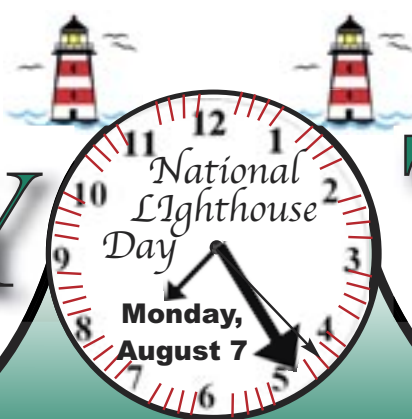


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West Newbury Summer Festival and Pollinaotr Parade

The West Newbury Summer Festival and Pollinator Parade Welcome a New Event, the Tucker Mountain 5K Run

The West Newbury Summer Festival and Pollinator Parade, Saturday, August 12, 8am - 2 pm. Relax at a quintessential Vermont day featuring the Pollinator Parade at 10:30 with the Honeybee Steelband; a packed Silent Auction with everything you want, and the White Elephant Sale, with everything you need; a picnic lunch (pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon) with live music; at the church an exhibit, How Does Your Garden Grow?, slide shows by local photogra-

pher Ian Clark, and a bake sale; take the opportunity to pet reptiles with herpetologist Christina Swann; local vendors; and to complete the day with a little sweet, Just Desserts. If this sounds like a lot of good eating, work it off ahead at the Tucker Mountain 5K Run, starting 8:30 sharp at the east parking lot, Tucker Mtn. Road, West Newbury. Bountiful prizes with no calories. Trails are also open for hiking and the storywalk.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Polly's Pancake Parlor

by Gary Scruton

I have good news and bad news regarding my most recent trip "out to eat". The bad news is that my wife, Janice, was not able to accompany me on this excursion. No, she is not ill or having issues, it was just that timing did not work well. The good news is that my daughter April, was able to be my taxi driver and get the two of us to Polly's Pancake Parlor up in beautiful Sugar Hill.

Of course, as I have mentioned in other columns before, if you are going to Polly's the first thing you have to do is to get on the list for the day. Polly's does not take reservations, but instead when you call in they put you on the list. So about 8:00 am I picked up the phone and made the call knowing that April was due to pick me up about 8:30. The person on the other end of the phone asked for a person count (2, maybe 3 of us) and

about what time did we plan to arrive (about 9:00 am) as it's about a 30 minute drive from Woodsville. They also asked for my first name. There, that part of the routine was done and set.

April did indeed show up at 8:30 and the two of us headed right out arriving just before 9:00 am to find a parking lot already mostly full.

We got a parking spot and walked up the hill to the foyer and front counter. The hostess first asked if there were two or three of us (just 2) and if we wanted a table or seats at the counter (I prefer a table so we opted that way). She then told us that we would be seated shortly as the table just needed to be cleared. She gave me one of those beepers and we went to look around the gift shop area.

Indeed it was only five minutes or so before we were called back to the counter and shown to our seats.

It was then not long before our waitress arrived with menus. This is where the hard part takes place. What do I choose?

I allowed April to go first in order to give myself a bit more time. She placed an order for an Omelet with sausage, bacon, mushrooms, onions & very sharp cheddar cheese (the waitress mentioned that it would therefore be Harman's cheese) She also got an order of home fries with cheese & onions and some sour dough toast. She also has a very great love of Iced coffee, so the order included that.

For me, I heard that one of the specials for the day was pumpkin flavored pancake batter. My thoughts were - yes, please. So I got what is called Kathie's special. Three pancakes (pumpkin batter with chocolate chips) ham, sausage, bacon or home fries (sausage patties) two eggs (over easy) and toast (Cinnamon raisin) plus of

course a cup of hot coffee.

The next step was to try to finish those meals. I was successful while April needed to take the offered container and take some home.

Polly's has a pretty standard format for everyone. They bring the bill to your table and ask you to pay at the front register, right next to the spot where you check in. So April left a cash tip on the

table and I took the slip to the cashier and paid the \$51.00 with my credit card.

As we exited Polly's we took advantage of one more important item. We stepped off the paved parking lot just a bit to the display that identifies all the White Mountains range that you can see from this great location. That in itself is worth the trip to Polly's



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July St. J Final Friday Brings Free Summer Fun Downtown

St. Johnsbury, VT – It's time for the second St. J Final Fridays event of the year, on July 28.

Partners Discover St. Johnsbury, the Town of St. Johnsbury, and Catamount Film & Arts are bringing a street fair and nightlife feel to the downtown on the final Friday evenings of each month, with events scheduled for June 30, July 28, and August 25.

Starting at 4:00pm, Railroad Street will be closed to motorized vehicles and filled with more than 30 free interactive live art demonstrations, family fun activities, a gallery stroll, sidewalk sales, tasty treats, a beer garden, and more. At 7:00pm, the event closes out with a free Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series performance right in the heart of our downtown. More details can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/finalfridays, by visiting the Welcome Center (51 Depot Square), or calling (802) 748-8575.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to spread some joy during such a difficult time for Vermonters," says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury. "St. Johnsbury has been spared the flood damage that has rocked so many other communities, and we want to especially invite our neighbors from affected towns to come out and enjoy some free, family-friendly fun. We'll have free treats like ice cream, free portrait drawing, and dozens of free art experiences to build our community back up again."

Featured FREE programming at the street fair includes Tibetan dance, song & music performances by Migmar Tsering; live

music by Koa Phoenix; the St. J Art on the Street Gallery Stroll by Catamount Arts, featuring art exhibitions, meet-the-artist activities, and refreshments in a dozen locations along Railroad Street and Eastern Avenue; pet portrait drawings from Kingdom Animal Shelter (bring a pic of your pet!); doggie hydration stations from the Friends of Dog Mountain; storytime from Everybody Wins! Vermont; henna tattoos from Amal Eltaib; fitness popup classes by NEK Prosper!; and lots more activities planned including kids crafts, dance demonstrations, and free goodies like popcorn, cookies & lemonade.

Food trucks will be available with meals for purchase during the street fair, along with a beer & mocktails garden hosted by Kingdom Taproom and Cosmic Cup Café, which opens at 6pm.

Businesses along Railroad Street and Eastern Avenue will also stay open late and host sidewalk sales and activities in-store. The Kitchen Counter Cafe & YUMMIES @ The Star will offer free ice cream during the event!

At 7:00pm, the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series closes out the night with a performance by Adam Ezra Group, returning after his incredible show during the 2022 series. Catamount Arts will bring their signature mobile stage to the heart of downtown St. Johnsbury, turning Railroad Street into a summer concert venue to showcase the band's folk and rock energy, fusing soul power and pop charm. The band first emerged from Boston in the early 2000s and quickly garnered widespread acclaim for their bold, insightful songwriting



and interactive, euphoric performances. The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, which partners with towns and cities across America to activate underused public spaces through the power of free live music, creating welcoming, inclusive destinations. Presenting a broad array of music genres and cultural programming, Levitt venues and concert sites are community anchors where families, friends and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds come together. Learn more at www.levitt.org.

Pete Simano to Share at Bethany Church

Pete Simano, formerly of Pike, NH, is currently home from Ankara, Turkey and has been invited to share at the morning worship services at Bethany Church on July 23rd and 30th. Pete is a worker with NICS/OASIS (www.NICS.org) and has served with Wycliffe Bible Translators (2001-2005) and NICS/OASIS (since 2008). While serving in Ankara, Turkey (home of the Hittites and Galatians from the past) his local travels have taken him to Patmos, Greece and to the cities of the 7 Turkish churches of Revelation

(Chapters 2 & 3). As one who studies the Word of God, Pete will share from Revelation and give his perspective as he shares personal insights on the Word. Pete has resided in Turkey for the past 2 years and beforehand served internationally in Brazil and Indonesia (and at the Network schools from headquarters).

Located on route 25 in Pike, Bethany Church is "the church set apart on the hill". Sunday Services for all ages start at 9:00 a.m.. For more info, please contact Jo Anne at 603-787-6658.



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Governor Sununu Signs - Cooperative School Withdrawal Bill

Controversial bills often catch the ear and eye of the media, but occasionally, there are bills of significant magnitude importance that are never heard. HB530, a bill relative to how a school district may withdraw from a cooperative school district is one of these bills.

A cooperative school district is a type of school district composed of 2 or more local school districts of the state that in accordance with statutory law, agree to form a one school district. For example, the Oyster River Cooperative School District serves the contiguous town communities of Durham, Lee, and Madbury, located 50 miles north of Boston in the southeast corner of New Hampshire. In 1963, residents of Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster and Whitefield voted to form a consolidated district with a local funding formula based on 60% average daily student membership and 40% premised upon equalized property valuation for each town.

When initially formed, cooperatives functioned with few issues; however, as years passed, operational funding formulas based upon average student enrollment and community property valuation became a problem. Agreements worsened when the majority of member towns, voted to change the district's funding apportionment formula by increasing the percentage of property valuation. For example, the Town of

Carroll property values have increased, but family incomes have gone the opposite direction, and local citizens want to know how to withdraw from the cooperative agreement and funding formula has become untenable. Approximately 1 out of every 3 cooperative districts are experiencing these difficulties. Certain municipalities no longer reflect their past economic and population demographics as identified 60 or 70 years ago.

With the passage of HB530, and by Governor Sununu's signing the legislation into law in late June, the new withdrawal process helps address long standing issues without tipping the balance too far forward toward withdrawing towns. For towns that have changed so dramatically since their cooperatives were formed in the

1950's and 1960's, there is now a feasible pathway for a town to withdraw. The new law states that, "If a 3/5 supermajority of the voters present and voting in the withdrawing preexisting district vote in the affirmative, in favor of the withdrawal, the clerk of the cooperative school district shall forthwith send to the state board of education a certified copy of the warrant, certificate of posting, evidence of publication, and minutes of the meeting unless a 3/5 supermajority of the voters present and voting in the entire cooperative district vote in the negative, against withdrawal." This legislation is a compromise measure, and it provides smaller towns a new chance to leave a cooperative school district without needing to persuade the whole district. This is definitely a bill that will assist any town wanting to withdraw from an expensive, unsustainable cooperative school district agreement that no longer reflects local student enrollment or affordability.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Drawing from Nature

by Linda Scherf for
Weeks State Park
Association

Weeks State Park Summer Program - Drawing from Nature will be held on Saturday July 29, 2023 (rain date July 30) from 10 am to 1 pm. It is taught by Heidi Chester.

This program is about drawing from nature on the Weeks State Park grounds. Attendees will meet outdoors for a 3-hr course led by local artist Heidi Chester.

Topics to be explored may include nature journaling, composition, proportion, shading as well as various media techniques. This is intended for adults of any level of art experience. \$15 fee*. Pre-registration required. Contact heidi@boydanddoyle.com to sign up. Attendees bring their own supplies from a list emailed to them when they register. Class size maximum is 25 attendees.

Heidi has a Bachelor's

Degree of Art. Previously, she has worked professionally in advertising design and commercial illustration. Currently, she paints and sells glassware to gift shops throughout the northeast. She's also an avid gardener and amateur naturalist.

* No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate in this program because of inability to pay.

Rain date for Saturday July 29 will be Sunday July 30.

Meet at the summit of Mt. Prospect by 10 am.

Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster, NH.

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8/2 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:30 Board Games/puzzles, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive

8/3 9:30 Bone builders, 12:30 Hymn Sing w/Byron, 1:00 HMSC Walkers, 1:00 Food Pantry by appt.

8/4 9:00 Kid's Ballet, 9:45 Kids Jazz, 10:30 Senior Stretch, 12:30 Mahjongg, 12:30 Computer Help, 1:00 Popcorn & Movie

8/7 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:30 Candy Bar Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Cards/Cribbage 1:00 Dementia Support Group

8/8 8:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 12:30 Craft Time, 1:00 Outdoor Walking Group, 1:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

8/9 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Veteran's Coffee, 10:30 ASK a nurse, 10:30 Board Games, 12:30 Horse Shoes, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive

8/10 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:00 Floral w/Jane, 12:30 Karaoke, 1:00 Outdoor Walking Group, 1:00 Food Pantry by appointment

8/11 9:00 Kid's Ballet, 9:45 Kids Jazz, 10:30 Senior Stretch, 12:30 Mahjongg, 12:30 Computer Help, 12:30 Herbal w/Elaine, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

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8/14 9:30 Chair Yoga, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Cards/Cribbage

8/15 9:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 9:30 Interfaith Chat, 12:30 Craft Group, 1:00 Outdoor Walking Group, 1:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

8/16 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Book Discussion, 10:30 Board Games, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive

8/17 9:30 Bone Builders, 1:00 Outdoor Walking Group, 12:30 Bird Watchers, 1:00 Food Pantry

8/18 9:00 Kids Ballet, 9:45 Kids Jazz, 10:30 Senior Stretch, 12:30 Mahjongg, 12:30 Computer Help, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

8/21 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Grief & Loss Support, 10:30 Candy Bar Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Cards & Cribbage

8/22 9:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 12:30 Craft Group, 1:00 Outdoor Walking Group, 1:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

8/23 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:30 Board Games & Puzzles, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive

8/24 9:30 Bone Builders, 12:30 Karaoke, 1:00 HMSC Walkers, 1:00 Food Pantry by appoint-

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8/25 9:00 Kids Ballet, 9:45 Kids Jazz, 10:30 Senior Stretch, 12:30 Mahjongg, 12:30 Herbal w/Elaine, 12:30 Computer Help, 10:00 Popcorn & Movie

8/28 9:30 Chair Yoga, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Cards & Cribbage, 1:00 Dementia Support Group

8/29 9:00 Nifty Needlers, 9:30 Bone Builders, 9:30 Interfaith Chat, 12:30 Craft Group, 1:00 HMSC Walkers, 1:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Popcorn & a Movie

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The Science and History of the Great New England Hurricane of 1938

by Linda Scherf for
Weeks State Park
Association

Weeks State Park Summer Program - The Science and History of the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 7 PM. It is being presented by Dr. Lourdes B. Aviles.

Dr. Aviles will be talking about the most devastating New England Hurricane of all time, the 1938 Hurricane. She will talk about the storm's meteorological history and science, and the effects that it produced throughout its path through Long Island and New England, highlighting the effects in New Hampshire.

Dr. Aviles is a Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University. Her topics of interest and research include historical meteorology, physical and dynamical meteorology, tropical weather and climate, and severe weather. She holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in physics and a doctorate in atmospheric sciences. She grew up in Puerto Rico during the 1970s and 1980s captivated with the hurricanes and tropical storms that seemed to threaten the island every year.

In the course of the re-

search, she scoured scientific journals, used-book and auction sites, local town libraries and historical societies, magazine articles, agency reports, national archives, newspaper articles, and anything else possible.

Taken by Storm, 1938: A Social and Meteorological History of the Great New England Hurricane is the product of Dr. Aviles' work during the past several years. However, she does not believe that she will ever be done finding resources and seeking new insights into this fascinating and terrifying storm.

This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7pm. Come early and bring a picnic supper.

Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster, NH. Carpooling is strongly suggested if possible for the events.

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FOOD TRUCK POP-UP
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Trailhead Pavilion, St. Johnsbury

WED.-SUN. JULY 26-30

NORTH HAVERHILL FAIR
See Ad on Page 16 & Article on Page 7
1299 Dartmouth College Hwy., No. Haverhill

THURSDAY, JULY 27

INQUISITIVE READERS BOOK CLUB
YOUTH EVENTS
6:00 PM
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

THE GREAT NE HURRICAN OF 1938

7:00 PM See Article on Page 5
Weeks State Park, Lancaster

FRIDAY, JULY 28

ACORN CLUB STORYTIME
3:00 PM
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

ST. J. FINAL FRIDAY

4:00 PM See Article on Page 3
Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury

SATURDAY, JULY 29

DRAWING FROM NATURE
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM See Article on Page 4
Weeks State Park, Lancaster

STORYTIME

10:30 AM
Dog Mountain

PENNY SOCIAL

1:00 PM Doors Open 2:00 Drawings start
Warren Town Hall
See Ad on Page 6

OLD TYME COUNTRY DANCE

7:30-10:00 PM See Ad on Page 11
West Newbury Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 30

PETE SIMANO TO SHARE
9:00 AM See Article on Page 3
Bethany Church, Pike

EGG SHOOT

9:30 Shooting Starts See Ad on Page 3
Ammonoosuc Valley F&G Club, Swiftwater

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REV. KELLY DONEHUE
3:00 PM
Old Goshen Church, Bradford

MONDAY, JULY 31

DANCE PARTY MONDAY
10:00 AM
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING

6:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

THE BALLROOM THIEVES
8:00 PM See Ad on Page 5
Colonial Theater, Bethlehem

SATURDAY & SUNDAY AUGUST 5 & 6

ORFORD FLEA MARKET
9:09 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday
On the Common, Orford See Ad on Page 7

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

UPCOMING TIMBER HARVEST PREVIEW
1:00-4:00 PM See Article on Page 13
Grafton County forest, North Haverhill, NH

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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7.30 PM
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Johnsbury

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

WEST NEWBURY SUMMER FESTIVAL,
POLLINATOR PARADE, AND 5K RUN
8:00 AM See Article on Page 1 & 8
219 Tyler Farm Road, West Newbury VT

END OF SUMMER READING COMMUNITY

PICNIC
12:00 NOON
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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6:00 PM
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

NELSON SIMONDS MEMORIAL SHOOT
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The 79th Annual North Haverhill Fair runs from Wednesday, July 26 thru Sunday, July 30 with plenty of long time favorites, a great sprinkling of brand new events and competitions, and even the return of an old time



favorite.

To many fair goers the big events are the Friday and Saturday night concerts. This year that means two great tribute bands. Friday at 8:30 will be Vyntage Skynyrd. Lynyrd Skynyrd was the most formidable band ever to emerge from the South. Vyntage Skynyrd celebrates the 1970's era of the band by replicating this timeless music as it was originally recorded and performed.

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Other live music on the Thayer Stage is Red Daisy Revival on Wednesday, Contagius on Thursday and Diamond Special on Sunday.

Every day at the North Haverhill Fair also features animal pulling events in the covered Bishop Arena. There will also be an open Ox Show on Saturday and a new Draft Horse show on Sunday. Plus the entertainment of the Wee, Wee, Wee Racing Pigs every day. The Boston Bachert Variety Show has multiple shows Wednesday thru Saturday, and the Flying High Dogs Show will perform Saturday & Sunday.

If you want to watch locals compete, or join in the fun yourself, there are the new Mlni-Excavator Rodeo on Friday, the new women's Skillet Toss and men's Kettle Bell toss on Saturday. Or build a Lego masterpiece and enter it. Plus keeping with the theme of this year's fair "Christmas in July" we are encouraging all our campers to decorate their units for judging and prizes. Or you can just decorate a hay bale, or two.

For those that enjoy motorized sports there will be a Demolition Derby on Wednesday, a Log Loader competition on Thursday, the return of the traditional stone boat tractor pull on Friday, a transfer sled pull for tractors on Saturday

and another transfer sled pull with 4x4's and other units on Sunday.

4-H has always been a big part of the North Haverhill Fair and there are shows or demonstrations each day of this year's fair as well.

If you come to the fair for the thrill of carnival rides and want a bargain Fiesta Shows offers a wrist band deal Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday.

One other "new" event this year will be a once only "ribbon cutting" at the newly constructed and furnished Antique Farm Museum at 6:45 on Wednesday, July 26. invitations have gone out to many who helped make this possible and the public is also cordially invited to attend.

The 2023 North Haverhill Fair runs from Wednesday, July 26 thru Sunday, July 30. Admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12, and free for those younger as well as for parking. The fairgrounds are located at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10) in North Haverhill, NH 03774. For a complete schedule as well as rules to participate go to www.nohaverhillfair.com

FEMA Wisdom

by Maggie Anderson

towel - essential in Japan - and a tiny whistle.

I'm beginning to think the FEMA gang all started out as Boy Scouts, I have read so many edicts and advisories from them lately, they're clogging my inbox!

Not that they have specifically targeted me, I think it's simply a saturation technique designed to settle over everybody. The last one quoted the number of folks who had no plans for any emergency, weather-related or otherwise. They seemed so peeved about this they even made me squirm, and I've always had some sort of plan for escape or hunkering down.

Our children are all in their 50's and even now every single one of them can tell you what our family plan was for getting out of the house in case of a fire, where we would meet to regroup, and especially what to do if we counted noses and one was missing.

All this served to remind me the curiosity a welcome gift from a new friend in Japan elicited. She gave me a beautiful bag, hand embroidered, and filled with treasures. I found some of her favorite chocolates, a small hand

As I dug to the bottom of the little tote, I was hoping for a fan, what I found was a whistle. When I asked her about it, I did one of those "well, of course" moments I often have when I should already have known.

Japan has one of the highest incidences of earthquakes on the planet, if you find yourself buried in the rubble a whistle is your lifeline. Of course!

Then that thought reminded me of Tokyo's Sky Tree, a cell tower twice the height of the Eiffel Tower. I pictured the officials gathered together to find some way to drum up more tourist traffic in that part of the city. I can see them all sitting there listening to somebody saying "We live in the most earthquake-prone area of the galaxy, I've got a great idea! How about we build the tallest structure on the planet!"?

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Oct. 29	All Our Saints Remembered, Angela Cottrill
Nov. 5	Rev. Michael Caldwell
Nov. 19	Brian Emerson
Dec. 3	Ginny Fuller
Dec. 17	Ginny Fuller
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The Honeybee Steelband of Hardwick VT will join the parade at the Annual West Newbury Summer Festival on August 12. The parade's theme this year is Pollinators. The Honeybee Steelband's mission is to promote awareness and responsibility for pollinators on whom much of life depends. The Honeybee Steelband rides on a float surrounded by its own live swarm of enthusiastic volunteers, some on roller skates, all looking very much like honeybees. Volunteers are welcome to join the swarm.

The Honeybee Steelband's presence is possible thanks to two grants, from the Vermont Community Foundation's Spark Connecting Community grant program and the Ben & Jerry's Foundation Community Action Team. The intention of both is to build and nurture commu-

nity, to "keep Vermonters healthy and happy." In this case, they are also promoting health and happiness for pollinators. Thirty-five percent of human's diet comes from insect-pollinated plants. There are many pollinators but honeybees take care of 80% of that pollination.

The Pollinator parade is at 10:30 am, led by the VFW Color Guard and the Summertime Marching Band. The festival features morning treats by the Sweet n'Savory bakery, a silent auction, white elephant sale, an exhibit "How Does Your Garden Grow?," a pulled-pork and corn-on-the-cob picnic lunch, and Christina Swaan with her reptiles.

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The North Country Chamber Players have adopted a "Pay-What-You-Wish" ticket pricing for concerts.

The recommended ticket price is \$25, payable at the door, but there is no minimum ticket price required for entry.

For more information:

<https://northcountrychamberplayers.org/>

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Letter to the Editor: SCOTUS Ruling on Affirmative Action and Tuition Relief

To the Editor,

SCOTUS got it right with their ruling on Affirmative Action and Tuition Relief. Affirmative action is so wrong and ridiculous—why should someone get preferential treatment because of their skin color or ethnic heritage? Jon Wang, an Asian-American student had a 1590 SAT score (with a perfect score on math) and a 4.65 grade average. He applied to 6 elite schools and was turned down. His guidance counselors actually warned him that he may have a tough time because he was Asian. How ludicrous is that? Why should a student who worked hard and achieved high test scores and grades be kept out because their ethnicity doesn't fit into the DEI model? Also, when you utilize affirmative action you are stating that the DEI specific minority groups are not smart or hard working enough to get in on their own merit. THAT IS SO WRONG, DEGRADING AND DISRESPECTFUL! Of course the left responds with their usual "white supremacy" blah blah —it's so disgusting. As soon as you disagree with the far left, you are a white supremacist.

Alex,

A good, or even great, education system is one of the most important goals a country can strive to possess. From the earliest and youngest children, right up thru college and even post-graduate education, it is important for any country to have a well educated population. especially in the United States where we honor the fact that we govern ourselves, it is important that our population know how to take in information, think about it, and make an intelligent decision.

The question really is how should all of that education be paid for? Are property taxes the best way to education our students thru high school? Is government paid tuition the best way to pay for college? Or should every person be responsible for their

Of course, Obama had to chime in. You know he will never miss a chance to play the race card. He stated "But for generations of students who had been systematically excluded from most of America's key institutions — it gave us the chance to show we more than deserved a seat at the table. In the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision, it's time to redouble our efforts"

Well if minorities are systematically excluded, then why do we have so many AWESOME minorities in high positions in all professions of our society doing AWESOME things?

And instead of Obama's idea of redoubling efforts for Affirmative Action in colleges, what about the high school students redoubling their efforts in school? How about parents redoubling their efforts to instill educational values and a work ethic into their children? How about having a mindset of earning something instead of having it handed to you by playing the victim card? There was a black doctor in Illinois who said he had 2 medical degrees—he stated that he was NEVER held back from any institution in his effort to achieve them. Ba-

sically, this man worked hard to get where he is. He also probably had parents who instilled good values such as hard work, the value of an education and choosing to be a decent human being. Gee, what a novel idea! Work hard and earn your success.

As far as college tuition is concerned, why should taxpayers pay for someone else's tuition? Why should someone who never went to college have to pay somebody's tuition? I myself, as well as many others, paid our own loans off. I would not expect anyone to pay mine or would want anyone to. It's called being responsible and accountable. But do you think Biden's administration really cares about the people with school loans? The Dems who supported this probably realized that this wouldn't go through, but the optics look good to get votes. They will just blame it on the conservatives in the Supreme Court.

Again, SCOTUS got it right on both issues and I'm willing to bet that the majority of America agrees with them.

Alex Foryan
Landaff, NH

own education, either themselves or thru their parents? Or perhaps there is a better method?

Regarding the diversity of any student body, many would say diversity is obviously the best. Others would say that only those in a particular class, or race, make the best group of students. I date say that no single study could prove any of these methods. After all "variety is the spice of life". At the least some diversity is good. It is a matter of who mandates that diversity and how is the mandate monitored?

My hope is that anyone who wants a great education can get one. That needs to be the bottom line.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Unwanted Visitors

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by Elinor Mawson

As a child, I was always fascinated with ants. I loved watching them running to and fro doing what ants do.

But that was when they were outdoors.

In recent years, we have had ants in the house every Spring, as soon as the frost left the ground. We'd find some ant repellent and they'd go away.

Not any more!

This year we have had an infestation! I don't know if it's because of all the rain or because we have a log cabin, but they are everywhere.

We've used sprays, ant cups, little squares of cardboard, and even a mixture of sugar and epsom salts. These are everywhere, and we have to be careful not to step in them. Ants are in the bathroom, in the kitchen and even in the refrigerator!. They crawl up my arm

when I'm trying to read, and I imagine they are biting me.

They disappeared before the fourth of July, and we were happy they weren't here while our family was visiting. But go figure! As soon as our company left-back came the ants. And out came the cups and epsom salts again. And the itching!

It's bad enough that we have the tiny ants. Accompanying them are the big black ants which make me squeamish. Fortunately, they seem to like epsom salts, so hopefully they will take them back to their nest wherever it may be.

I don't know when this dilemma will end. I hope it won't last until the first frost. And I also hope that when another year comes along, we won't have the rains that we've had in 2023.

Not only are we sick of ants--we're VERY sick of the rain.

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Help Get Your Teen Started with a Roth IRA

To be successful in most endeavors, it's important to develop good habits — and that's certainly the case for investors. And the earlier one develops these habits, the better. So, if you have teenagers who may be starting to work at part-time jobs, now may be a great time to introduce them to investing — and one place to begin might be a Roth IRA.

As you may know, a Roth IRA is a popular retirement savings vehicle — its earnings can grow federally tax-free, provided withdrawals aren't taken until the investor is at least 59½ and has had the account five or more years. But because a Roth IRA is funded with after-tax dollars, contributions can be withdrawn at any time, penalty-free, to pay for any expenses — including college. Roth IRA

earnings can also be used to help pay for college, although these withdrawals will be taxable. However, if a child is the account owner, a lower tax bracket will likely apply. your teenager's Roth IRA, as long as the amount contributed doesn't exceed the amount of their taxable compensation for the year. And your child doesn't have to put all the money in — you and the child's grandparents can also contribute. In fact, you might want to "match" your child's contributions up to the limit to provide an incentive for them to continue investing in the Roth IRA. Not only will your matching contribution help build the Roth IRA's assets but it can also instill in your child's mind the benefit of earning a match — which can prove valuable later on, when your child is in the workforce full time and has a chance to receive an employer's matching contributions in a 401(k) or similar plan.

Your child may well find a job at a local restaurant or shop, as these businesses have experienced a shortage of workers the past couple of years. But if you have a family business, you can employ your teen to provide income that can go into a Roth IRA. Furthermore, if the business is one parent's sole proprietorship, or it's a partnership in which each partner is the parent, the payments for a child younger than 18 are not subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes. As an employee, your child must perform

reasonable tasks necessary for the business and be paid reasonable wages — that is, wages comparable to what you'd pay a regular employee for the same work.

But wherever your child's wages come from, using some of them to help fund a Roth IRA can be a good move. For one thing, it gives you a chance to explain the value of putting time on your side when you invest — simply put, the more years you invest, the greater your chances of accumulating the resources you need to meet your goals. And by helping your teen open a Roth IRA, which holds stocks, mutual funds or virtually any other type of security, you can discuss the different risk/reward characteristics of various types of investments — the kind of basic knowledge that all investors should have.

Once your teen's first paychecks start coming in, consider bringing up the idea of opening a Roth IRA — you may well be opening the door to a lifetime of consistent and informed investing.

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Introducing The Colonial Theatre's New Executive Director

Following an extensive national search The Colonial Theatre is pleased to announce the appointment of Brenna Nicely as our new Executive Director. Having worked in several capacities at the American Repertory Theater at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, most recently as the Education & Engagement Director, Brenna has an avid appreciation for the arts and believes in the power of cultural enrichment. Through her decade of nonprofit experience she has also developed a keen sense of the importance of inclusion and community engagement. In a short period of time Brenna has demonstrated a deep understanding of The Colonial's vision and mission. Brenna's diverse experience and fresh enthusiasm should serve us well as we continue to implement our strategic plan and its goals. Toward that end, Brenna will be focused both on the historic preservation of our beautiful theater and ensuring that we provide our audience with a safe and comfortable state of the art performance venue. Please help us welcome her to The Colonial and to our community when she takes the helm in August.

As we welcome Brenna we want to again thank Christine Kelly Etter for her dedication and commitment to The Colonial over the last four years. Christine has been a bright light and her contributions have been many. We wish her and her husband all the best as they start their new family.

The mission of the Friends of The Colonial is to inspire and invite participation in the cultural conversation by preserving and improving this historic landmark theatre, providing high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offering a vision of small-town revitalization based on the arts.

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Pre-Harvest Timber Tour ¹³

Join UNH Cooperative Extension Grafton County Forester, Jim Frohn and NH Timberland Owners Association Program Director, Cheri Birch on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 from 1:00 - 4:00pm for a preview of an upcoming timber harvest on the Grafton County forest in North Haverhill, NH.

They will discuss the forest management plan, goals for the harvest, and silvicultural methods used to reach those goals. They will also go through the process of deciding which trees to cut and which trees to leave; show how trees are measured and go over the timber sale bid process.

Be prepared for moderate walking on variable terrain and variable weather conditions. Bring water and bug repellent. Be prepared for ticks.

We will meet at the

farmstand on NH Route 10, across from the Grafton County Complex. Space is limited! Pre-register by August 8th at <https://bit.ly/pre-harvest23>.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About that FMLA

Ma always did everything with her sister after Pa died. The two would be found giggling at the grocery store or side by side at the beauty parlor, Ma and her sister were very close. However, as her sister's husband had changing health issues, there came a time when Ma needed her son to help.

In order to get the required time off from work to take Ma to her doctor appointments, her son filed an FMLA form with his employer's human resource office. What is FMLA? "The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides eligible employees up to 12 workweeks of unpaid leave a year, and requires group health benefits to be maintained during the leave as if employees continued to work instead of taking leave. Employees are also entitled to return to their same or an equivalent job at the end of their FMLA leave." per the U.S. Department of Labor (www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/faq)

For people taking care of aging relatives, sick family members, pregnancy, or those who find themselves with serious medical ailments; the FMLA provides some security from losing their job. The horror to find that after several years of employment, one might lose their job if they became sick for an extended amount of time became a nation wide scandal. We have military family members over burdened by loved ones coming home with injuries and in need of the family care for recovery, serious medical illness and people starting families--they all need to be secure in knowing that the work

they have dedicated themselves to will still be there when they are able to return.

"Originally proposed as the Family Employment Security Act, the FMLA passed both houses of Congress twice in 1990 and 1992. Former President George H.W. Bush successfully vetoed the bill both times. Clinton signed the FMLA less than a month after his 1993 inauguration." per [www.dol.gov/news releases](http://www.dol.gov/news/releases), "The FMLA was introduced in Congress every year from 1984 to 1993 and was blocked repeatedly by entrenched, well-funded opponents. For years we built and nurtured a strong, broad-based coalition and led fierce and tireless advocacy. Congress passed the legislation in 1991 and 1992 — but it was vetoed both times by President George H.W. Bush. In the more than 20 years since its enactment, the FMLA has been used more than 200 million times and has helped mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters all across the country."

Thankfully, Ma was able to have her son go to her appointments with her and his job was safe. The form covered 12 months and he had to renew it every year but the doctors and the human resource office were willing to help with the required paperwork. If you or someone you know is having health issues and concerns about their job, please tell them about the FMLA and have them ask their doctor's office for help.

Please everyone, be safe and have a healthy summer.

Climate Resilience Grant Program Awardees

North Haverhill, NH - The NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant Program supports farms by reducing the impact of climate change on agriculture operations (mitigation), and increasing the resiliency of New Hampshire Farms in a changing climate (adaptation), while meeting farm conservation goals and needs. Now in our second year, the NH Conservation District Climate Resilience Program was able to increase our grant awards to almost \$300,000, assisting 37 farms statewide. Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) is excited to announce the 2023 Climate Resilience grant awards to these farms: Green Bough Farm, North Haverhill; Tullando Farm, Orford; Nicole's Fruit Farm, North Woodstock; and Open Woods Farm, Grafton. GCCD will be sharing more on these great climate resilience projects as they progress.

Green Bough Farm owners, Justin and Carolyn Smith, raise grass-fed livestock, have a market garden that supplies local markets and Boston-based restaurants, and manage forestland. They will be purchasing a no-till keyline plow to create healthy, drought-tolerant pastures by lifting and aer-

ating the soil with minimal topsoil disturbance. This will reduce soil compaction while improving water distribution and infiltration making the pastures more resilient during periods of drought and heavy rains.

Tullando Farm is a third generation dairy farm now milking 450 cows and farming 750 acres, with 400 acres in corn. In July, Nate Tullar will plant a multispecies cover crop in the corn ground that will be well-established when the corn is ready to harvest in the fall. Cover crops protect soil from wind and water erosion, take up excess nutrients, and improve soil organic matter while holding soil moisture in dry years and allowing more water to go through the soil in wet years. In spring, crops will be no-till planted into the cover crops, retaining soil nutrients and sequestering carbon.

Nicole Tewksbury and Aaron Fadden, owners of Nicole's Fruit Farm, grow blueberries, raspberries and elderberries for sale at the farm, and to local markets and restaurants. Having suffered production losses during recent droughts, they are establishing a gravity fed drip irrigation system and irrigation well. There is no electricity or water source at this field location. They

will install drip irrigation and a water storage system, until the well is installed. The drip irrigation will improve plant health and fruit production, and minimize water loss due to evaporation.

Sayer Palmer and Open Woods Farm will be expanding their community composting facility to improve efficiency, increase awareness around food waste, climate change, and community resilience. Open Woods Farm is a certified organic vegetable farm. Currently, food scraps are collected from local sources and composted at Open Woods Farm using local carbon materials. They will partner with Mascoma Valley Regional High School to start a compost and food scrap collection initiative with composting at Open Woods Farm.

The Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) was created in 1946 and works in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Through educational, financial and technical assistance, GCCD promotes sustainable use of our natural resources, represents local needs, and brings technical expertise from the community to the District.

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Long-Awaited Dundee

Community Forest Now Protected

Carroll County, N.H. – Today, Trust for Public Land, Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and the State of New Hampshire announced the creation of the Dundee Community Forest spanning 1,250 acres in the Towns of Jackson and Bartlett. The newly conserved property connects to the White Mountain National Forest and the Tin Mountain Conservation Center’s Jackson Field Station, which presents opportunities for trail connectivity and wildlife movement corridors.

Believed to be the largest unprotected ownership in the Mount Washington Valley, the lands consist of 17 parcels assembled over 60 years by the late William “Mack” Beal of Jackson. Mr. Beal was trained as a forester and a surveyor and was a careful steward who kept the lands open to community use for hiking, hunting, and cross-country skiing. That tradition will now continue in perpetuity as the Dundee Community Forest.

“I wanted to thank the Beal family for their generosity, patience and commitment to good stewardship of this remarkable piece of land” said Shelby Semmes, Vice President of the New England Region for Trust for Public Land. “We are honored to develop a conservation solution that protects this large forest for community benefit, outdoor access, and clean drinking water for residents across New Hampshire and Maine - all while honoring Mack Beal’s legacy.”

Research by Trust for Public Land and others have demonstrated that Community Forests can be drivers of equitable outdoor access, rural prosperity along with social and physical well-being.

“As Granite Staters, we take great pride in responsible environmental stewardship of our state,” said

Governor Chris Sununu. “The Beal family represents the very best of New Hampshire. Their hard work in conservation will allow the land to be cherished by many for years to come.”

Now owned by Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, Dundee Community Forest will be managed for non-motorized recreation, wildlife conservation, and sustainable timber harvesting. The State of New Hampshire holds the conservation easement, which prevents the land from being subdivided or developed and guarantees recreational access.

“Given extensive road frontage on Dundee and Thorn Hill Roads, as well as development pressure in Jackson and Bartlett, Dundee Community Forest was at risk of being developed and drastically changing the landscape of our region. As new owners of Dundee Community Forest, we are thrilled that the forest is now protected forever for conservation, scenic enjoyment, and outdoor recreation and we are committed to its care forever. We look forward to working with the community to determine the trail system needs and plan for activities that welcome community members to enjoy the forest in a variety of ways,” said Jen Pribble, Executive Director of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust.

A Community Forest is a reinvention of the New England town forest. In this case, Upper Saco Valley Land Trust holds ownership of the forest. Management input will come from the Dundee Community Forest Advisory Group, which will include representatives from the Towns of Jackson and Bartlett, community members, and stakeholders such as nonprofit partners.

“The Dundee Community Forest is a great outcome for the White Mountain Region and for the

people of New Hampshire” said Patrick Hackley, Director of the Division of Forests and Lands and the New Hampshire State Forester. “Conservation of this land will assure that sustainable forestry continues to provide jobs in the forest products sector and maintain a highly resilient forest resource in the face of a changing climate.

Dundee Community Forest also provides vital water resources for the community. Several pristine streams flow into the federally designated Wildcat Wild and Scenic River, which cascades into the popular tourism destination of Jackson Falls. Additionally, the Forest contains tributaries to the East Branch of the Saco River, which support drinking water for more than 250,000 people in New Hampshire and Maine. The conservation easement includes permanent stream buffers funded by the New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation program. A public drinking water well for the Villagio Bianco neighborhood will benefit from special provisions to protect water quality funded by The New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and with generous support from the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Trust for Public Land released a special report, “Community Forests: A Path to Prosperity and Connection,” in 2021. The special report, and accompanying handouts, takes a case-study approach to understanding and exploring the numerous economic benefits provided by community forests created through the U.S. Forest Service’s Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP).

A community celebration event is planned for this fall.

Bob Every To Win An Award ¹⁵

The Military Writers Society of America has notified Bob Every he will be the recipient of an award for his debut novel, A Day Like Any Other, at their awards banquet in New London, Connecticut, in September.

Every’s family has deep bonds with the sea. Henry Every (born in the Devonshire area of England around 1659) became Captain of the Fancy in 1694. Later, his family had ties to the Cunard Line and came to America from the Dutch West Indies. The author grew up in Boston, attended Boston Latin High School, and it was there he credits learning the lessons from which he developed the craft of writing. Graduating from Tufts University, he reported to Attack Squadron 147 as ordnance officer, making combat deployments to Vietnam aboard the USS America and USS Constellation in 1970, 1971, and 1972. It was during this time he became a Christian. He married his wife, Patricia, in 1974 and they have two sons, both of whom have a deep-rooted affiliation with the sea.

To quote the book’s jacket; “As the war in Vietnam is drawing to a close, Bill, a navy lieutenant from South Boston, meets Mary, a doctor and anti-war daughter from one of Beacon Hill’s oldest families. A day that would transform two lives and two visions, initiating events that would disrupt seats of power and headlines around the globe. A tender story of love and redemption amid the violence of a nation torn by war. A Day Like Any Other combines military romance with literary fiction to create a captivating novel that makes you pause and think about its reflection in your own life.”

To win an award, the book must score well in content, style, visual (cover design and layout), and technical (conformity

to the rules of grammar and the Chicago Manual of Style or AP). Then, an overall score is determined by adding the four areas for each reviewer to see if it qualifies for an award.

The lead reviewer, Nancy Panko, herself an author, said, “This wonderful story captivated me. I couldn’t put the book down and wanted more when it ended. I was on the edge of my seat, and you will be, too.”

Two short quotes illustrate the book’s depth.

Bill and Mary upon entering the Boston Public Garden. “Perhaps it was the time of year or the beauty of the tulips as they spread a carpet of brilliant color amid the tapestry of carefully manicured flower beds. Perhaps the canopy of newly budded trees as they stretched forth to gently shade the scene below, or the delicate bridge in the distance that seemed to beckon to an obscured shore on the far side. Perhaps even the whimsical bronze figures of Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings as they made their way toward the pond. It was the type of day that happens only in the spring and not even every spring. The type of day in which a sense of renewal overwhelms the senses with a joy to be alive.”

Bill, upon realizing the ship isn’t ready for combat. “For good or bad, there’s an emotion only those who have slung a rifle on their back will ever know—the hardness of the stock and steel pressing the shoulder blade, the soft leather sling under the thumb. The knowledge that reality and death start and stop there—the sense of life’s frailty. But ultimately the finality of a bullet, like a failed marriage or growing up in a ghetto, and just as deadly.”

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Zucchini soup or Squashysoir

Hello hello my fellow chefs! I hope you are fine. I just got out of the hospital. I had a bout with nausea and dehydration that I couldn't get over even though I have nausea medication. They gave me fluids and nausea medicine in my IV along with my stomach meds for gird and excessive stomach acid. Coming right into you from the IV worked so much better than my pills. I'm just glad to be home. My wonderful Home

Health girl Nicole was nice enough to take me to the hospital. My friend Polly came to pick me up. Thank you Polly Pratt you are a doll.

I'd like to give a shout out to a new friend I met and she loves my recipes and sends them to her daughter. Hi Janet Smith from Concord Vt. You are a sweetheart. She loves Trendy Times and looks forward to getting it.

Another note, my Anniversary with Trendy Times

has come. My first article was July 11, 2017. It happens to be that my first article was Zucchini Soup or Squashysoir. Zucchini is abundant now and this soup is "Delicioso". Not to mention how easy peasy it



is! Serve hot or cold. I had croutons on mine.

Well let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients

- 4 medium onions chopped small
- 2 Tbsp butter plus a little more
- 2 cups sliced zucchini (1 medium one is close

enough.)

- 4 cups of chicken broth
- 1 cup milk

Salt and pepper to taste
Sauté onions in butter until translucent. Remove onions and place in blender then sauté squash until tender adding more butter if needed. Add to blender adding 1 cup of broth. Depending on how big your blender is you might have to do it in stages. Blend until smooth. Put in soup pan and add the additional broth and milk, salt & pepper. Heat but don't boil until done getting just

heated through.

That's it. Try it cold if you want. Serve with croutons or oyster crackers. Taste before adding salt and pepper because depending on what brand of chicken broth you use it may not need it.

Please give this wonderful recipe a try it's sure to please your family and you will be a star.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Take care and stay healthy and safe. I am signing off for now so until next time I am Sincerely,
Cin Pin

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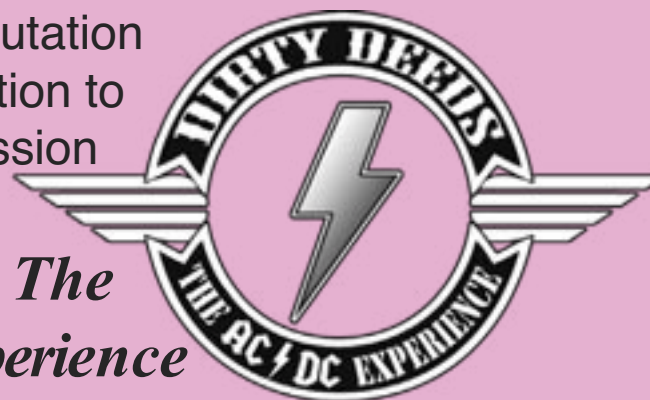


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