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Pearson Hall - One Of The "Seven To Save" In NH

By Gary Scruton

The Commons in Haverhill Corner have one of those iconic looks about them. Granite posts connected by two white boards, beautiful maples of various ages just inside the fence, and a bandstand (on the North Common). There is also remnants of a long ago baseball diamond (at least the backstop is still there) plus a jungle gym that has stood for over 50 years, and even the remnants of an old fashioned teeter-totter. That iconic look is completed with the buildings that surround those commons. A church and parsonage, some old taverns, now single family homes, and two former school buildings.

The former Haverhill Academy building, the younger of the two, is now privately owned and word is that it will soon become a single family home as well.

That leaves Pearson

Hall, not too far removed from its bicentennial. Built in 1816 as a dual purpose building (courthouse upstairs, and school downstairs) it is an impressive and somewhat formidable looking structure. One of the first red brick buildings built in Haverhill it has seen many makeovers in its history.

Pearson Hall is currently owned by the Haverhill Historical Society which has plans to convert the building one more time. The new use will be as a regional history museum and research facility, but the look will reflect the history of the building itself.

The exact look for Pear-

son Hall is still to be determined. As mentioned the building started as a court room and school. During its history it has also been the home to a masonic lodge. Most current residents of the area would remember the building as part of either the Haverhill Academy complex which closed in 1969, or as part of the Haverhill Junior High School (7th & 8th graders) from the fall of 1969 until the spring of 1992. During its life as a junior high Pearson Hall was connected to the Academy Building by a new brick structure that housed the cafeteria, locker space and some classroom space. That addition has since been torn down. But remnants of that addition still remain. Both Pierson and the Academy saw changes to their exterior because of the addition. Some of the initial modifications to be done now will include undoing those changes.

After the exterior is fixed, then the interior will be brought back to life. There is still much discussion as to which life will be returned. As mentioned, many changes have happened over the years. Walls have been added, stairways altered. Even windows and doors have been modified. The restoration may quite possi-



bly have the two levels reflect different eras. That is all part of the planning that the Haverhill Historical Society is now undertaking.

On Wednesday, August 29 one of the Society's best partners helped with a presentation about Pearson. Maggie Stier and Jennifer Goodman of the NH Preservation Alliance were two of the speakers at Alumni Hall. The presentation also featured words from Kimberly Alexander and her dad, James Alexander who recounted a Thanksgiving Day many years ago when he was beckoned to crawl around under the west wall of Alumni Hall. All four

speakers appeared excited about the prospect of saving and restoring Pearson Hall. Dick Ekwalt also spoke about the weather vane that has for so long topped Pearson. Dick is attempting to reproduce a replica and asked that if anyone has some old photos, it would be a great assistance. Others echoed that sentiment, especially asking for interior shots of the building.

The restoration will not occur overnight, and many fundraising efforts will happen before Pearson Hall is fully restored. But here's hoping it is in full garb in time for that bicentennial, just four years from now.



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The back of Pearson Hall clearly shows where the addition from 1969 was added. The concrete around the foundation will need to be removed (very carefully). Also of note is the bell tower. Notice the back of the tower is, as originally built made of wood and not brick.

Colonial Hosts Blue-Grass Double Bill

The Colonial Theatre will host a double bill of award-winning New England bluegrass favorites, Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plow Boys and The Bluegrass Gospel Project, for the 2nd Annual Bent on Bluegrass extravaganza Saturday, September 8.

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wide range of material, from southern spirituals and Appalachian gems to contemporary songs by Brett Dennen and U2. The BGP is truly unique in that it presents a repertoire of music with a spiritual sensibility but without any religious agenda.

General Admission tickets for the 8 PM performance are \$23 or \$20 for Colonial, Catamount Arts or Kingdom County Productions members and \$10 for children 12 & under. Tickets are available on-line (Bethlehem-Colonial.org or catamountarts.org), or in advance at Maia Papaya, Bethlehem, The Littleton Food Coop or Catamount Arts, St. Johns-



Top photo: Bluegrass Gospel Project
Bottom photo: Banjo Dan & The Mid-nite Plowboys

bury. (Front & Center Reserved seats are available on-line only.) For more infor-

mation about this or upcoming movies and other live and special events at The Colonial call 603-869-3422, find The Colonial on Facebook, or visit the Colonial on line at www.BethlehemColonial.org. Bent on Bluegrass is generously supported by the Connecticut River Bank with additional support from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

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Interview With Don Bazzell

By Lauren M. LoSchiavo

Many times Don would pass by this old building, (built around 1900, and most recently Allen's Cocktails and Candlepins) and think, "someone should buy that place and open it up again." Ultimately, that person would be him.

Don Bazzell took ownership of the building April 2011 and began to transform it into "Victory Lanes, Bowling and Sports Bar" a six lane candlepin bowling alley and modern sports bar. Together with his family and friends, Don worked months making it happen and opened the doors June 30th 2011. Don's wife Korina, daughter Janet, 21, who is a student at Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont, Katie 17, son David 15, who attend Woodsville High School and Suzanne 12 who attends Haverhill Cooperative Middle School, have all worked hard to make this vision a reality.

Any of you who are familiar with 9 Central Street, in Woodsville, may remember this bar/bowling alley, perhaps with great fondness. It has changed remarkably. The bowling lanes and interior were nicely redone, and Don created not only a true sports bar and a very nice bowling alley, but a family fun spot! Victory Lanes has fourteen television sets, video games; there is a magnificent deck off the back, and it's a perfect spot for having a beverage or snack, listening to the live music, or dancing to the DJ. The bowling alley is a perfect spot for parties, family time or an old fashioned date night.

Don's vision for the very near future includes putting in a full kitchen. He would like to make Victory Lanes a place where families and friends can gather, or just a place to stop in and grab a snack, have a drink, bowl a game or just hang out. Vic-

tory Lanes will be having bowling leagues for the fall/winter months. You can call Don for more details.

Don's has his Master Degree in Social Work and is committed to also using Victory Lanes as a platform for supporting community service groups and other worthwhile efforts. He envisions Victory Lanes as being a "tool for community betterment." There have already been numerous fund raising efforts at Victory Lanes and other events supporting

community service groups.

Stop in at 9 Central Street, Woodsville, New Hampshire, for a great time with your friends or family. You can email Don at bazzellenterprises@yahoo.com, or call 603.747.3321 for more information. Victory Lanes is open Monday 4-10, Tuesday (Closed) Wednesday 4-10, Thursday 4-11, Friday 4-1 am, Saturday 2-1 am, Sunday 2-10. Pay a visit sometime; I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Friends Of The Bath Public Library Announces Grant Award

BATH – The Friends of the Bath Public Library has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to present Banjos, Bones and Ballads. This program will be presented on Friday, September 14 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Bath Village School.

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will leave you with a much deeper appreciation of the land you live in."(Caffe Lena, Saratoga, NY) His songs, rich in local history and a sense of place, bring us the latest news from the distant past.

Jeff has performed widely, from large festivals in the UK, to clubs, festivals and schools across America. He plays concertina, banjo, guitar, and several "pocket" instruments, including bones and spoons.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Bath Public Library at 747-3372 or e-mail bathlibrary@together.net.

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Floterial Districts – A Short Explanation

Editors Note: This article written by Linda Lauer, Democratic Candidate for State Representative District 15.

As the election primary date of September 11 draws closer, a number of voters have expressed confusion over the recent New Hampshire House redistricting and reintroduction of floterial districts. The question that may come immediately to mind is why the system has

suddenly become complicated. The short answer is that reintroducing floterial districts is an attempt to provide for more local representation. A floterial district includes several separate districts that independently would not be entitled to additional representation, but whose combined population entitles the area to another seat in the legislature. The result of the recent redistricting and introduction of

floterial districts will result in the 2013-14 House representatives representing 204 districts rather than the 103 districts that existed prior to the change.

On the local level, Haverhill voters will now be asked to vote for one representative from District 4 (a district comprised only of Haverhill) and for one representative from District 15 (a floterial district that encompasses eight towns, including Haverhill). Voters in Bath, Benton, Landaff, Easton, Orford, Piermont, and Warren now comprise District 3 and will collectively elect one representative from that district. In addition, voters from those seven towns will, in conjunction with Haverhill, elect a representative from the floterial district, District 15.

One thing remains the same this year: if you want a voice in the decisions that are made in Concord for the next two years, learn about your districts' candidates, talk to them about your concerns, and vote in the primary (September 11) and General (November 6) elections. This is your state, and you have the right to vote on its future.

Voter ID Forums Scheduled

It has been announced that several public forums will be held this week to help clarify new rules for casting ballots prior to state primary on Tuesday, Sept. 11th. The forums are being hosted by NH District 2 State Senator Jennifer Forrester.

The forums will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4th from 6 –7pm at the Haverhill Town Hall. The next forum will be Wednesday, Sept. 5th from 6–7pm at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth. The third forum is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6th from 6–7pm at the Meredith Community Center.

Deputy Secretary of State David Scanlan and respective Town Clerks will also be in attendance at these public information forums regarding the state's new Voter ID law.

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In February 2012 a WMUR Granite State Poll performed by the UNH Survey Center revealed 68% of New Hampshire adults said they support a voter ID law (53% strongly support and 15% somewhat support), 24% oppose this law (18% strongly oppose and 6% somewhat oppose, and 7% are neutral or don't know enough to say. Support for the law is bipartisan, with majorities of Republicans (87%), Independents (69%) and Democrats (52%) supporting the law.

In March of 2012 I wrote a news column about legislation that would require photo identification when voting. The legislation did become law and will phase in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

Consistent with an ongoing effort to communicate with you on issues in Concord and in the District, I'm hosting three public information sessions with the New Hampshire Deputy Secretary of State Dave Scanlan and Town Clerks. The Deputy

Secretary of State will explain the new rules for casting ballots in the September and November elections. The sessions are open to the public and I hope you will be able to attend. The sessions will be held:

Tuesday, September 4th from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Haverhill Town Hall

Wednesday, September 5th from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth

Thursday, September 6th from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Meredith Community Center

For those of you who are not able to attend, I've outlined the process below:

For the September 11th primary election, voters will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired) or,
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles) or,
- U.S. Armed Services ID card or,
- U.S. Passport (even if expired) or,
- Valid photo ID card issue by either the federal gov-

ernment or a state, county, or municipal government or,

- Valid student ID card or,
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the town clerk, or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator, or the town clerk.

If you do not have an approved photo ID from the list above, you will be informed of the new law and be permitted to vote. You will also be given an information document explaining the process.

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

For the November 6th general election, voters will be expected to present one of the photo IDs listed above. Any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after signing a "challenged voter affidavit."

After the election, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will con-

duct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Nothing in this legislation prevents anyone from voting in any way.

While it is estimated that 97% of voting age adults in NH have identification, it is important that those estimated 3% who don't have ID do not have barriers that prevent them from voting. That is why they will still be able to vote after signing the challenged voter affidavit form. Additionally, these people will be given instructions on how to obtain a free voter identification card that can be used at each election going forward. These IDs

would be paid for using Help America Vote Act funds - federal monies that can only be used for election-related purposes.

This legislation gives voters confidence that their vote counts and isn't that what we all want—to know that our vote makes a difference?

As always I want to hear from you. If you have a concern you'd like to share, an event you'd like me to attend, or a problem you think I might be able to help with—please call or email.

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10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Rte 302, Groton Community Building

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8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

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7:00 PM

Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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8:00 AM

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Woodsville

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7:00 PM

Woodsville Emergency Services Building

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ANTIOXIDANTS & FREE RADICALS DISCUSSION

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Groton Free Public Library

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Lake View Grange Hall, West Barnet

MILES & MILES OF MUSIC JAM SESSION

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Railroad Park, Woodsville

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7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Alumni Hall, Haverhill

BENT ON BLUEGRASS EXTRAVAGANZA

8:00 PM

Colonial Theater, Bethlehem

See article on page 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

THE SHANA STACK BAND

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Railroad Park, Woodsville

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

GOOD OLE BOYS & GIRLS - CANDIDATES FORUM

12:00 Noon

Happy Hour Restaurant, Wells River

ROSS-WOOD AUXILIARY UNIT 20 MONTHLY MEETING

6:00 PM

American Legion Home, Woodsville

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bradford

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ANTIOXIDANTS & FREE RADICALS DISCUSSION

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Groton Free Public Library

See article on page 8

BATH LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM 603-747-3372

Bath Library

OLD AND FORGOTTEN ROADS AND PATHWAYS OF BRADFORD

7:00 PM 802-222-4423

Bradford Academy

See article on page 8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

BANJOS BONES & BALLADS

7:00 PM

Bath Village School

See article on page 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BAG SALE

9:00 AM – 12 NOON

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bradford

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KOAS PRESENTATION

2:00 PM

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SPANISH CONVERSATION

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Woodsville American Legion Post #20

EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Wells River Congregational Church

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BBQ CHICKEN SUPPER

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10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MILES & MILES OF MUSIC JAM SESSION

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

R.E.C. Building, Woodsville

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD MEETING

6:00 PM

Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

BOOK DISCUSSION:

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

7:00 PM

Groton Free Public Library

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Book About Rural Life Receives Kudos From U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders

Voices in the Hills is a collection of informal essays about rural life in the Vermont/New Hampshire region along the Connecticut River. The book inspired Bernie Sanders, U.S. senator from Vermont to write:

"Nessa Flax shows us, teaches us, how much we can understand if we only take the time to pay attention to the world we inhabit ... she focuses her attention on the events in the life going on around us. Any reader of this book will understand more about Vermont—who lives here, and what our values are, and why we love our state—after spending some time with Nessa's writing."

Flax has written her "Rambling Reflections" column for the Journal Opinion (Bradford, VT) weekly newspaper since 1995. Voices in the Hills is a collection of 126 of those columns.

Concord Monitor reviewer Deb Baker called the book, "a celebration of contemporary human ingenuity as manifested in loggers, farmers, librarians, town meeting leaders and other inhabitants of the North Country."

Vermont Public Radio and

New Hampshire Public Television commentator Willem Lange noted the memoir element of Voices in the Hills. "Nessa Flax sails beautifully through her own childhood in Virginia to her present life in the upper Connecticut Valley." Amy Lilly of 7 Days wrote that Flax "combines moving personal reflections with paeans to Vermont's natural beauties and small-town ways."

Flax's writing has been praised as "light and entertaining,"* "lyrical and fun,"** and graced with "a conversational style that gives readers the feeling they're sitting down with a friend."+

The Herald of Randolph's

Martha Slater praised Flax for "painting word pictures in the reader's mind."

"Journalist she may well be," one reviewer asserted, "but Nessa is also a good storyteller."++

*Amy Lilly, 7 Days ** Martha Slater, The Herald of Randolph +Deb Baker, Concord Monitor

++Charles Sutton, Vermont Country Sampler

If you would like more information about Voices in the Hills, or to schedule an interview with Nessa Flax, please call Daen Tyler at 781.46.5600 or email Daen at dtyler@bunkerhillpublishing.com



The 2012 North Haverhill 4-H Fair Dairy Show was dedicated to Cindy Putnum of Piermont, NH. Mrs. Putnum served as dairy cattle superintendent for over 20 years, serving 4-H'ers and their families in providing a top notch educational experience while showing cattle at the fair. Pictured with Mrs. Putnum are her daughter Carrie Putnum and husband William.

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Chelsey R. Poor Engaged To Kenneth R.C. Glaude

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Poor and Mr. & Mrs. David Glaude would like to announce the engagement of their children Chelsey Rae Poor to Kenneth Richard Charles Glaude.

Chelsey is a 2011 graduate of Oxbow High School and a graduate of Riverbend Technical Center with a certificate in Culinary Arts. She is employed at Bradford Jiffy Mart, Bradford, Vt.

Kenneth is a 2007 graduate of Oxbow High School and a graduate of Riverbend Technical Center with a certificate in Automotive Mechanics. He is a 2009 graduate of the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima. He has an Associate's degree in Automotive Mechanics. He is currently serving in the Vermont Army National Guard, Bradford, Vt. He is employed at the Bradford Jiffy Mart, Bradford, Vt.

The couple currently reside in Bradford, Vt. A September 30, 2012 wedding is planned.

What's All This Talk About "Antioxidants" And "Free Radicals?"

Free Public Library will host a two-part program to highlight the roles of these two groups in disease prevention and the aging process. Dr. Rosa Abelson, previously a professor of microbiology, genetics and immunology, will lead the discus-

sion. Join us for one or both evenings of this special program at the Groton Library: Thursday, Sept. 6 (6:00-7:30pm) & Thursday, Sept. 13 (6:00-7:30pm). For more information, contact 584-3358 or grotonlibrary@fairpoint.net.

Ancient Bradford Roads Revealed

Ancient roads will be the topic of a Bradford Historical Society program scheduled for Wed., September 12, 7 p.m. at Bradford Academy. Byron Kidder and Harry McLam will lead a presentation entitled "Old and Forgotten Roads and Pathways of Bradford." Both of these men are lifelong residents of the town. Kidder's career as a surveyor has led him to walk almost every old road in Bradford and he has good information and insight into the history of these ancient

roads. Ancient roads are ones that can only be seen and known by researching old deeds for there are often no visible signs remaining. McLam's 19 years as a town lister allows him to also have interesting information about roads and adjacent properties. Copies of old maps will be distributed and discussed and participants are encouraged to bring magnifying glasses. The program is free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to 802-222-4423.



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Wednesday, October 10. "One Regiment's Story in the Civil War: The 9th Vermont Regiment, 1862-65." Historian Donald Wickman. Congregational Vestry, 245 N. Main, Bradford, VT. Pot-luck supper 6 p.m. (Bring something to share) Program 7 p.m. Free and handicapped accessible. Sponsor: Bradford Historical Society. Information 802-222-4423.



This is a photograph of a 7 foot 2 inch tomato plant. It's called "Summer Sweet" vine typed indeterminate. I bought it late spring at Agway in North Haverhill. It was about 8 inches tall then and full foliage with a few blossom on it. I repotted it into an 8" diameter x 8" tall ceramic plant pot. I faithfully watered it twice a day with about a quart of water total. And one quart of Miracle Grow every Monday. The plant gets about three hours of sun in the morning and three in the afternoon. It tends to dry out and the upper branches drop if I'm not diligent about watering. The pot holder is fastened to an 8"x8" porch beam which came in extremely handy as a tomato support stake, which because of the height, has enabled the plant to achieve its present height. The plant is slow bearing fruit, about 6-8 large testicle shapes a week. If the plant (named Andy III, after the movie "Little Shop of Horrors") keeps on its vertical trek, my neighbor upstairs should be picking tomatoes by September.

Hornworm Vs. Braconid Wasp

By Heather Bryant, Regional Field Specialist, Food and Agriculture

I recently made an exciting find in one of the research plots at the Grafton County Farm. The hornworm in this photo has been parasitized by a Braconid wasp. Braconids are a family of wasps that lay eggs in hornworms and other farm and garden pests. As the eggs mature into larvae they feed on the host until they mature and chew their way out usually killing the host in the process. Once outside the larvae pupate and build a cocoon. The cocoons look like tiny grains of rice perched on the host.

If you find one of these parasitized hornworms, don't kill it. Once mature the wasp will emerge from the cocoon and lay eggs on more pests – think all natural pesticide. This doomed hornworm was re-released into the tomatoes so it could live out its final days sustaining the predators that will hopefully go on to kill more hornworms. Extension Entomologist, Alan Eaton says if the planting is small an alternative is to throw them in the bushes nearby where the hornworm can't eat any more of your plants, but the wasps can still survive and find their way back.

If you have never seen a hornworm feeding on your crops you are lucky. There are actually two species of these pesky little green creatures, the tomato hornworm and the tobacco hornworm. Their appearance and life cycles are almost identical as is the damage they do. The one in the photo is a to-

bacco hornworm. Hornworms are the larvae of the hawkmoth, sometimes also called the budworm moth, sphinx moth or hummingbird moth and get to be roughly the size of a ruby-throated hummingbird, according to Eaton.

Tomato leaves are the favorite food of the larvae but they will also eat tomato and pepper fruit, and the leaves of peppers, eggplants and potatoes. Once the larvae are full grown, usually about 3.5" long, they will burrow into the soil to pupate and overwinter in soils that don't freeze. In the spring they emerge as moths that lay eggs to start the cycle again. The moths are strong flyers, which likely explains how they get here despite our cold winters. They also fly at dusk and at night, hence most of us never notice them until their offspring start to devour our plants.

If hornworms are causing problems for you, hand-picking is actually a good control option as long as your planting isn't too large. Hornworms are exceptionally good at blending into the

foliage they are feeding on, so I find the best strategy is to look at the ground for their frass (excrement). The frass starts out bright green and smaller than a pencil eraser. Over time it turns black, so if you look down for the bright green frass and then look up for leaves that have been chewed you can quickly narrow down what part of the planting they are in. From there it's a staring contest.

Another option is to try to make friends with Braconid wasps. The wasps are attracted to the flowers of common plants like dill, parsley and marigolds. And of course if you find a hornworm that has been parasitized, don't kill it, let the wasps work for you!

Sources: "Hornworms" (<http://ipm.ncsu.edu/AG271/tobacco/hornworms.html>), "Braconid Wasps (Parasitoids)" (<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/organic/downloads/beneficials/BraconidWasps.jpg>), "Tomato Hornworm" (<http://www.veg-edge.umn.edu/vegpest/hornworm.htm>), "Complex Life Cycles and the Responses of Insects to Climate



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10 Burger Emergency – Dial “603 Burgers”

By Robert Roudebush

When you gotta have a great burger bad, there are several locations in the area of Haverhill but there is only one top choice and their number starts and stops with “603”.

THE LOCATION

It is an old business adage that the three most important factors in starting up a business are, in order of importance, “location, location, and location”. On a well traveled section of curved hiway 302 in historic Bath, New Hampshire on the same side of the road as the Brick Store and “At The Hop”, “603 Burgers” has all three and has had since they began setting high burger standards last summer. **When you find your way to “603”, you start having a great time before you ever take a mouthwatering**

bite of succulent burger, before you ever pop a dark-gold crispy fry in your mouth, before you ever take a pull on your straw to suck up your root-beer float. The place looks great, multi-colored, clean, well-kept and inviting. It competes in my book with “Slick’s” ice cream shop just around the corner and up the road toward Woodsville for most eye-catching fun-to-eat spot.

The folks who run this Ammonousuc River side eatery know color and they use it. Their names are Gary and Maggie Hatch and they describe their motivated staff as “special, all of them, we work to create an atmosphere of team work, respect and we always have fun together.” Gary tells me that “Maggie is the foodie, team-builder, organizer. She is

often right, and I’m wrong, she teaches me what works”. The exterior paint of “603” is a dark blue charcoal which sets off red flower pots full of summer-bright blossoms bordering the front-door parking strip. The building’s trim is popping red and yellow, matching the color of the tops of the 8 or 9 wooden picnic tables of various sizes in the outdoor dining area. That area is composed of a wide strip of classy comfortable gravel, trash free and clean as a whistle, along a strip of well-trimmed green grass, backed by a picket fence, red again, and behind that in full summer growth, a thick wall of green vegetation. Topping off the color bouquet are the bracing blue “Pepsi” table umbrellas providing shade for dining in a cool breeze. The New Hampshire state flag ripples in the wind there. Hard to beat. You could be color-blind and still have a good time here.

THE MEAL

Of course, you could just appreciate how great the place looks and drive by, but you won’t. I didn’t, recently, and ended up with my choice of a “Seacoast Burger” with Blue Cheese, Apple wood Smoked Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato for \$6.59. I also had a “603” small side of Hand-

Cut Fries for \$1.99 and added a Root Beer Float for \$3.49. I could have had an Orange Float for the same price. I could have had Shakes, of vanilla, coffee, strawberry or Chocolate flavor for a little more. I could have ordered Onion Rings or Sweet Potato Fries all available in larger sizes too or chili Cheese Fries, even a salad for a little more. Hey, I could have had Chili. But not today. I needed a sloppy-good burger and I got one.

I ate outside on a great end-of-August Saturday, among other happy travelers enjoying their meals, some on Boulevard and Harley bikes headed for Canada, some in Subarus or pickups just stopping by. I could have taken my meal inside too in an interesting-shaped eating area, spotlessly clean as well. That area features a neat eating counter where you can look out onto the traveling New Hampshire life walking and driving by. My burger, fries and float were actually brought to my table for me because I was too busy chatting up the bikers heading north. **My burger came wrapped in a tight foil pack, and I up-ended it into a small kind of bowl – my just-cooked Certified Brand Angus beef was reassuringly drippingly juicy. The**

bacon and leafy green lettuce stuck out so far from the edge of the grilled potato-roll bun, I was busy nibbling around the edges before I got to the thick slice – starts at more than one-third of a pound - of perfectly done meat in the middle. Just the way it should be. My twice-cooked fries were slender, crispy outside, tender inside and among the condiments placed neatly outside for customer use was Heinz Malt Vinegar in a shaker bottle. Try that before automatically going for the ketchup, or hot sauce. Just right. My float was thick enough that I needed a straw and a spoon, and guess what was handed me without me asking? There are plenty of brown paper napkins, and well-placed recycle and trash bins.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Consider These Financial Gifts For Your Grandchildren

Article 1— Sept. 3, 2012

National Grandparents Day is celebrated on September 9. If you're a grandparent yourself, you already know the pleasures of having grandchildren in your life. So you may want to take this occasion to think of ways you can help those grandchildren get the most out of their lives.

Perhaps the most valuable thing you could give to your grandkids is the gift of education. Consider this: Over a lifetime, college graduates earn, on average, about \$1 million more than those without a degree according to the Census Bureau. So, putting money toward your grandchildren's college education is probably a pretty good investment. Furthermore, your grandchildren may well need the help, because college is expensive and costs continue to rise. Consequently, you may want to contribute to a 529 plan. You have several options for how the money can be invested and contribution limits are quite high. All withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, provided the

money is used for qualified college expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that non-qualified withdrawals will be taxable and possibly subject to penalties.) Plus, if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be deductible on your state income taxes.

If you name one grandchild as a beneficiary of a 529 plan and that grandchild decides not to go to college, you can switch the account to another grandchild — in other words, you maintain control of the money for the life of the account.

Of course, despite its economic benefits, college is not for everyone. So if you wanted to provide financial help to a grandchild who seems likely to choose a different route in life, what could you do?

One possibility is to set up a custodial account, often known as an UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfer to Minors Act). You can fund a custodial account with many different types of investments, but the use of the

money is entirely up to your grandchildren when they reach the age of termination in whatever state in which they live. But if your reason for funding a custodial account is simply to provide a gift, then you might not be concerned with how the money is used.

On the other hand, if you want to give your grandchildren a financial gift with greater control, you may want to speak to your attorney about your options. One possibility is to set up an irrevocable trust. You can fund this trust with either cash or securities and specify at the time the trust is created when the funds can be used. So for example, you can provide that the trust pay your grandchild a certain amount of money at one age, with another installment coming several years later. Keep in mind, though, that trusts are complex instruments and may have tax considerations, so in addition to consulting with an attorney, you'll want to discuss your plans with your tax advisor.

Whichever option is right for your family, use Grandparents Day as an opportunity to consider the ways in which you can give something to the grandchildren who

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor,

To debate or not to debate – that still seems to be the big question in the NH political scene, especially concerning Senatorial District 2 Candidates Jeanie Forrester and Bob Lamb! Really? With all that's going on in NH and the country, the "debate" issue continues to be the big question?

"We need debates," the Bob Lamb supporters say, "so that we can be informed!" – does anyone seriously believe that these outspoken, letter writing Dems haven't decided for whom they will vote? In my opinion, after listening to many political debates, and also organizing a recent Meet the Candidates' Night in Meredith, even with the best of intentions, those types of events are flawed from beginning to end.

Some people are excellent public speakers, while others need two Teleprompters to get a thought out of their head, but as we have seen, performance in a public debate doesn't necessarily dictate the best candidate. This business of looking up information on a website also contains problems, particularly for the people who don't have computers, can't afford the internet, or have questions not covered by the candidates on their websites.

Because there are certainly people who really haven't decided where to cast their votes, I would like the protocol whining to stop, and a discussion of issues affecting NH residents to start - so here's a thought. What if the newspapers that cover each town, ask their residents for questions identifying their specific concerns? The top 20 questions could be given to all local candidates, with detailed answers printed in groups of 5 as a column in the newspapers. A small photo of each candidate would also be nice for recognition.

Maybe the newspaper folks can have a "Question of the Day" contest for any candidates within their district, and try to fit this format into an article, or the candidates might be able to arrange something like this before the election? It would save a lot of time, and the candidates would have space to think out responses, but most importantly, written voters' answers would allow us to all have the same information at the same time for comparison.

Karen Sticht, Meredith

Karen,

Not a bad idea for the written questions and answers.

So here goes. Any reader who has a specific question they would like answered, send it to me at gary@trendytimes.com and I will pass the question on to as many candidates as I can find. The answers to be printed in a future edition.

The primary election in NH is Tuesday, September 11. The general election will be held Tuesday, November 6. So we have some time to get this done. But don't wait too long, it will take time to get the questions out, and to get answers back.

Also, this is an invitation to all candidates on either side of the river to send in a short biography, or position statement about yourself for use before the election. No guarantees on when these will run, but we will certainly try to group info by position sought.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter To The Editor

To the editor:

In this polarizing political climate it is so gratifying to have a man like Councilor Ray Burton representing the interests of the North Country in Concord. I have known Councilor Burton since grade school and have seen how his service has touched innumerable members of his constituency.

He represents us ALL and his record supports that fact. We can not afford to lose his valuable service at such a critical time. He brings us all together with one voice regardless of your political affiliation. We need more Ray Burtons!

Respectfully yours,
Duane J. Baxter

Duane,

Let me also add that if voters in NH want their chosen candidate to move on, they need to get to the polls and vote. Same is true if for some reason you do not like a candidate. You need to go and vote for the opponent. The point is: be sure to vote! It is a right that not everyone enjoys.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There have been many articles in the paper recently about the "debates" between Mr. Lamb, the Democratic candidate for Senate District 2 and me. This letter is intended to set the record straight so that everyone knows where we are.

Back in June Mr. Lamb asked me for five one-on-one debates. I agreed to three, one in a format of my choosing, one in a format of his choosing, and one left to the local media. All three events would require that we both agree on the moderator and the dates. Mr. Lamb rejected that offer.

This past Friday, (Aug. 24) Mr. Lamb sent me a letter stating where and when, and how many debates there would be and that the League of Women Voters would

choose the moderators. He demanded three debates his way and allowed me only one my way. The tone of the letter was more of a demand than an effort to work towards agreement. Much to my surprise, almost one hour earlier, Mr. Lamb sent out a press release to the newspapers advising that the debates were set.

It is clear that Mr. Lamb will not be satisfied with anything less than having it his way. I am disappointed that we are not able to come to an agreement, but look forward to appearing with Mr. Lamb at other events during the general election that will be arranged by non-partisan organizations.

Jeannie Forrester,
Republican Candidate
for NH Senate District 2

Jeannie,

It appears at this point that there may not be any debates. That is a tragedy for voters on both sides of this election. Not that debates are the only means of comparing candidates. Almost every political candidates now has a web site or facebook page. Most have printed material that gives some detail on their beliefs and positions. And there are always those stand alone times when they meet with voters at local coffee shops, home parties, or even picnics. But a debate or two, using a format that both can agree to seems like a plus for the voters.

Of course in today's political scene getting people of opposing parties to agree on much of anything can be difficult. But please keep trying.

Gary Scruton, Editor

TWO EDITOR'S NOTES: As most readers know, Senator Jeannie Forrester has been writing a monthly column in Trendy Times for some time now. This does not mean that the paper endorses her candidacy, or any other political candidate. It is simply a means for an elected official to get information passed on to voters.

SECOND NOTE: The following was received from Senator Forrester on Thursday, August 30. Here are three events planned by third party organizations of which I have accepted:

Good Ole Boys & Girls on September 10th,

Belknap County Economic Development Association on October 5th,

NH Timberland Owners Association in Meredith on October 30th,

I believe there is another one being scheduled in Tilton, but haven't heard the details yet. I believe that Mr. Lamb has been invited to these as well and hope that he is able to attend.

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have severe hypothyroidism, and up to 10 percent of all adults have some form of thyroid deficiencies. The percentages go up with age.

Symptoms of hypothyroidism include depression, weight gain or difficulty losing weight, numbness and tingling in the feet and hands, constipation, fatigue, headache, menstrual problems, fibrocystic breast disease, recurrent infections, swelling, sensitivity to cold, dry skin, dull or thinning hair, thinning of the eye brows and brittle nails. Many experience, poor memory, joint and muscle pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, problems with balance and equilibrium, hypertension, Angina, atherosclerosis and high cholesterol. The tongue may thicken and the quality of the voice may change. Women with hypothyroidism may be infertile.

Almost all cases of hypothyroidism is due to an immune-system malfunction in which the thyroid, mistakenly responding to immune-system signals, becomes inactive. Fibrous tissue forms, swelling and inflammation set in. This causes goiter, or an enlarged thyroid gland. The thyroid continues to function for a long time before

the body suffers a thyroxine shortage. As a result, the disease can come on so gradually that the person is at first aware of only vague, low-grade symptoms.

Hypothyroidism can have other causes. Problems in the pituitary gland can disrupt the supply of thyroid-stimulating hormone. In some parts of the world, iodine deficiency is a common cause of hypothyroidism. Individuals who are in the early stages of hypothyroidism may be able to preserve remaining thyroid function by avoiding the following immune stimulant herbs: American Ginseng, Astragalus Root, Burdock Root, Echinacea, Ginger, Lemon Balm, Siberian Ginseng Root & Wheat Grass. Individuals who have full-blown hypothyroidism should avoid Fenugreek. Other recommended considerations; avoid processed and refined foods, including white flour sugar; drink steam-distilled water only; exercise moderately; avoid fluoride (including that found in toothpaste and tap water) and chlorine (also found in tap water). Chlorine, fluoride, and iodine are

chemically related. Chlorine and fluoride block iodine receptors in the thyroid gland, resulting in reduced iodine-containing hormone production and finally in hypothyroidism. Avoid Brussels sprouts, cabbages – they have anti-thyroid substances.

Herbs that are beneficial for hypothyroidism include: Black Cohosh Root, Kelp, Bayberry Bark, Gentian Root, Bee Pollen, Royal Jelly, Evening Primrose, Barley Grass, Rosehips. Sweetish bitters may help alleviate the symptoms associated with thyroid malfunctions.

Herbs that are beneficial for pituitary health include: Licorice Root, Sarsaparilla Root, Royal Jelly, Damiana, Dong Quai Root, Barley Grass, Horsetail, Alfalfa, Oatstraw.

Eat a diet with at least 50% fresh foods for a month to rebalance the system for better metabolism. Eat iodine-rich foods, such as sea vegetables, sea foods and leafy greens. Eat vitamin A-rich foods, such as yellow vegetables, eggs, carrots, dark green vegetables, raw dairy only.

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Inside The Above The Notch Humane Society ¹⁵

In the Northern New Hampshire region called the White Mountains, you will find a wonderful group of people called the Above the Notch Humane Society. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization which services the Towns of Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Lisbon, Littleton and Sugar Hill. Our Mission: To provide care and protection for abused, stray and unwanted animals within these surrounding towns. We also feel the responsibility for educating the public in the areas of correct animal welfare and care. Our organization is currently housed at the Littleton Pet Center and Kennel and we do not receive any local, state or federal money. We operate strictly by donations of which 100% of donations from the public are tax deductible.

One can say the 'common man' does not realize what an undertaking it is to keep a non-profit organization going.

It is an enormous amount of hard work, foresight, intuition and love. I think that the most important thing (aside from the money aspect) is love. A person does not donate their time and energy into something unless there is love there; love for the animals and how they will spend the rest of their lives. In order to accomplish this almost insurmountable feat, one would need a place to house the animals (dogs); a safe place with warmth in the Winter and coolness in the Summer, a place to play during the day, people to take care of and socialize them, food to eat and when all goes well, adoption and placement into their 'forever home'. That, my friends, is the bottom line for us.

But...we cannot do it alone. We have been lucky enough to bring volunteers into the mix which has been a godsend for us. Setting up and planning fundraisers, can-

vassing companies in the surrounding towns, looking for donations of supplies, food and drink, is one of the many things that needs to be done in order to put on a fundraiser to keep our shelter going. In the past, we have been extremely lucky to find such generous and gracious participants who have donated much needed supplies and funds, not to mention their time, to make our fundraising events successful.

To give an example, it takes approximately \$100.00 a week per dog to house, feed and care for him. If you multiply it by a couple of dogs, it does not take very long to add up to a large amount of our funds. The care of the animals isn't just the 'room and board'. It is also medical care to have them seen by a vet within 48 hours of coming into the shelter; making sure they have all of the up-to-date shots: Rabies, Distemper,

Bordetella and also any and all other medical issues that might be prevalent when an animal is first brought in to us. With this in mind, you would also need to have the animal spayed or neutered (which would be done during one of our Spay/Neuter clinics held at the kennel 3-4 times a year). The clinics are done as a community service to help cut down on the number of unwanted pregnancies amongst our local animals, which will ultimately, in time, reduce the stray population.

At the end of the day, with the donations and fundraisers,

we can make sure that the animals in our care do get the care that they deserve. Our wish is that we can bring them back to wellness, get them to be happy and upbeat animals so that we are able to find them the person or family that is just right for them.

We, at The Above the Notch Humane Society, will be hosting one of our 'Signature' Annual events which is The Mutt's Rocks at the Rocks Estate in Bethlehem, New Hampshire on Saturday, October 20th, 2012. We look forward to seeing you all at this wonderful event.



OBITUARY – RUSSELL TONY LOCKE



Ryegate Corner, VT – Russell Tony Locke, 67, went to be with the Lord at his home, surrounded by family and loved ones on Thursday, August 30, 2012, after a brief illness.

Russell was the son of Tony and Delia J. (Proulx) Locke. Russ attended Woodsville High School and graduated in the class of 1965. He then attended University of New Hampshire majoring in forestry when he joined the U.S. Air Force and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Russ returned home to Bath after this and started work in the area. He worked at Kimberly Clark paper mill as a teenager and this is where Russ spent most of his working years. He worked at New England Wire and retired in 2010. Recently he got his CDL / bus drivers license and worked as a substitute bus driver for Butler Bus Service of North Haverhill.

Russ met and married Peggy Santaw from Newbury, VT, on May 12, 1973. They had three children, Mark and wife Tanya of North Haverhill, NH, a

daughter, Alicia Roman and husband Alfredo of St. Johnsbury, VT, and William "Billy from Chile" Locke of Ryegate and Orlando, FL; and an adopted son, Robert Glynn of Groton, NH. Russ was a proud father and always was there with a word of encouragement for his children no matter what.

Russ had six grandchildren whom he could be found teaching them his love of the outdoors and nature. Mikayla and Alexis Locke, Gabriella and Tony Locke, Jayden and Deymien Roman will miss their Grandpa terribly.

Russ was predeceased by his mother and father, Tony and Delia Locke and a step brother, Pat Boudreault.

Russ is survived by his brothers and sisters Galand Locke and wife Billie of Woodsville, NH, Eleanor Grimes of Monroe, NH, Lorraine Breault of Wells River, VT, David Locke and wife Pat of North Haverhill, NH, Celia Chouinard and husband "Willie" of Manchester, NH, June Lamond of Ashland, NH, Marguerite Carrier and husband Winston of Monroe, NH, Joseph Locke and wife Janese of Bath,

NH, Jeanette Meneguzzi and husband Rick of Palm Bay, FL, Amos Locke and wife Thelma of Lisbon, NH, and Adele Patch of Lebanon, NH; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Russ was known by all as a humble and gentle man and those that were blessed by knowing him will miss him dearly. Most of all he will be sadly missed by his best friend of 43 years, Peggy, and his children and grandchildren.

Calling hours will be on Friday, September 7th from 6 to 8 PM at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH.

A celebration of Russ's life will be on Saturday, September 8th at 10 AM at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor and friend George Hemway officiating.

A time of fellowship at the Horsemeadow Senior Center will follow. Burial will follow for his family at the Blue Mt. Cemetery, Ryegate Corner.

For more information or to sign an online condolence please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home, Woodsville, NH is in charge of arrangements.

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16 Littleton Rotary's 40th Annual Lobsterfest

Littleton Rotary Club's annual Lobster Festival dinner returns to the Bretton Woods Base Lodge/Slope Side on Sunday, September 16th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM to raise funds for local charities. This is the 40th year for the popular event, but for the first time it will be held on a Sunday and start an hour earlier.

"Our LobsterFest is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy delicious food and simultaneously support many of our local non-profit organizations," said event co-chair Kathy Jablonski. "Many folks return year after year for a reunion with family and friends. What better way to bring the last weekend of summer to a delightful close?" Accommodating the move to Sunday, doors will open at 4:00. Jump start the fun with a free scenic chair lift ride, available until 5pm.

Ticket holders have their choice of lobster or steak, in addition to chowder, steamed clams, coleslaw, baked potato, and dessert. In addition, everyone has the opportunity to participate in a raffle of creative gift baskets donated by local businesses.

To purchase tickets or get more information regard-

ing this year's LobsterFest go to the Club's website: www.littletonnhrotary.org, or call (603) 444-0700. Tickets may also be purchased from any Littleton Rotarian. A significant portion of the \$35 ticket price goes to local charitable organizations; last year exceeding \$10,000.

Littleton Rotary President David Wood noted that, "The success of this important fund raiser depends on many hours of extraordinary volunteer effort and generous ticket buyers. Additionally, we are most grateful to the Omni Mount Washington Resort for allowing us to use its dining and cooking facilities on Sunday at no charge."

"We hope that folks who have not yet attended one of our LobsterFests will join us on Sunday this year," said Wood. "They will discover what our many repeat customers know - that it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food for a good cause, in a beautiful setting."

The Littleton Rotary Club provides and supports a wide range of community services. More information can be found at www.littletonnhrotary.org.



By Ronda Marsh

Tramp Potatoes

I bet you're wondering what on earth are "Tramp" Potatoes? To be honest, I'm not really certain where the name originated, and can only make an educated guess. I do know that a similar dish in France is called a Potato Galette. If you're in Spain, it might be referred to as a "Torta". In Italy, it's a "Frittata". But, if you were living in northern NH during the Great Depression, "Tramp Potatoes" might be a more appropriate name, and here's why:

My maternal grandfather was a farmer who supplemented his income by running the school bus that transported all the kids who lived on the western outskirts of Littleton. Initially, he did this with a team of horses and a wagon or sleigh, then eventually, a real bus (or at least, what passed for a bus at the time). During the Depression years, it was not uncommon for him to be approached as he dropped off the students, by jobless or homeless men frantically seeking food and any work they might find. Sometimes they were locals, but often they were transients, down on their luck and looking to just survive another day. "Tramps" was the common term of the day used to describe these desperate men, who often stowed away in or sometimes even under train boxcars, riding the rails from place to place. My grandmother must have gotten used to seeing her husband pull in with the bus, along with another man, or men, he had brought back to work on the farm for the day. Whether they would be planting potatoes, cutting wood, or haying, my grandfather always made sure the men

- 4-6 medium potatoes (a starchier potato, like Idaho or Russet works well)
- 1 med. onion, peeled, halved & thinly sliced
- 2 Tablespoons (or more) vegetable oil
- Salt & pepper

Peel the potatoes and slice into thin rounds (don't worry if they're not all perfectly identical; this is a rustic recipe!). Rinse the potato slices in cold water and pat dry with paper towels. In a large skillet (10" to 12") heat the oil until shimmering. Add a layer of potatoes to cover the bottom, salt and pepper to taste, then some of the onions. Repeat layers until all potatoes and onions are used. Cover with aluminum foil, and then place a dinner plate on top to weigh the mixture down and promote browning. Turn the heat down to medium-low, and allow the potatoes to cook undisturbed for about 7 to 10 minutes, checking occasionally until the bottom has browned and become slightly crusty. Turn the potato mixture over with a spatula (unless you're worried about a perfect presentation, in which case, you can turn the potatoes out onto a platter then slide them raw side down, back into the pan). Replace the foil and plate on top of pan, and cook until the bottom is browned and potatoes are tender.



had the gloves or boots they needed, and my grandmother made sure they were well fed. At the end of the day, they would be brought back to town on the bus...always with a full stomach and a sack with vegetables and maybe a loaf of bread. My mother was just a young girl at the time, but she recalls her mother at the wood stove, with two cast iron pans, one filled with these potatoes, and the other with fried eggs, in an effort to put some nourishment into the bellies of ravenous workers. With the improvement in the economy, and the implementation of social welfare programs, the presence of these nomadic men dwindled by the late 1930's. Nowadays, if you hear the word "Tramp" being used, it's pretty exclusive to a female of...er...well...shall we say, ahem...less than sterling morals. But, in my house, the potato dish my grandmother made has kept its odd name, and "Tramp Potatoes" are always a welcome addition to our meals!

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