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tems and air pollution. We have heard testimony about telephone and internet service, net neutrality, woodchip biomass, plus energy and environmental goals, to name just a few. Some of these bills have immediate consequences for our towns, and most have consequences that reach far into the future. How we get our electricity and communications, how reliable these services are, and how much they will cost are vitally important issues to our families, to our town's children and elders, as well as to the future economic prosperity of our towns. I'm happy I can bring my technical and scientific experience to help find the best outcomes. My priorities are solidly with the people of our towns, not with big players that want to ignore us, bypass us or turn a quick buck at our expense.

There are three additional subcommittees I've been asked to serve on. One is concerned with electric utilities net metering regulations. The second is doing a deeper study on a bill requiring large buildings and hotels to upgrade their phone systems to automatically report location when a 911 call is placed. The third committee is the state's web transparency committee. These subcommittees have not yet held their initial meetings, so I will report on them in the next Report from Concord."

David Kerrick was selected to serve

a third term on the powerful Ways & Means Committee, which studies and predicts State revenues. David's expertise as a former vice president of a well-known global financial advising company makes him an especially experienced member of this standing committee. The Ways and Means Committee initially spends a great deal of time listening to testimony about the state of the New Hampshire economy, the national economy and predictions for the next couple of years. It also hears testimony from most of the New Hampshire State Agencies including Public Works, the State Treasurer, the Liquor Commission, Agriculture, Fish and Game, Economic Development, Motor Vehicles, and several others. Ways and Means also reviews and hears testimony on at least a hundred bills often referred from other committees. Members of the Committee then vote that each bill either be passed into law by the Legislature, or to not be approved. There are times where committee members vote along party lines but frequently they all agree to vote the same way on a particular bill. Some of David's priorities this session are bills that would restore and increase State funding for all Public Schools, restore State funding to the State and local Government Employees Retirement System, share State fees and taxes with our towns such as the Rooms and Meals Taxes, and lower the Towns' dependence on Property taxes.

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In the fall of 1992, the first Highland Lake Apple Farm Apple fest was held. It became an annual event lasting twenty-five years. People from far and near would attend. Peter made his famous cabbage soup. Mary made apple cakes- all with products from the farm. Hot dogs and burgers were grilled. They hosted a big Italian dinner in the evening with as many as 35-45 guests. There were bagpipers, accordion players and various other musicians who entertained throughout the weekend. There was a pumpkin growing contest and pressing apples to make fresh cider. Jams, vinegar, marmalade, chutney and other goodies made at the farm were sold at the farm stand. Visitors were encouraged to pick their own apples. The two-day event truly was a celebration of community, harvest and good living.

Peter and Mary have welcomed many school groups to the farm over the years. As a side line - In 2015, Mary published the book, "Willy Finds a Home" about their beloved cat, Willy. Willy was the "official apple orchard greeter, guardian and cashier". Following the publication, many children and adults stopped to see Willy. Peter has given countless free workshops on the care and pruning of trees. He has generously shared his knowledge of bee keeping, production of honey, apples, cider making and vinegar with others. They have been supporters and participants of the Wilmot Farmers Market as

well as other local grower events.

50 Maple Street has a long history

In 1974, Ralph Chaffee wrote in "East Andover and its People", p. 41, "In the large house opposite that of Mrs. Stella Thompson, Mrs. Ethel Nelson ran a boarding house for power plant employees and others in 1924. Oramil Ezekiel Eastman built the present buildings in 1866 and made it his long time home. No doubt there were other buildings of some sort before the present ones, but the only brief record says that Capt. Enoch Merrill once lived there. Lawrence C. and Marie N. Rising [Rising and Charles furniture repair shop in the old ice house boarding house] now own and reside there." (Stella Thompson died in 1968. In 1974, the house across the road would have been owned by Mark and Sandy Thompson.)

Louise Wood bought the home in 1981/82 and lived there until her death in 1985. She enjoyed its history and hosted many social gatherings for the community.

Mary and Peter have added another rich and joyful chapter to its history. Now, they say it is time to find new owners who will enjoy and care for it as much as they have.

Mary and Peter and Willy are presently residing at Lyon Brook Community Association in New London, New Hampshire. The Highland Lake Apple Farm is listed with Coldwell Banker real estate in New London.



Maple Weekend Activities Planned in Warner

Breakfast, Tours of Sap Houses & Much More!

Press release

Warner's maple producers join with the town's organizations and businesses to create a town-wide maple celebration. The weekend begins on Friday evening with an art show reception at Main Street Bookends, followed by the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio in concert at the Warner Town Hall.

The action picks up bright and early each morning with a pancake breakfast brought to you by the United Church of Warner and the Warner Historical Society. Breakfast features maple syrup made in Warner.

Nine sap houses will be demonstrating how they turn sap into maple syrup and other maple treats: Baker's Syrup, Bates Maple Syrup, Beaver Meadowbrook Farm, Blackwater Maples, Courser Farm Sugar Kings, Kearsarge Gore Farm, Kimball's Sugar House, Rogers Maple Syrup and Turyn's Tap'n & Sap'n. Each sap house has a unique personality and they'll have different treats, so you'll want to visit as many as you can. Maps are available at the Town Hall, Pillsbury Free Library, Main

Street Bookends, Schoodacs and at the sap houses. Have the sap houses note your visit on your map. Afterwards, show the folks at Schoodacs your map to get a maple surprise!

There are lots more family activities around town: children's crafts at the Pillsbury Free Library, read-aloud maple sugaring stories at Main Street Bookends, learn to identify maple leaves and bark and make a mokuk (a bark bucket to store maple sugar) at the Nature Discovery Center and see a traditional Native American method of turning sap into syrup, sample Native foods and snowshoe on the grounds of Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. The NH Telephone Museum and Warner Public Market will be open and Country Cobwebs will have maple products for sale.

When you're hungry, dine on delicious food made with maple syrup at The Local, Foothills, Charlie Macs Pizzeria, Schoolhouse Café, or Schoodacs Coffee House. But leave room for a spaghetti supper Saturday night by the Merrimack County 4-H Ox Bows at the Town Hall.

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