & Wine Brokerage of New England, A Division of Southern Wine & Spirits, teamed up to provide U.S. troops abroad with more than 10,000 Crown Royal bags, which troops use to store night-vision goggles. As part of this effort, Diageo, Crown Royal's parent company, presented a \$10,000 check to MooreMart, a Manchester nonprofit that delivers care packages to active duty military at no cost. Crown Royal has donated \$30,000 to MooreMart over the past three years. This past November and December, customers could donate the embroidered bags that come with Crown Royal bottles at all 78 New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlets statewide at any time, including at the time of purchase.

"With 78 NH Liquor & Wine Outlets statewide and strong Crown Royal sales, we knew we could help make a significant impact by providing an opportunity for our customers to donate something as simple as the embroidered Crown Royal bags," said NHLC Chairman Joseph W. Mollica. "NHLC will always be committed to delivering record revenues to the New Hampshire General Fund, but we are tremendously proud to be able to play a role in this meaningful campaign in support of the courageous men and women defending our country."

The Crown Royal bags have been a perfect fit for troop's night-vision goggles, providing protection for the goggles, while saving troops space and weight in their packs. Troops find the military-issued cases for the night-vision goggles bulky. Moore-Mart, which began as a family effort more than 10 years ago, sends about 1,000 care packages every 10 weeks, and has

been including Crown Royal bags in its care packages for about five years. Crown Royal and Diageo expanded the bag collection campaign into a national effort last year, collecting a total of 100,000 bags nationwide for Packages From Home, a national non-profit that donates care packages to deployed troops. Crown Royal plans to collect bags again next year so anyone unable to donate a bag this past holiday season will have the opportunity to do so during the 2015 holidays.

"This partnership between Crown Royal, NHLC and MooreMart has been incredibly successful," said Jim Adelmann, Diageo's Director of Sales. "We are happy that our Crown Royal bags are able to serve a meaningful purpose and we are thankful to NHLC and its customers for supporting this great program. New Hampshire was the originator of this program in 2012, so Crown Royal continues to honor the program's roots by making the additional donation to MooreMart. In New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, we have collected 20,000 bags combined this year—doubling what we collected last year."

Along with bags, Crown Royal donated \$1 for every Crown Royal bag donated at liquor stores across the country to Packages From Home during the 2014 holiday season — up to a maximum donation of \$25,000. It is in addition to that effort that Crown Royal has made an individual \$10,000 donation to MooreMart this year. Since 2004, MooreMart has distributed more than 70,000 care packages to active duty military. Every unit from New Hampshire has received a care package from MooreMart and 100% of donations go directly to troops. MooreMart also distributes humanitarian aid to people in need worldwide, including school supplies to local children in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are extremely grateful for this support from NHLC and Crown Royal, which makes such a big impact on our efforts to provide comfort and support to our troops abroad," said Ted Luszey, MooreMart Co-Founder and Director of Operations. "We have received more than 15,000 bags during the last five years to include in care packages, thanks in large part to the efforts of NHLC and Crown Royal."

NHLC has helped raise more than \$417,000 through a variety of campaigns during the last two years, benefiting the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Easter Seals New Hampshire, Toys for Tots, and the New Hampshire Food Bank, as well as MooreMart.

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28 Pickleball Players participated as several others watched at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center's Inaugural Pickleball Tournament on Sunday April 19th. Carmina Stewart, with lots of support from Justin Martin and the entire crew at the Community Center, did a fantastic job hosting the "fun" tournament. In the finale Holly Durfor and Jason St Aubin were the victors in a hard fought battle against runners-up Chris Schmitt and Amy Lavertue. It was a great day of play and camaraderie for all!Drop-in Pickleball is played at the Community Center every Tuesday & Thursday morning from 10-noon as well as Sunday mornings 9-11am. All levels are welcome! Basic instruction and use of equipment is included in a gym pass. Come join the fun.

Franklin seeks ways to keep seniors

Franklin for a Lifetime" is a three-day set of meetings intended to explore ways to use downtown-area buildings for elderly housing.

By DAN SEUFERT

Union Leader Correspondent

FRANKLIN — A longtime city councilor and advocate of city causes recently decided to leave the city after his wife died, a situation that saddened city officials

"He just felt that the city didn't offer enough to aging adults and he had to leave," said City Manager Elizabeth Dragon. "That's something we're trying to address."

The situation was one of the genesis points for "Franklin for a Lifetime," a three-day set of meetings, including a design charrette that may bring a new design for the downtown area that could use some of the downtown-area buildings for elderly housing.

"We're going to look at everything, ramps, sidewalks, street lighting, things that could be improved to help Franklin become a better place for mixedage housing," Dragon said. "Like most communities in the state, Franklin is not growing, it's aging."

The workshops, which are open to the public but fully registered for, was organized by the city, the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension, and Plan NH, Dragon said. Speakers with areas of expertise in dealing with aging communities will also be on hand, Dragon said.

The city already has many features — such as a hospital, social groups and downtown shopping — that should appeal to elderly residents. And the downtown area has numerous buildings that have vacancies, and the city will look at those buildings and others near the downtown area that could be made more suitable for the elderly city's elderly population.

"We have an abundance of existing space that could be renovated for elderly housing," she said. "There are some housing units that aren't the quality of housing we would like to have available, so we will look at that too."

The design charrette will be used by the city, and may be used by other communities facing similar issues with their senior citizens, Dragon said.

The meetings will also feature specialists speaking on how the city might obtain government and private grants to pay for changes to the city.

Though the meetings are full, the findings will be presented to the public at the May 26 city council meeting, she said.

"We have all the makings of a community that can keep its aging population," Dragon said.

Susie Lowe-Stockwell to step down as Executive Director



After more than 14 years as Executive Director of the League of NH Craftsmen, Susie Lowe-Stockwell has announced that she will retire on June 26. "The League of NH Craftsmen has thrived under

Susie's brilliant leadership. She has led this organization through a wonderful re-invigoration, a new building project, and the opening of several new galleries since she began with the League in 1997 as a managing director," says Alice Veenstra, President of the League's Board of Trustees. "We will all miss her vision, dedication, and wonderful, calm presence in the midst of a whirlwind of activity that is the League today."

The League is a recognized leader in promoting the highest quality of handmade crafts, and maintains rigorous standards for juried membership. Under Lowe-Stockwell's tenure, the League has achieved many significant accomplishments:

- Managed the League's first-ever capital campaign, which raised \$2.7M for the purchase of a new headquarters in downtown Concord. The headquarters includes: classrooms for The Craft Center craft education program; a Gallery for fine craft exhibition; the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum, which contains craft from the League's early years to the present; and the Kira Fournier Library Resource Center, which has a collection of more than 2,000 craft books and periodicals.
- Created a business management model and participant criteria for the League's premiere event, its Annual Craftsmen's Fair. Produced a 58-minute historical documentary film for the 75th anniversary of the League, updated the League's written history, and acquired funding to professionally archive the League's historical papers.
- Developed a professional exhibition gallery program exhibiting the work of hundreds of craftsmen and introducing the

public to the artistry of fine handcraft.

- Created the NH Open Doors annual statewide, self-guided tour, encouraging visitors to experience, first-hand, the skill and talent that goes into making fine hand craft. Produced Craft in the Digital Age conference in 2004 to address the use of technology with craft.
- Opened three new successful fine craft galleries in Littleton, Nashua, and in February 2015, at the Hooksett Welcome Center. "My time with the League has been incredibly rewarding. I have been mentored by so many who believe passionately in the League, as I do. As an organization, we have seen a lot of change over the years and I am deeply grateful for the genuine level of support, guidance and friendships that I have experienced along the way," said Lowe-Stockwell. "I appreciate our amazing, dedicated and passionate staff, board members who give countless hours of their time and expertise, donors and sponsors who support our programs, and our over 200 volunteers who work on committees, help at the Fair and support the headquarters staff."

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Wednesday, May 20th

White Birch Community Center 51 Hall Ave., Henniker • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9th

Claremont Senior Center
5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont • 1 - 3 p.m. & 6 - 8 p.m.

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How to keep tabs on what's happening in your home

Whether you're away on vacation and unsure if you left the lights on, at work and worried about the kids, or even sitting on your couch wondering what mischief the dog is up to in the yard, knowing what's going on inside your entire home is crucial for peace of mind. Instead of worrying, be proactive. Several strategies, new and old, can help put your mind at ease.

• Tried and True

Trusted neighbors can serve as a second set of eyes when you're not around. If they're friendly enough, your neighbors may even be willing to feed pets or help you out in other ways. You can also rely on your kids for regular status reports (if they're old enough). Have them call you when they get home safely and consider giving them some responsibilities, such as making sure the house is in order and your pets are safe and sound.

Technology

Innovative technologies are providing consumers with new ways to keep an eye on their homes. Such products have evolved and are now easier to use and more affordable for the average family. Indeed, brands like Panasonic are leading the charge. Their new Home Monitoring System offers four distinct kits, each of which bundles different surveillance products together. Depending on your budget and required level of monitoring, you can outfit your home with tools like motion sensors, outdoor cameras and indoor cameras to monitor your baby or pet. Keeping tabs on your home from near or far is easy, as the footage can be viewed on your computer monitor, smartphone or tablet. In addition to surveillance, Panasonic's technology may prove particularly advantageous to those away from home, as it allows for remote control of home features like lighting and other appliances.

• Professional Services

In certain cases, you may want to use professionals to help keep everything humming along. If doors jam and fail to latch or you notice cracks in your walls or floors, you may want to call a structural engineer to assess the strength of your foundation. Weeds encroaching on your prized tomato patch? Hire a gardener to fight off intruders or invasive species. A professional heating and cooling service can assess the condition of your air conditioning and heating systems, including inside vents and ducts where you can't see. The health of your home is important, and sometimes it's better to go with the hired hand. (StatePoint)

Tips to manage pain from arthritis in a natural way

One in five adults in the United States now reports having doctor-diagnosed arthritis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For those living with the chronic pain of this disease, learning how to manage arthritis is crucial to the health and happiness of millions of Americans. With that in mind, here are several natural ways to reduce complications and pain associated with arthritis:

- Those who are overweight or obese are diagnosed with an arthritis symptom more often than those with a lower body mass index, according to CDC statistics. Take a load off your joints by maintaining a healthy weight. Weight loss has also been linked to less pain from arthritis, especially in the knees, which bear the brunt of excess pounds.
- Evidence indicates that both endurance and resistance exercise can provide significant benefits to those with osteoarthritis, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. However, arthritis patients should typically avoid placing too much pressure on joints. Low-impact exercises



such as biking, swimming and walking are recommended treatments for arthritis. A doctor or physical therapist is a good resource for helping you make a fitness game plan.

• No matter what precautions you take, pain from your condition is sometimes inevitable. And when it's severe, it can be debilitating. Some arthritis medications mask pain, which may make it harder to gauge the status of your condition. A homeopathic medicine, however, works naturally with your body to ease suffering from arthritis pain. "Joint pains are common in my practice so I often recommend Arnicare Arthritis Tablets," says Dr. Albert Levy

of Manhattan Family Practice in New York City (Manhattanfamilypractice. com). "I feel confident in recommending it because it won't interfere with other medications and homeopathic medicines, such as this, are one of the safest classes of drugs."

Arnicare Arthritis Tablets are quickdissolving homeopathic tablets that relieve minor aches and pains associated with arthritis, specifically from stiff or swollen joints and flare-ups caused by changes in weather. They can be a good option for those with multiple conditions. More information can be found at www. Arnicare.com.

• Stiff joints can be painful. Stretch regularly to prevent stiffness. Full range of motion exercises can help you stay limber and maintain function.

Arthritis actually refers to more than 100 different kinds of musculoskeletal disorders that affect people of all ages. If you're one of the millions of Americans suffering from arthritis, take natural steps to prevent and manage the pain associated with your condition. (StatePoint)



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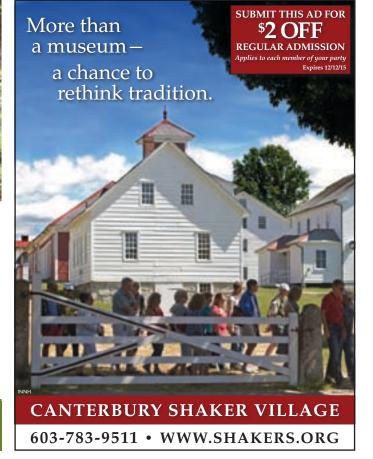
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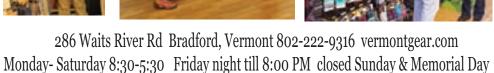
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How to plant your summer garden from scratch

Planting a garden from scratch can sound like a daunting task, especially for those who are new to the hobby. But with the right knowledge, you can plan a successful, fruitful green space and expect to have a great harvest.

One way to get a head start on your garden is to start your seedlings indoors and then transplant them later into an outdoor garden. This time-tested technique can save you hundreds of dollars annually, as young plants at a nursery can be pricey. Here are some tips and tricks to make the most of this method:

- Don't start your indoor plants too soon. They can grow in about four weeks or less if you use a high-quality garden starter. Check seed packages to learn when to plant outdoors in your area, and then start them indoors one month earlier to your transplanting date outdoors.
- Consider using a seed-starting system that takes some of the gardening guesswork out of the equation. For example, the Aerogarden Seed Starting system allows you to start up to 66 seedlings indoors with no dirt or mess,



nurturing seeds with optimal amounts of water and nutrients for reliable germination and healthy growth.

- Add new nutrients to the seedlings every two weeks and keep the water at full level. Feeding your plants more than the recommended amount will not make them grow faster. In fact, it could hurt the plants.
- Before transplanting, seedlings need to be hardened off. Skipping this step will almost certainly result in some or all of your plants dying. Hardening off seedlings eases their transition to the outdoors, where they will be exposed to the elements. The process involves gradually exposing plants to the outdoors,

protecting them from full sunlight, temperature variations and wind.

- Don't let sprouts get too big before transplanting them outdoors. Ideally they should be about 4-6 inches tall. If possible, wait to plant your seedlings on a cool, cloudy day. If your seedlings get too large before weather will allow transplanting outdoors, transplant them into small pots with high quality potting soil. Keep fully watered in a sunny space until weather permits transplanting outdoors.
- After transplanting seedlings outdoors, be sure to water them daily for the first two weeks, especially if the weather is dry and sunny.
- Save and reuse your seed starter tray for the next season. Once the spring plants have been transplanted outdoors, you will be free to get a head start on your summer crop.

More tips to start your own seedlings can be found at www.Aerogarden.com.

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What you need to know about diabetes risk factors

When it comes to Type II diabetes, many only consider weight when examining their risk. Diabetes is complicated however, and risk factors are numerous.

Some of the confusion is potentially reflected in statistics. From 1980 through 2011, the number of Americans with diagnosed diabetes more than tripled, from 5.6 million to 20.9 million, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and millions more have prediabetes or are undiagnosed. On the bright side, cuttingedge research has uncovered strategies for avoiding, controlling and even reversing diabetes. "It's tempting to think that there's not much you can do except take medication and hope for the best," says George L. King, M.D., Chief Scientific Officer at Joslin Diabetes Center, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and author of the new book, "The Diabetes Reset." "However, anyone can improve their body's response to insulin and its ability to metabolize glucose in the blood."

Each individual's glucose control problems are unique, which is why King offers a range of evidence-based, diabetesfighting strategies in his book. Here he shares a few:

Diet

A recent study by Dr. King and his Joslin colleagues has shown that insulin sensitivity, glucose metabolism and type 2 diabetes risk can all be significantly improved by switching to a low-fat, high-fiber diet consisting of 70 percent carbohydrates, 15 percent fat and 15 percent protein, including 15 grams of dietary fiber for every 1,000 calories consumed.

This dietary approach, known as the Rural Asian Diet, is easy to maintain, as it doesn't call for restricting calories or totally avoiding any particular food group. While many diabetes experts promote restricting carbohydrates, this diet distinguishes between refined carbohydrates and complex carbohydrates, which are high in fiber, and will be converted into blood glucose much more slowly.

• Weight Loss

If your BMI is above 25 and you're able to reduce your body weight by 5 to 7 percent, you can reduce your insulin resistance and improve your glucose

metabolism. Be advised, many doctors feel that BMI is of limited value in determining a diabetes risk because it doesn't distinguish between fat and lean tissue or between different types of body fat. Abdominal fat is the most dangerous type of fat in terms of diabetes risk, so many doctors use waist circumference as an additional measurement.

• Exercise

Your muscles can lose insulin sensitivity due to inactivity. This can be largely reversed through a combination of 150 minutes of aerobic activity per week plus weekly strength training sessions. Together, these activities can increase your muscles' ability to oxidize fats, glucose and other fuels, while also helping you lose weight.

Sleep

There is mounting evidence that lack of sleep can contribute to insulin resistance and possibly causes damage to the pancreas, putting you at heightened risk for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. Attempt to get seven to eight hours of high-quality sleep every night to improve insulin sensitivity. (StatePoint)

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Tips that you can use to trace your family's past

Were your ancestors humble farmers or wealthy nobility? Did they travel to find their fortune or have they always lived close to your current home? Exploring your genealogy can be fascinating. In the 2010 U.S. Census, 34.7 million Americans claimed Irish ancestry, the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, representing more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.

Those of Irish descent, or those who suspect they have some Irish in them, may be inclined to do some research to prove their Irish heritage. Now, the process may be even more revealing, as a new set of records is now available online which tells the harrowing tales of families in the Great Irish Famine.

"The Great Famine caused widespread starvation and disease in Ireland 1845-52. Over one million people died, and one million emigrated, many bound for the United States," says Brian Donovan, Irish records expert at Findmypast, an online family history site. So how do you go about discovering yours? Here are tips for getting started:

• Building a Family Tree Start by building your family tree with



information you have already. When you're done, ask family members to contribute their knowledge. Important information to gather includes names, dates, life details, stories, romances, physical descriptions and anecdotes.

Interviews

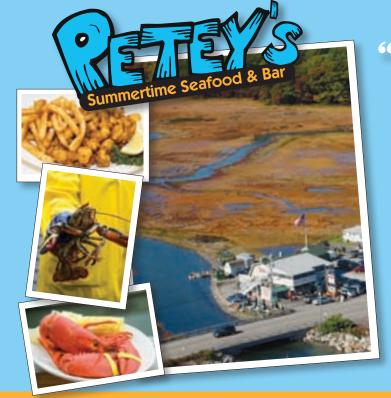
Sit down with relatives for interviews, starting with older relatives first. Face-to-face is ideal However, phone calls or video chatting work well too. Record the interviews to help with your research later or merely to serve as a memento.

You may hear inconsistencies in stories from relative-to-relative, but avoid interrupting or asking leading questions. Ask to see family photos, certificates and other documents. If you have any to share, bring them along to help jog more memories.

Search Online Records

Register with a website that can help you explore your family history. A good choice for those of Irish descent is Findmypast, which among its two billion historical records from around the globe, boasts the best and by far the largest online collection of Irish records, and an extensive archive of British and Irish newspapers. Their Irish records date as far back as the 14th century, including estate records, military, prison and court records, and passenger lists. Searchable transcriptions and scans of original historical records from Ireland, the U.S. and beyond make it easy to trace your family tree back hundreds of years.

Common setbacks to genealogical research, such as variations on spellings of names, are hurdles that are easier to overcome using certain features on the site. Findmypast also offers plenty of resources and tips to help you discover facts and organize the information. To subscribe, or try a free trial visit www.findmypast.com. (StatePoint)



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Reducing your sugar intake can make you feel better

You may not realize it, but your sugar consumption has likely increased over the last several years. Beyond what you add to your coffee or the occasional sweet treat, you may be getting hidden sugar from an array of processed foods, such as ketchup and salad dressing. Even conventional baby food contains added sugar. And all those additions can be troubling to your health, say experts.

"Sugar is directly linked to obesity, tooth decay, diabetes, fatigue, headaches, arthritis, adrenal burnout and physiological or emotional problems such as ADHD and PMS," says Dr. Steve Weston, Director of Ambassador Relations/Nutrition Expert of Sunwarrior, a producer of raw, plant-based supplements.

For improved health, here are several ways to become more mindful about your sugar consumption:

- There are many names and forms of sugar so learning to read food labels helps. Generally speaking, if an ingredient ends with the suffix -ose, then it's a sugar.
- Keep the sugar off the table and in the pantry. You'll be less likely to add it to your meals. That being said, there are plenty of foods that you may be adding sugar to that are already sugary on their own -- from cereal to fresh fruit. Once you get used to the



natural taste of these foods, you won't miss the added spoonful.

- Don't use artificial sweeteners. While it may seem natural to reach for an artificial sweetener when you're attempting to cut back on the real deal, it's a grave mistake. Most artificial sweeteners actually increase cravings for sugary foods. If you do need a boost of sweetness, stick to more healthful whole food options, such as honey, date sugar, coconut sugar and pure organic maple syrup.
- Seek out sweet flavors, while reaping the benefits of plant-based proteins with a protein blend such as Sunwarrior Protein, an easily digestible nutrient-filled superfood

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"A healthy protein powder can ensure you're getting a complete array of the essential amino acids needed to build and repair muscle, drive metabolism, keep skin young and elastic, build and balance hormones and carry out a host of other processes by allowing the body to create the right enzymes," says Dr. Weston.

Using low temperatures, enzymes, whole grains and superfoods, Sunwarrior's unique process creates plant-based proteins that are silky smooth, mix well in smoothies, water, almond milk, coconut milk, shakes and other beverages, taste great and supply all the essential amino acids your body craves. More information can be found at www.Sunwarrior.com.

• Pay attention to your skin, which is a reflection of your health and the quality of your nutrition. If you consume too much sugar, particularly from processed foods, a chemical reaction can form a rogue molecule known as an advanced glycation endproduct. Undesirable effects include wrinkles and droopy skin.

By learning more about the foods you eat and making wise choices, you can reduce your sugar intake without missing out on flavor. (StatePoint)

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Throw the perfect summer party on a budget

One of the best ways to celebrate the summer season is by hosting an outdoor party for all your friends and neighbors.

Don't get overwhelmed by the party planning process. The discount experts at Dollar General are offering tips to help you save money and throw a hot summer party that all your guests will love.

Set the Mood

Escape the heat and throw your outdoor party right at sundown. Light up the night with solar lights and tiki torches to create a relaxing

atmosphere. Paper lanterns hanging from tree branches provide low-level lighting and a festive ambiance. Just don't forget the bug spray and citronella candles to keep the insects away!

Accessorize

No summer party is complete without colorful accessories that make your



backyard really pop. Fill planters of different sizes with blooming flowers for a natural, decorative look. Add colorful tablecloths to dress up all kinds of patio furniture and protect against spills. Make plain paper napkins stand out with napkin holders for an inexpensive upgrade to outdoor dining. Also, consider buying a bright cooler that will lead your guests right to a

refreshing beverage.

• Make a list

Shopping for your bash? Take time to make a list of the items you will need to throw a great party. Grab all the essentials like charcoal. chips, dip, sodas and bottled waters. Don't forget to get extra paper products like plates and napkins -- they will go fast at an outdoor party. You can also save time by downloading DG digital coupons to enjoy all the savings on your favorite summer items without the coupon clipping. With

everything from food and drink to lawn and garden accessories, a discount retailer like Dollar General and dollargeneral.com can be a one stop shop for all of your party needs.

With a little creativity and some planning ahead, the perfect summer party doesn't have to break the bank. (StatePoint)

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Three tips for buying French wine from a head wine maker

Choosing a wine from a menu or the shelves of your local wine shop can be daunting. Despite wanting to try something new, you might find yourself consistently reaching for the same bottle you know for fear of making the wrong choice. However, a whole wine world is ready to be explored. Why not start with a classic: French wine?

Frédéric Barnier, Head Winemaker of Maison Louis Jadot in Burgundy, France, offers easy tips to help you discover great wines from France.

• Unscramble French Labels

French wine standards are very strict and dictated by law. Wine labels feature a lot of information with words you may not recognize. Here are seven basics to look for on the label:

- 1. Vintage- year the grapes were harvested (front top label)
- 2. Producer or Brand (front label)
- 3. Appellation title or "sub-region" (front label)
- 4. Region and style (front label)
- 5. "Bottled at the estate" or location of bottling (front label)
- 6. Alcohol content (back label)
- 7. Winery location (front and back label)



• Embrace a Region

Unlike American wine labels, French wines do not clearly spell out the varietal. However, there is no magic trick there; you just need to learn some of the basics of which varietals are grown where in France.

Wines from Burgundy for instance will bring you delicious, elegant, aromatic Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. From this eastern part of France, and more specifically from the Beaujolais region, comes another varietal vou may not be familiar with known as Gamay. A wine to try is the Louis Jadot Beaujolais-Villages, which is 100 percent

Gamay, and actually the number one French wine in the U.S. It is crisp, fruit-forward and juicy, with expressive aromas and flavors of ripe red berries, such as raspberry and cherry, with notes of black pepper.

• Share and Celebrate

Wine is meant to be shared and enjoyed, so throw a French Wine tasting party with friends. Instruct guests to bring one bottle of French wine. As host, prepare a nice plate of charcuterie and cheese. Fill the evening with interesting French wine region facts to initiate hearty discussions. As a group, review the tasting notes for each featured wine,

and find delight in the discovery of new likes and dislikes. Another way to introduce French wines into your lifestyle is by celebrating with them during special meals and occasions. For a classic, French white wine that pairs well with a variety of dishes, a great choice is the Louis Jadot's Pouilly-Fuissé, made of 100 percent Chardonnay. The Pouilly Fuissé, which comes from the designated area of Mâconnais, another sub-region of Burgundy, will beautifully complement lighter fare or a holiday menu of ham or lamb. (StatePoint)





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Ways to make history come alive for your family

It may have been many years since you picked up a history textbook. And if so, who can blame you? History can seem dull when told as a listing of facts and dates. But learning about times gone by can be a worthwhile pursuit -- whether you want to be better prepared to help your kids with homework or to beef up your own store of knowledge.

Luckily, there are much more fascinating and engaging ways to become a history buff than by reading a standard textbook. To make history come alive for you and your family, consider the following:

• Historical Fiction

Revisit and rethink historical fact with inventive fictional novels inspired by true events. Historical fiction can be a fascinating way to get acquainted with history.

Check out one such new read, "The Lusitania Conspiracy," which explores events surrounding the infamous sinking of the RMS Lusitania, a British ocean liner, and at the time, one of the world's fastest and most luxurious passenger ships. In time for its 100th anniversary, history buff and author Ron Walters details a series of intense events involving mystery, murder, and perhaps even crimes against humanity,



offering one possible explanation as to what occurred so long ago on May 7, 1915.

According to Walters, the truth behind the sinking, which involved the loss of 1,200 lives is "the greatest story never told."

"The story of the Lusitania has been overshadowed by the Titanic's sinking for nearly 100 years, even though it's far more interesting and intriguing," says Walters.

Though it is fiction, the book is based on real events and features historical figures. After enjoying the novel, you can look forward to a film version, currently in the works. For more information, visit www.thelusitaniaconspiracy.com.

• Take a Vacation

The next time you travel, take an opportunity to get more deeply acquainted with your destination by learning about its history. Were any battles fought there? Did

important figures spend time there?

Almost every location has an interesting story behind it and seeing where an event took place can help bring facts to life and shed light on a story. Consider planning a family vacation around an historical site like Gettysburg, site of one of the largest battles of the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. Or you can visit a place like Los Alamos, home to the Manhattan Project during World War II. There are many destinations with historical meaning that can be explored by your family.

• Make it Personal

History extends beyond the famous and infamous. Everyday people have interesting stories to tell as well -- including your ancestors.

Delving into your own family's past is now easier than ever, as there are online services that can help you search historical records and documents to piece together your story far into the past. Supplement your research by conducting interviews with relatives and record the sessions for posterity.

History is not meant to put you to sleep. By seeking out more vivid interpretations and retellings of the past, you can make it come alive. (StatePoint)



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Are you reaching for the right pain medication?

The use of opioid painkillers such as Vicodin and Oxycontin is on the rise and this trend is taking its toll. Opioids account for 46 deaths each day in the United States -more than any other drug.

Is your pain medication the best option for you? Depending on the type of pain you're experiencing, and the duration of your expected treatment, the answer may be "no."

"Surprisingly, opioids are not very effective pain medications, and they can also have serious side effects," says Dr. Donald Teater, M.D., medical advisor to the National Safety Council.

Acute pain includes dental pain, back pain, renal colic pain (kidney stones), sprains and fractures. What may be surprising to some is that studies show a combination of over-the-counter acetaminophen and ibuprofen is more effective at relieving acute pain than opioids. Not only are opioids less



effective than NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug) in particular instances, but they also are associated with more serious side effects. Some lesser-known side effects of opioids include gastrointestinal bleeding (more frequently associated with NSAIDS), rapid development of addiction, changes to the brain and cognitive abilities, driving impairment, increased risk of disability and decreased sex hormones.

The elderly need to be particularly

wary, as elderly adults taking opioids are at greater risk of having a cardiovascular event, have four times as many fractures than their counterparts not taking opioids, and have an 87 percent greater risk of dying.

If you're prescribed an opioid pain medication, consider discussing alternatives with your doctor, particularly if you're treating acute pain. Taking the minimum dose for as short a time period as possible can

help reduce your risk. "Since opioids are often abused illicitly, it is good practice to lock your medicine cabinet and dispose of any leftover medications properly when your course of treatment is over," says Dr. Teater. "Drug take back programs are the safest, most environmentally-friendly way to clean your medicine cabinet."

For the latest information on painkiller efficacy and risks, visit www. nsc.org/rxpainkillers. (StatePoint)





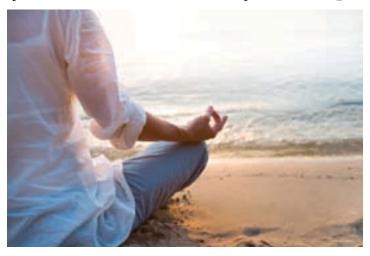
Ways to stay in touch with your spiritual side

While there are many differences between the major world religions, there are just as many similarities. Fostering a conversation about religion and incorporating spirituality into your life can benefit you and your family, believe experts.

"Finding common ground in the various religious scriptures, history and spiritual practices can help us reach peaceful solutions to social issues," says author Star Chang, whose new book, "Coming Home: A Spiritual and Religious Dialogue," explores diverse religious teachings.

Chang is offering spiritual practices to incorporate into your everyday life, regardless of your faith.

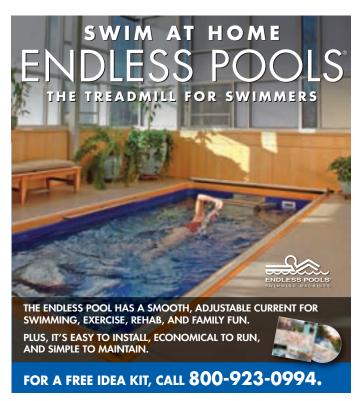
- The goals of the major world religions are similar; however the ways of achieving them can differ. For example, many religions practice "love" to achieve their goals. Everything you do, do it with love.
- While faith is difficult to prove with the advancements of modern science, it is a trust in something greater. Have faith in what you're doing, even if all the signs aren't clear.
 - The goal of the sciences is to find the



ultimate truth, which is what the major world religions are also seeking. Scientists attain this goal by using external tools, while religion draws upon an internal force. Put both to good use to tackle your goals.

- Human beings consist of three parts
 -- mind, body and spirit. The spirit is the
 lead, the mind is in-between and the body is
 the follower. Confusion will arise if the mind
 or the body becomes the lead. Check in with
 your spirit often.
- Tolerance is a practice that comes from the heart. Make sure your heart is light and free of judgment.

- If there is negativity underlying your actions, the good you do will not be felt. To do the most good you can, find balance and come from a place of positivity.
- Many major religions emphasize having a good heart, sound thought and good behavior as universal virtues. Help others with these three principles in mind.
- Be kind to all people and beings without discrimination. These teachings are abundant in many world religions, and were as true thousands of years ago as they are today.
- Get an innocuous conversation started amongst family members and friends. A spiritual text, such as "Coming Home," can make a great gift for someone moving on to the next life stage, such as a high school or college graduate; and can be a helpful way to revisit world religions and spiritual concepts. In our modern society, it can easy to lose touch with your spirituality. But exploring this side of yourself can help you have a deeper appreciation and broader understanding of other cultures and systems of belief. More information can be found at www.BookComingHome.com. (StatePoint)





Air Force to Flying Tigers to FedEx, **An Aviation Career Paul Cassel**

May 9, 2015, 11:00 AM Program is included in the price of admission, 27 Navigator Road Londonderry, NH 03053 Phone: 603-669-4820 Air Force to Flying Tigers to FedEx An Aviation Career Paul Cassel FedEx Express Senior VP, Flight Operations, Director of Operations The Aviation Museum of NH announces that Paul Cassel, FedEx Express Senior VP of Flight Operations, Director of Operations, will be speaking at the museum Saturday May 9, 2015 at 11:00AM describing an aviation career that is the equivalent of going from playing sand lot baseball to the World Series! He will describe a career that began with Piper Cubs and has proceeded to a wide range of aircraft in the air cargo industry from DC8's to MD11's to B-777's, while amassing over 26,000 hours of flight time. As Paul says, "In my lifetime, I've

seen aviation evolve from slow mechanical devices comprised of clutches, shafts, levers and electrical motors, to electronic technology that dazzles with speed and accuracy." Paul Cassel can't remember a time when he wasn't completely infatuated with airplanes and flying. He was just a teenager when he began working at the local airport fueling airplanes and cleaning hangars. He soloed on his 16th birthday and earned a private pilot's license at age 17. Today Paul is Senior Vice **President of Flight Operations** for FedEx Express, the world's largest express transportation company providing fast, reliable delivery to every U.S. address and to more than 220 countries and territories. As FedEx's chief pilot he is responsible for the management of nearly 5,000 pilots and 600 staff, and for the oversight of 370 transport aircraft flying in and out of 375 airports around the world. This program is part of the museum's "Second Saturday@Museum" series. Please contact us for

more information at 603-669-4820, or avmuseum@nhahs.org. The Aviation Museum of NH is located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Opening Day and Moultonborough **Appreciation Day**

May 9, 2015, 10:00 AM Free for Moultonborough Residents. Castle in the Clouds RT 171, 455 Old Mountain Rd. Moultonborough, NH 03254 Phone: 603-476-5900 Join us as we open the doors of Lucknow for its 101st year! Open weekends through the rest of May, come tour the mansion, visit the Art Gallery, and dine at our award winning restaurant. We will have special treats and games too. Remember, all Moultonborough Residents tour Lucknow FREE on opening day!! Bring a photo ID with proof of residency to the front gate and receive your free admission. Generously sponsored by Crystal Geyser and Irwin Motors.

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May 16, 2015, 10:00 AM Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Museum members free. 1305 White Mountain Highway, Milton, NH 03851 Phone: 603-652-7840 May 16th Sheep herding Field Trials Saturday 10 am- 2:00 pm Come watch the top Border Collies in New England vie for

prizes as they herd flocks of sheep through a course in the Plummer pasture and enjoy a spring day on the farm. The dog and handler teams must maneuver the sheep through several obstacles in a limited amount of time. Handlers will take turns explaining what is happening on the fields and will be available to answer questions about the breed and training. Visitors can also view spinning demonstrations, explore the barns filled with antique farm equipment, visit with the farm animals and walk the trails through the woods. New **England Border Collie Rescue** will be on site to educate people about the breed. Trials will begin at 10:30AM and run until approximately 2:00PM. Make sure to bring your own chair. Only dogs in the competition will be allowed on the museum grounds and necessary service dogs.

Kites Against Cancer

May 17, 2015, 11:00 AM Free: Kites Available for purchase at event and prior at various Seacoast locations. Ocean Boulevard, Hampton, NH 03842 Phone: 603-580-6668 Kites will fill the sky as a sign of hope and support for those affected by cancer during Exeter Hospital's 7th annual Kites Against Cancer event to be held Sunday, May 17 from 11am to 3pm at Hampton Beach (near the Oceanfront Pavilion). This uplifting fun family event will include kite flying and decorating, face painting, raffles, refreshments, music provided by Z107 and more! Warm-up with Zumba® on the beach at 11:00 am. 100% of event proceeds benefit The Beyond the Rainbow Fund at Exeter Hospital, a fund providing financial assistance and support to patients in need at Exeter Hospital's Center for Cancer Care. Special kites

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Medicare covers revolutionary new device that gives seniors freedom from lower back pain

Easy-to-use high-tech back brace is now covered by Medicare. Specialists are manning the phones for the next 48 hours to assist seniors in qualifying to get the new Verta Loc back brace and regain their youth.



The revolutionary new Verta Loc Back Brace is helping seniors everywhere re-discover an active and pain-free lifestyle.

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Comfortable, custom fit provides immediate pain relief If you are reading this, you know that lower back pain can be excruciating and debilitating. Even mild, low-grade back pain, whether chronic or recurring, robs seniors of their golden years and takes the fun out of life.

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Recommended by doctors and back pain specialists

Physicians agree that using a high-quality back brace like Verta Loc helps encourage safe movement, teaches good body mechanics, and restricts the motions

that cause pain in the first place. Patients are able to maintain their daily activities and learn better back health practices.

Medicare coverage specialists are available by phone for the next 48 hours only. Call today!

Since Medicare is now covering the Verta Loc, the phone lines are expected to be flooded, but if lines are busy, callers are encouraged to keep trying. For the next 48 hours, the goal of the Back Pain Resource Center is to make sure every senior is able to experience the relief and freedom provided by having their own Verta Loc.

To get your Verta Loc please find your time zone on this map and begin calling at the time indicated.

CALL 800-831-4290



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will be available for purchase at the event, as well as at the following Seacoast locations beginning April 20. Kites are \$8 per kite or two for \$15. • Me & Ollie's Cafes: Exeter, Greenland, Newington and Portsmouth • Stillwell's Ice Cream: Hampton & Exeter • Churchill's Garden Center: Exeter • Exeter Hospital Gift Shop. Individuals are encouraged to decorate or personalize their kites in memory or in honor of a loved one. For additional information, visit www.exeterhospital.com/ kitesagainstcancer or call 603-580-6668.

Live Music at LaBelle Winery: ChucknJohn

May 21, 2015, 6:00 PM 345 Route 101, Amherst, NH Phone: 603-672-9898 Every Thursday night, we'll have live music on the Terrace or in the Tasting Room from 6 – 9pm. Enjoy your dinner and a delicious drink while the tunes carry your cares away! You won't want to miss a single one! Call 603-672-9898 x1 to make your Reservation for the Bistro.

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Wildquack Duck River Festival

May 24, 2015, 8:00 AM Admission to event is FREE Duck Tickets, food, games and other specials are sold separately Jackson Village Park Rt. 16A, Jackson, NH 03846 Phone: 603-383-9356 2015 is the 26th running of the Ducks and it promises to be EVEN more exciting this year. This event offers great local and visiting food vendors, kids games and challenges, the Jackson Fire Department obstacle course, 5 Minutes of Fame Wildguack Duck Stage, Jackson's Cake Boss Competition and more surprises. "Wildguack" the Duck will be there to welcome you to Jackson Village. With No Admissions Fee

anyone can cheer, laugh and feel the excitement as over 3108 ducks bob and splash their way to the finish line. Your Duck Race ticket could win you more than \$1,000 in cash or one of more than 60 other valuable prizes. Every year more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes are won.

Caravan of Thieves

May 30, 2015, 8:00 PM \$19; \$16; \$13 2050 Main Street Bethlehem, NH 03574 Phone: 603-869-3422 Driving gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin lay the foundation for mesmerizing vocal harmonies and fantastic stories. It's theatrical and humorous. It's musical and intense. It entertains, dazzles and defies classification while welcoming the spectator to join the band throughout the performance in momentary fits of claps, snaps and sing-alongs. If Django Reinhardt, the cast of Stomp and the Beatles all had a party at Tim Burton's house, Caravan of Thieves would be the band they hired.







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