

Fun Murder Mystery Fund Raiser for Franklin Opera House

Friday, September 20 & Saturday, September 21

Press release

Franklin Opera House will present their annual Murder Mystery Dessert Theatre, September 20 & 21, to benefit the Franklin Opera House Restoration Committee.

The fun will be a “Reunion at Hippie High”—even hippies go to their class reunion! It’s a time to reminisce about the good old days of free love, protests, and the Age of Aquarius.

The senior class president, Leo Templeton, hosts the evening which includes performances by the cheerleaders and the glee club. Leo’s wife, Linda (known as “Boonie” in high school) is thrilled to see her old girlfriends, “Rainy” and “Sky.” Leo is less than thrilled to see either of them—more so when Sky’s son “Oak” disrupts the proceedings and overthrows the reunion—“for the people.” Oak is only following in the footsteps of the school’s most infamous alumnus, “Che” who is still underground (or is he?) after an attempted bombing of

an Army/Navy store. Oak’s protest is upstaged by the surprise appearance of the last member of their high school clique—“Phib”—who supposedly drowned just before graduation.

This popular event is performed by members of Franklin Footlight Theatre and the FHS Drama Department. Guests will enjoy delicious assorted soup appetizers and delectable desserts prepared by Chubbles restaurant in downtown Franklin.

Due to the increasing popularity of this annual event there will be two performances this year, Friday and Saturday evening, with table seating only. Space is limited to 14 tables and seats are going fast. Tickets, are \$20 - \$22, only available in advance; there will be no sales at the door.

Tickets and dessert choices are available online at FranklinOperaHouse.org, or by calling during office hours at 934-1901.

Franklin Opera House is a community performing arts venue located within the historic Franklin City Hall, 316 Central Street, in Franklin.

September News from the South Danbury Christian Church

Press release

The Blazing Star Grange #71 will hold its 105th Annual Danbury Grange & Community Fair on Saturday, September 7.

Watch for the Fair schedule, and watch for our South Danbury Church “float” in the 11 AM parade. This year’s theme is “Danbury’s Got Talent.” There’ll be a lot of talent (and laughter) to enjoy.

Everyone is always welcome at the Fair, and at the South Danbury Church!

Our Sunday worship is at 11:00 AM. If you would like to receive our weekly email news, or to be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to southdanburychurch@gmail.com, or a text to 491-3196. Follow us on Facebook at “Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church.” And whenever you see any activity at the church, please do stop by for a visit! We’re located at 1411 U.S. Route 4 in South Danbury.



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succinct, the New Hampshire State Constitution’s amendment 2a says: “All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.” There are no more constitutional words, nor should more words be inferred. As a gun owner and occasional hunter since I was 13 years old, I recognize and uphold the unique liberty and responsibility that we Americans, and especially we New Hampshireites, enjoy when it comes to the privilege of hunting and the right to defend our “castles”.

HB564 was one of three so-called common sense gun bills vetoed by the Governor. These days, unauthorized persons understandably may not carry firearms into courtrooms, onto airplanes or into nuclear facilities. Why should we allow unauthorized persons to bring firearms into a place like our elementary schools? HB564 would have made it illegal for any unauthorized person to bring a gun into a school building. Violation of the law proposed by this bill would give the authorized personnel inside the school clear authority to take decisive action against the lawbreaker (Such authorization would extend to police officers, active duty military and those specific persons authorized in writing by the local school board.). In my conversations with local law enforcement officers, school resource officers, and even a Secret Service risk assessment expert on the issue of gun violence in schools, all expressed their reservations about existing policies. The existing policy prevents them from having unambiguous latitude to take protective action until after shooting actually begins. It is an unenviable position to be required to shoot second in a gunfight.

I was a classroom teacher for 37 years, and in recent decades have observed firsthand the traumatic fallout of having to lie on the floor with my students during a school lock-down, active-shooter drill. Even though every-

one knows it is a drill, it is excruciating to listen and watch under the classroom door at the shadows of someone outside trying the door to see if it is locked. For both students and faculty, this real life experience of institutionalized fear and helplessness is harmful in a way that is hard to describe. It is upsetting and outrageous in a way so totally different from observing heroic dramatic violence vicariously on TV. We must defend our community’s children from this outrage, so HB564 should have been signed into law by the Governor. Instead, he vetoed it.

The Governor’s veto message stated “From the school safety task force, to rebuilding our state’s mental health system, including the largest investment of resources in decades, to establishing the Governor’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and to establish the State’s first Civil Rights Unit to step up prosecution of hate crimes, we are taking major steps to ensure the safety of our citizens is paramount.” Are you as voters satisfied that these actions the Governor describes will be as effective to keep our children unharmed and untraumatized, than the direct measures of HB564, that he vetoed?

Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury are in the heart of the most productive forests in the state of New Hampshire. I have described in previous Reports from Concord my efforts to defend the many families in our towns whose livelihoods have been threatened by the Governor’s continued blockage and vetoes of biomass or wood chip energy bills, and I continue to work on their behalf.

All these vetoes will be put to the test on September 18 and 19, when the House reconvenes to vote on whether to override each of the 53 vetoes. A two-thirds majority of those Representatives in attendance is required to override a veto by the Governor. You can be sure I will be there to represent the interests of the people of our towns!

As always, you can talk to me at 735-5756 or by email at kenwells3@gmail.com.



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