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Lisbon Area Historical Society Celebrates Grandparents Day with Fun-Filled Events



Lisbon, NH –Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) invites the community to join us for a delightful Grandparents Day celebration on Saturday, September 7th from 12-2pm, at our museum located at 9 Depot St, Lisbon, NH. This intergenerational event promises fun for all ages, as we honor the wisdom and love of grandparents.

We invite you to participate in a variety of engaging activities during this celebration. Famous

grilled sausages prepared by the Lisbon Lions Club will be available for purchase. Local children's author Bernardette Costa will share enchanting stories from her books. Immerse yourself in the past with tunes played on our beautifully restored 1905 Victrola. At 1pm LAHS will award a Bosen Post cane to Cliff Boivin, Landaff's oldest resident. Visitors can also explore both the Lisbon Railroad Station and LAHS Museums to discover treasured arti-

facts from Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff. While in the LAHS Museum keep an eye out for selfie opportunities with our mascot Marty the Mouse, our tiniest historian! Don't miss out on this unique blend of community spirit, literature, and nostalgia. "Our Grandparents Day event is a wonderful occasion for families to come together, celebrate our shared history, and create lasting memories," said Dot Wig-

gins, LAHS President.

LAHS is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff, NH. Our mission is to make a positive impact on the community by promoting local history, organizing events, and maintaining our museum, research and event center. For more information about the event and LAHS, visit www.lisbonareahistory.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram @LisbonAreaHistoricalSociety.

Lisbon Lions club members are men and women who strive to make a difference in their local community as well as communities worldwide. Their volunteer efforts go beyond the support of vision care, to addressing unmet health and education needs worldwide. Proceeds from food purchases will directly benefit the Lisbon Lions Club. For more information about the Lisbon Lions club visit lisbon.nhlions.org.

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Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! at OCT by Gary Scruton

The phrase "community theater" really hits home most every year when Old Church Theater of Bradford breaks out their children's performance. This is not to say that children don't act in other plays during the year, but there is normally one particular show that features children. This year's production not only met that goal but probably exceeded the regular theatergoers expectations.

Just take a look at the playbill for the evening. There are twenty-five characters listed. Each portrayed by a different actor or actress. The first Saturday evening performance only saw 24 as one child was ill and unable to perform. But without that information from the director before the performance began, the audience would not have known.

The playbill also informed the audience that this play was written by a school librarian in order to give all her students a "good" part. Each actor, or in a few cases two or even three actors, had the stage to themselves while they delivered their portion of the story. With that said there is little room to pick out one over another in their presentation. Of course some stood out, on this particular night, a bit more than others. Some of those were simply by the nature of the person they were representing. Other times it may have been the manner of delivery.

But it can be said that not one performer did not hit the stage at the proper time, nor did any leave the stage without offering their own piece to the story.

With all of that said, much appreciation must be directed to the director and cast coordinator Angela Cottrill. But she was quick to offer her gratitude to her assistant director Matthew Grout. Between the two of them they managed about two dozen children that ranged from third grade thru the oldest being Matthew (an 11th grader) who did double duty as an actor and assistant director.

One more aspect to the lines of this play that made it more of a challenge to many of the actors was the fact that the play was set in the year 1255 with some language being very different from how the people of this area and time speak today. The positions of all the characters was also vastly different than those of our present day. At least on the surface. If you really wanted to dig into the content of the performance, there was certainly some social comment as well as social prejudices brought forward.

As with most plays it is somewhat up to the audience member themselves to decide how deep to look, or to just sit back and enjoy the fine performance of these up and coming actors.



Haverhill, NH - Carrie Ann (Harris) Daly, age 47, passed peacefully on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 at Cottage Hospital after a long hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. Carrie was born on August 2, 1976, at Cottage Hospital to Thomas and Sarahjean (Germain) Harris.

From an early age, Carrie spent most of her time surrounded by family and friends and always loved telling the stories that went along with that. Carrie had many loves when she was young. From 4-H to the North Haverhill Fair, from riding horses with Vanessa to all the long summer days spent walking back and forth from Ames in North Haverhill. Upon entering Woodsville High School in 1991 Carrie was not only involved in athletics and schoolwork but she was also a devoted member of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) spending time as the President of the Woodsville Chapter. One of Carrie's proudest moments as a student came when she was chosen to represent Woodsville High School at the national SADD conference which was held in Florida. Carrie was one of three students picked from the state of New Hampshire to attend this conference. Carrie graduated from Woodsville High School, class of 1994, and spent one more year at the New England School of Hair Design where she received her license in Cosmetology.

On September 30, 1995, Carrie was married to her high school sweetheart, Matthew Bennett Daly. Carrie and Matthew settled down in Haverhill

OBITUARY: Carrie Ann (Harris) Daly,

where they raised their four children. While Carrie may have been a licensed Cosmetologist the only thing she really wanted to do in life was to be a stay-at-home mom. Carrie dedicated her life to her family and devoted countless hours to anything they needed. Throughout the summer Little League season you could find Carrie and her family at the ball fields at least five days a week. When she was not being the best score keeper EVER then she was probably helping out at the concession stand and making sure it was up and running smooth. Also, Carrie was always volunteering in the classroom (especially for any treats that needed to be made) and always made sure that EVERY child felt special as that was definitely her goal. Carrie enjoyed being a grandmother (Lolli) more than life itself. Being able to sit and play or just snuggle with her two

granddaughters always made her day.

Carrie leaves behind her loving husband of nearly 29 years, Matthew Daly, of Haverhill, NH, son Andrew Daly(26), of Woodsville, NH, daughter Maggie Daly(24), of Monroe, NH, daughter Emma Green(21) and her husband William of Haverhill, NH, son Ian Daly(12) of Haverhill, NH, granddaughters, Peyton Ann Green and Hazel Grace Carbee, parents, Thomas and Sarahjean Harris, of North Haverhill, NH, sister Linda Harris, of Woodsville, NH, nephews, Thomas Harris and Donald Taber along with two great nieces and one great nephew, of Woodsville, NH.

Carrie was predeceased by her paternal and maternal grandparents, along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A private Celebration of life will be held with Carrie's family and friends.

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Life insurance can help you in two main ways. First, life insurance policies offer a death benefit that can assist your family if you're no longer around. And second, some types of life insurance offer the chance to build cash value, which can work for you during your lifetime.

Let's look at the death benefit first. If something were to happen to you, your life insurance proceeds could help your family meet at least three major needs:

Paying a mortgage – The biggest expense many families face is their monthly mortgage. If you weren't around, could your family continue paying the mortgage? Or would they have to move? With a sufficient life insurance death benefit, they could remain in their home, meeting the monthly mortgage payments, or perhaps pay off the loan entirely (although this might not be in their best financial interest).

Paying for education – If you have young children, you may already be saving for their college education – because you know college is expensive. Without your income, would college, or some other form of post-secondary education or training, still be realistic? Again, the proceeds from an insurance policy could make the difference.

What can insurance do for you?

Paying off debts – You might have a car loan, credit card debt or other financial obligations. If your surviving spouse is a joint account holder for these debts, they could still be liable for paying them off. But insurance proceeds could be used to retire the debts immediately, or over time.

All life insurance policies offer a death benefit. But permanent insurance, unlike term insurance, also offers the chance to build cash value – which can be a valuable supplement to your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement accounts.

A cash value policy such as whole life also can provide flexibility for changing financial needs or emergencies in retirement. And here's another key advantage: Because this type of policy provides fixed, guaranteed returns, it is not dependent on the performance of the financial markets and is thus insulated from the market downturns that can happen while you're retired. So, taking money from the cash value of your whole life policy may help you avoid selling investments that have temporarily declined in value.

Keep in mind, though, that the premiums for a cash value policy will generally be substantially higher than those for term insurance. That's why some people choose to "buy term and invest the difference" rather than purchase a permanent life policy with cash value. Whether this strategy is right for you depends on a few different factors, perhaps the most important of which is your ability and willingness to consistently invest the money you would have otherwise placed in a cash value policy.

In any case, should you choose cash value insurance, you generally have three ways to get at the money: withdrawals, loans or surrender of the policy. You'll want to weigh all the factors involved – including taxes and the effect on the policy's death benefit – when deciding on how to access the cash value.

Life Insurance Awareness Month ends on Sept. 30. But your need for life insurance, and the potential benefits it provides, can last a lifetime.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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OBITUARY: Rosalie Ruth (Lee) Morgan- Davie ,

Rosalie Ruth (Lee) Morgan-Davie died peacefully at the Grafton County Nursing Home on August 8th, 2024. She was born to Frank and Thelma (Earl) Morgan on October 30th, 1929, and always claimed that she was responsible for the Great Stock Market Crash of that year. Her dynamic personality and acerbic wit featured prominently in most of her relationships, and persisted to the very last.

Rosalie married Edward Davie in 1950, and they raised five children. While they eventually divorced, they were pleasantly reconciled in the last year of her life. As a Quaker, Rosalie was always attuned to issues of social justice, and she ultimately earned a degree to become a social worker. But it must be said that her second greatest love in life was her long association

with agriculture. She kept sheep for many years, and when she was compelled to sell the farm in New York State and move to Vermont, she brought her nine favorite (and somewhat geriatric) sheep with her. Her first love was her family, and she is survived by her ex-husband Edward, her five children: Linda Garner, Morgan Davie, Stephen Davie, Elaine Rust, and Keith Davie, along with 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Her life will be celebrated, privately, as she requested, with an evening of music, food, and noise.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements

Army Guard Retiree Day Luncheon Date Set

The New Hampshire Army National Guard (NHARNG) 15th Annual Retiree Day Luncheon date has been set for Thursday, September 19, 2024 by the luncheon planning committee. The committee is made up of current and retired Army National Guard members. Our immediate goal is to notify all retired NHARNG members about this upcoming event. Retirees who have not attended prior luncheons or have relocated are urged to contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) David Follansbee via e-mail: dave_follansbee@comcast.net or (603) 623-7757. Please RSVP no later than September 13th.

This year's luncheon will be at the Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5.00 at the door.

The planning committee asks if you know of someone who has retired from NHARNG to pass this information along.

Be sure to tune in at 7:03 am the Friday before Trendy Times hits the news stands as April will be giving an update on what you can expect to see in the next issue on WYKR.



OBITUARY: Alan Raitt,

Alan Raitt, 66, of Woodsville, NH, passed away peacefully at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon on Saturday, August 10, 2024, after a long period of declining health. He was born October 6, 1957, in Saco, ME.

Alan spent his formative years in the Saco area, where he attended local schools before earning an associate degree from NH Technical College. On February 16, 1993, he married the love of his life, Pamela Ann Plante, with whom he shared over 30 years of marriage.

A skilled machinist, Alan dedicated several years of his career to New England Industries. His passion, however, extended far beyond his professional work. Alan was a gifted craftsman, known for his ability to build motorcycles from scratch, exceptional carpentry skills, and his knack for fixing anything that needed repair. His talent for creation and restoration was a testament to his resourcefulness and ingenuity.

In 2002 Alan's life took a tragic turn when he suffered a life-changing accident. Despite the challenges he faced afterward, Alan's spirit remained unbroken. Though he could no longer work, he continued to be a source of love and kindness to all who knew him. Alan will

be remembered not only for the man he was before the accident but also for the unwavering compassion and gentle strength he exhibited in the years that followed. Alan is predeceased by his parents Beverly (Clark) and John Raitt.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Raitt; his son, Jeremy Raitt and wife Emily of Arkansas; his step-children Kenneth Wholey and his wife Lyndsey of Woodsville, NH, Roger Wholey and his wife Madison of Woodsville, NH, and Megan Wholey and her husband Jarret Hoepfner of Las Vegas, NV; his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Emmett, Joshua, Dawson, Tristen, Joseph, Sebastian, and Stella; his brother Glenn Raitt; his half-sister Lisa Dagenais; his step-sister Patricia Casper; his step-brother Robert Kells; and his nephew Hunter Raitt. Alan's legacy of love and craftsmanship will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

A service to celebrate Alan's life will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 11 AM at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements

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Upcoming Events

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Grand Parents Day Celebration**

7 Sep

12:00-2:00

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10/5/2024

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9/5 Kielbasa Bake w/Broccoli & Cauliflower, Vegetable Orzo, Carrots, Banana Oat Bread

9/6 Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Veggies, Fruit

9/9 7:30 Men's Breakfast, 11:30 Garlic Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Veggies, Fruit

9/10 Sausage/Peppers & Onions, Rice, Broccoli, Oatmeal Muffin

9/11 Baked Chicken, Stuffing, Veggies, Fruit

9/12 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Sweet Potato, Veggies

9/13 Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cauliflower, Veggies, Fruit

9/14 OPEN MIC ~ Food Service @5:30PM Music @6:00PM

9/16 Baked Fish, Sweet Potato, Veggies, Biscuit, Fruit

9/17 Tuna Melt, Couscous w/peas, Veggies

9/18 Chili, Baked Potato, Veggies, Cornbread, Fruit

9/19 Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Veggies,

9/20 CLOSED for Staff Safety Training Day

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9/24 Tacos, Quinoa, Veggies

9/25 Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Muffin, Fruit

9/26 Cheesy Chicken, Rice/Beans, Veggies

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Letters To The Editor:

Just Thinking

To the Editor,

First, I would like to apologize for a reference that I made in my letter to the editor of August 13th. I incorrectly attributed a statement that J.D. Martell made (Trendy Times, July 30) as coming from JP Watson.

As Mr. Martell stated, I have also found that Fox News provides an honest and clear balance of news. It probably does lean to the right, as Editor Scruton insinuated, while providing views from the left by regular contributors such as Jessica Tarlov, Harold Ford Jr, Juan Williams, Leslie Marshall, among others. During the June 2024 prime time, Fox News had a total viewership of 2,272,000, with 255,000 being in the 25-54 age group, MSNBC had 1,171,00 (116,000, A24-54) and CNN at 689,000 (154,000, A24-54), (Nielson Live). The poor viewership and loss of credibility by these liberal networks is due to its cover up of Biden Administration misgivings, such as the Hunter Biden laptop fiasco, its failure to call out 51 former intelligent officials claiming it was Russian disinformation, the glossing over of the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, and the loss of thirteen service members. In addition, the Administration gave up the strategically located Bagram Air Base and over seven billion dollars of military equipment. The liberal media failed to press Reps. Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell on their lies and misgivings. These are just a few examples of liberal media bias.

Robert,

I am proud of the fact that the pages of Trendy Times continue to offer space to writers of Letters to the Editor from both sides of the political aisle. That has been, and will continue to be, the philosophy of this publication. We want to offer both sides the opportunity to put their views in front of our readers. My part, as I see it, is to attempt to offer another perspective.

In this case I will simply recommend that no one take all of their information from any one source. Take the time to watch a different channel, read a different author, listen to a member of the other party. Then make your own opinion, and most of all, make your voice heard at the polls, no matter which side you see as the proper one.

Gary Scruton, Editor

It's hard to read comments by Robert Roudebush and Rachael Booth, in this publication and their collective praises of VP Harris. They are apparently happy with high energy prices, record high inflation (19.8%, a/o 8/24, BLS), record high grocery prices, and a border that is out of control, allowing millions of unvetted illegal aliens into our country, many with criminal records. I have addressed many of Mr. Roudebush's comments in the past.

I would like to address the misinformation contained in the letter to the editor (Setting the Record Straight August 13) by Rachael Booth, where she criticized JD Martell for his views. Her dislike for anything conservative is obvious. Her statement that Fox News is a propaganda machine of disinformation is disingenuous at best. It might come as a surprise, but Fox News is the most watched news outlet (see above), including 29 percent of liberal viewers, along with the largest number of independents, 28 percent (The Hill, Axios). Ms. Booth goes on to say that Democrats don't believe in the woke agenda or CRT. Look at many of our classrooms, socialist professors in our colleges, the influence in our military, etc., to know that it has an onerous influence on our young people. After-birth abortion is just a scare tactic? Apparently, Ms. Booth has forgotten about Kermit Gosnell, who was found guilty in 2013 of murdering three babies in his Philadelphia abortion clinic.

Look at the border that Ms. Booth thinks is being

crossed by people fleeing poverty and terror. I have no doubt that many are seeking a better life, however, there is a legal path to accomplish this, as my ancestors did. Crossing, as they are doing by the millions, is in violation of our immigration laws. Among these people are those with various criminal records, gang members, terrorists, as well as drug and human traffickers. According to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) in Fiscal Year 23, criminal convictions of noncitizens totaled 15,267, ranging from assault and battery, homicide, trafficking, to sexual offenses. Sex trafficking of women and children by cartel gangs is the most common form of trafficking (Ourresue.org). The Department of Health and Human Services were unable to account for 85,000 unaccompanied minors out of 130,000 who entered the country in 2022 (Newsweek). The murders of Laken Riley, Kate Steinle, Jeremy Pooou Caceres (age 2), Rachel Morin, Jocelyn Nungaray (age 12), and others, are at the hands of illegal aliens. The CDC has estimated that over 100,000 drug overdose deaths have occurred during the 12-month period ending in April 2021, primarily from fentanyl crossing the border.

This is happening due to the open border policies of the Biden Administration and the failure of VP Kamala Harris to solve the border issue. It would behoove Ms. Booth to reconsider her use of the word myopic when applying it to others. Robert Briggaman North Concord, VT

Why I support David Rochefort for NH State Senate To the Editor,

I would like to encourage my Republican and Independent friends in the North Country to support David Rochefort for N.H. State Senate in District 1 by voting for him on Sept. 10, Primary Day.

I met David recently at a Forestry Tour that was set up for Kelly Ayotte at Britton Lumber Company in Bath, NH. After the tour I was interested in talking with David who was a State Rep. and now is running for State Senate in District 1.

As a life long forest landowner it's important to me that our elected representatives who go to Concord and pass laws that impact us know about one of our most important industries in the North Country which is Forestry which also has a positive impact on Recreation and Tourism. Those are the three industries that drive our economy in the North Country which is District 1.

When I questioned David on where he stands on Taxes he said "I will never support a Sales or Income

Tax".

On Healthcare, David, who is a Pharmacist says he wants to bring higher quality and less expensive health-care options which is a very important issue for him to work on for the folks in the North Country.

On Education he said a good Education is the key to a strong community. He also encourages more students after high school to enter into a Trade School, which is very important as we need more trades such as Electricians, Plumbers, Mechanics and Welders; these and more are all high paying jobs with very little debt for students.

David also has promised to "Protect our Second Amendment Rights" to keep and bear arms, without exception or limitation.

I agree with David's conservative beliefs and encourage all conservative minded folks in the North Country District 1 Senate Race, to get out on Sept. 10th Primary Day and VOTE for David Rochefort. Tom Thomson, Tree Farmer Orford, NH

Tom,

As always thank you for your words of support for a candidate. It is much nicer to read than to be asked to vote against an opponent.

I will echo your call for our fellow voters in New Hampshire to get to the polls on September 10. It is the last step before we get to the November elections that will decide our leaders.

Gary Scruton, Editor



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So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival Continues to Grow!

The 2024 So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival will be bigger than last year with more than 80 vendors and activities scheduled. The 2023 Festival had 68 events. The festival is held rain or shine on August 31st, from 9am - 2pm along Main and Railroad Streets in downtown Wells River. This year, the old is meeting the new; the old is the popular Classic Tractor Show sponsored by Wells River Chevrolet and the new is a display of EV vehicles and other E-gadgets organized by John Nininger of Newbury. The tractors will leave P&H and drive down to Wells River Chevrolet passing through downtown Wells River at about 11am and will remain there until 1pm. The EV vehicles will follow and will park in the old Jiffy Mart lot. Listen and see if you can hear them. One thing you will be able to hear is the Town Farm Orchestra in the Gazebo playing

Music from the 1920s to the 2020s in the gazebo beginning at 9:00am.

The Red Tea Kettle Floral Designs is marking the 12th year of the festival by having a sale with 12% off on all items in the store.

Hungry? There will be plenty of food; Tuttle's and Hatchbox will be serving breakfast and lunch and Wells River's newest restaurant, Sarky Smokehouse, will be serving lunch inside and outside, and the Green House Pizza food truck will be at Wells River Chevy. Spice of Life, the School House Bakery, Alice Bliven, Katelyn Kran, Lila Winchester (gluten free) plus the WRAP Baked sale will all have baked goods for sale. Other vendors will have popcorn, lemonade, and cotton candy and Big Cones will be serving a special festival sundae.

Looking for something else? Many different items will be available from books at the Baldwin Memorial Library to the Zucchini contest. In between other items including jewelry, wreaths, quilts, artworks, note cards, afghans, maple syrup, slate crafts, wood crafts-bowls and cutting boards, flower arrangements, fall center pieces, vintage goodies, Christmas ornaments, shop aprons, yard sale items, puzzles, knitted items, fleece blankets soaps and lotions, Tupperware and Mary Kay, personal care products, t-shirts, freeze dried snacks, yoga gear from other vendors.

Looking for a place to Volunteer? Old Church Theater, WWR 4th of July Committee, Cohase Chamber of Commerce, Ben's Mill, Friends of Tucker Mountain, Newbury Historical Society, Central Vermont Council of Aging, Orange County Restorative Justice, 302 Cares, Vital Communities, Bradford Teen Center, and window dressers will be there dispensing information about services being offered locally, volunteer opportunities, and nearby year round outdoor recreation or perhaps volunteer for a political candidate or Third Act. Cottage Hospital and Little Rivers Health Care are providing health information and provider and patient information

Feeling Lucky? - Enter one of the many free drawing.

It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping.

Public restrooms are available at the Welcome Center and the Baldwin Memorial Library and several sets of chairs with masks and hand sanitizers are placed strategically for patrons to "have a seat and rest their feet.

There will be plenty of free parking available in the Jock Oil



parking lot, the two lots behind the Wells River Savings Bank and at the Little Rivers Health Care clinic located at 61-65 Main St. Handicapped parking will be on Main St. in as allowed by law and with vehicles displaying the proper placard or plate.

The Giant Zucchini Contest judging will be at high noon in front of LC Design Concepts.

Be sure to pick up your copy of the list of vendors and map of the festival at the WRAP Information/registration booth.

For more information about the Festival contact Richard M. Roderick at wrapwr@gmail.com or call 802 757 2708 or Lauren Nelson Lauren@LCDesignConcepts.com - call or text 802-477-2428. For more information about the Tractor Show contact Grace at Wells River Chevy on Facebook or call 802 757 2311 and contact John Nininger at john@woodenhousecompany.com

The mission of WRAP is to enhance the quality of life in Wells River Village and its immediately surrounding villages and towns by: (1) Supporting affordable and accessible housing, business and economic development, and tourism and recreation. (2) Preserving the rural and historic character, and the ambiance of Wells River Village. (3) Establishing avenues of cooperation with other organizations, non-profit groups and governmental agencies. Membership in WRAP is open to all who are interested in improving and preserving the Wells River Area whether or not they reside in the Wells River area. Annual Dues are only \$5.00 and may sent to P.O. Box 538, Wells River, VT 05081.



OBITUARY: Ruth Mary (Kristoff) Basile,

Ruth Mary (Kristoff) Basile, 80, Newbury, VT, died at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH on Friday August 9, 2024. She was born in Cleveland, OH to Andrew and Lillian (Szabo) Kristoff on May 24, 1944. The family moved to Meadville, PA when she was very young, where she graduated from Meadville Area High School with the class of 1962.

Ruth then went on to earn an associate degree from Robert Morris College in Pittsburg, PA.

Ruth married Sebastian "Sam" Basile on July 11, 1993, in Cambridge Springs, PA. She worked as medical transcriptionist for the Meadville Medical Center for 32 years, retiring in 2006. In retirement she moved to South Ryegate, VT to be nearer her daughter, and more recently made her home in Newbury, VT.

Ruth never met a dog or cat she didn't love. She

will be remembered for her infectious laugh and great sense of humor. Ruth enjoyed playing cards and doing puzzles, and above all else spending time with her family and friends.

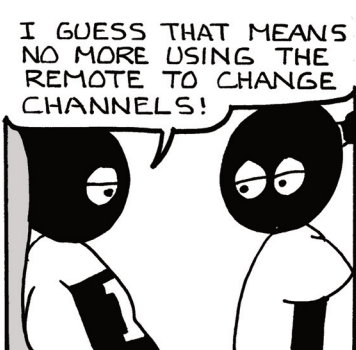
She is predeceased by the father of her daughter, Samuel E. Bowman, her second husband, Sam Basile, her parents, and a sister Lillian E. Sava-check. She is survived by her daughter, Lorin (Bowman) Hosmer and her husband Bill, of South Ryegate, VT, a grandson, Paxton Hosmer of South Ryegate, VT, as well a niece and several cousins.

Services will be held in Meadville, PA.

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From left to right:

1st row: Bob Sattelberger, Brittany Cyr, Chelsea Lamarre, Dan Gear, and Caitlyn Loud
2nd row: Jessica Emerson, Gage Perry, Micah E. Weiss, Peter Tice, Ben Pearce, and Jessica Fiore

"We are thrilled to welcome these educators and staff to our SAU 23 family," said Dolores Fox, Superintendent of SAU 23. "Their passion and dedication will help us

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Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor,

There have been a lot of letters in these pages recently about this year's presidential election. In some ways, that's a good thing; one of my favorite things about New Hampshire and our little corner of it is how invested we are, across political parties, in the democratic process. Recent letters reflect that. And of course, people are right and justified in caring deeply about the outcome of a race as consequential as the presidency.

However, one concern I'd like to register about focusing too much on national elections is that it becomes easy to lose sight of the local elections that influence so many features of our daily lives. This November, in addition to our presidential and congressional elections, we in New Hampshire will decide who represents us in the two chambers of our state legislature: the NH State Senate and the NH House of Representa-

tives. From healthcare to education, affordable housing to environmental protection, our state legislature is where some of the most consequential policies for our local communities are made.

For example, in 2025, our state legislature will likely act on a number of issues of local importance: whether a landfill can be built in the headwaters of the Ammonoosuc River (where my town, Woodsville, gets its drinking water); whether the state government should provide more aid to local public schools to help alleviate local property taxes; and the rates at which hospitals and ambulance providers are reimbursed by Medicaid and Medicare—a huge X factor in the financial stability of rural hospitals and ambulance services like ours.

When our state legislature votes on key issues, the margins are often quite narrow. This year, the NH House rejected a bill that would have ex-

panded children's eligibility for free school meals by just one vote (House Bill 1212). A bill to permanently expand Medicaid health insurance for people with lower incomes failed by only six votes (Senate Bill 253). And another bill to expand the school voucher program known as Education Freedom Accounts failed by ten (HB 1665-FN). In other words, when votes come down to the wire, who we elect to the NH House really matters.

These days, the local issue I'm thinking about most is education, and the local election I'm most interested in is for Grafton County District 5 of the NH House, which represents my town of Haverhill as well as Piermont, Warren, Benton, and Landaff. Our district sends not one, but two representatives to the NH House, making it particularly influential. This year, Dustin Vigneault of Haverhill and Rachael Booth, a selectwoman from Landaff, have both stepped up to

run.

In meeting Dustin and Rachael, I've found them to be laser focused on practical issues. For example, on education, they would vote to increase statewide funding to local school districts so property taxpayers in rural and less affluent places don't need to foot so much of the bill. At the same time, they don't think rural northern taxpayers like us should have to subsidize tuition for students in southern charter schools at the expense of our local public schools, as we currently do through NH's school voucher program. They also believe in the separation of church and state, and would not vote to send public tax dollars to private religious schools, as NH taxpayers currently do. On this and other issues, they're a good fit for this district – pragmatic, moderate, and focused on making policy in Concord that actually addresses the financial challenges of small towns like ours.

Rachael and Dustin have reserved a space at Hatchland Farm in North Haverhill on Saturday, September 7th, 4-6pm, for a Meet The Candidates ice cream social. I recommend folks from their district - Haverhill, Piermont, Benton, Landaff, and Warren - go take advantage of the free ice cream, learn more about the candidates, and talk to them about the local and state issues that are on your mind.

I also encourage people to get involved with a local campaign this year if they have the ability to do so. For example, I have chosen to volunteer for Rachael and Dustin's NH House campaigns. If you're interested in doing the same, or would just like to know more about their campaigns, you can email haverhilldems@gmail.com to learn more.

Respectfully,
James Duffy
Woodsville

James,

I could not agree more with your statement regarding our local elections in 2024. The NH legislature is very narrowly split between the two major parties. With such a large number of State Representatives, the majority of either party can be changed

simply by the absence of any member of the House. The same is true, to a lesser extent, in the NH Senate. So I would suggest that part of anyone's determination of who to vote for this year should include what the attendance record of that prospective member might be in

the upcoming year.

Let me also point out that here in New Hampshire, as well as in Vermont, we will be electing a Governor, and plenty of county officials as well. So please do your homework, get to know the candidates for all these elected positions and be

aware of who you are voting for, and why. But most importantly, vote! First on September 10, then on November 5. Don't let your voice be left out.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor

Between Sunday and Monday of last week lightning struck the Grafton County Administration Building.

There is a shared server room inside of the Registry of Deeds department that serves most other departments. Many operations suffered considerable damage and ceased to function. This building houses the IT Department, Finance, Administration, Human Resources, Extension, Conservation, Maintenance, a few offices of the County Attorney and the computerized mechanisms for the farm.

The Registry of Deeds had minor phone service interruption but otherwise our operation was completely unaffected. When I first took office and took my initial assessment of all that I was now responsible for, I immediately began shifting away from reliance on Grafton IT. Our systems, our servers, our digital data base of well over five million images representing all interest and ownership of all property of Grafton County back to the beginning in 1774 is all in the hands of the finest land

records software vendor in the country, Fidar Technologies of Davenport, Iowa. I have known these fine people for 14 years and they have never let me down. They have not let you down. Our annual contract is multi-layered but is largely based on monthly document count. We generally spend annually what one good IT person would be paid annually including benefits.

For these dollars we receive the valued partnership that brings not only sixty of the best minds in the business, but American citizens in leadership who believe in the protection of local government. The people at Fidar are innovators in product design, always looking ahead to coming legislative changes. They are committed to the highest levels of cybersecurity. Our offsite digital storage contract with the product Bastian brings with it an insurance policy of five million dollars should we experience any cyber incident. I have added additional layers of security for back-up including two brand new copies of microfilm of the entire database. The present-day data is

collected and converted to micro-film twice a year. All images are available online on multiple platforms depending on need at our website at NHdeeds.org.

I am a consumer protection advocate and Fidar also offers the people of Grafton County a free Property Fraud Alert system. Information is available on the web.

I have served in the role for 14 years and believe that I bring my acute business sense and commitment to helping people find the answers that they are seeking. There are many changes coming with the talk of the new courthouse. I have spent years seeking a comprehensive master plan for the county complex. My efforts have been met with resistance, disrespect and hostility. I stepped up to the role to make a difference and I still have work to do. I would appreciate the honor of your vote on September 10, 2024.

In service to the people of Grafton County, Kelley Jean Monahan Register of Deeds Orford, NH

Remember this Sept. 10th is N.H. Primary Day To the Editor,

On Sept. 10th, New Hampshire Primary Day just three weeks away, we will be voting for our state wide candidates.

I would like to encourage voters in Wentworth, Rumney and Orford (which makes up District 6) to support Linda Franz for NH Republican State Representative, she lives in Wentworth with her husband Ron.

As a conservative Republican Linda will work to uphold our conservative values such as; Protect our 2nd Amendment

Tom,
Thank you for your kind words supporting your candidate of choice. I will second your motion to get to the polls on September 10. Please check with your town clerk to be sure of the poll location and times.
Gary Scruton, Editor

Rights, Keep N.H. Abortion Laws intact, Preserve our State's Natural Rural Beauty, Promote Fair and Secure Elections, Support Educational Freedom, Defend Parental Rights and Oppose a State Income or Sales Tax.

I have met with Linda on our Tree Farm and agree with her conservative values and support her for N.H. State Representative for District 6.

Please join me on Sept. 10, Primary Day and vote for Linda Franz.

Tom Thomson Orford, NH

Kelly Ayotte visits Thomson Family Tree Farm

This past week we had a special guest Kelly Ayotte visit our small Forest Ed. Building on our Tree Farm on Mt. Cube in Orford, NH.

Kelly and her husband Joe and others toured our Tree Farm and enjoyed lunch while discussing the importance of the three major industries that drive the North Country economy: "Forestry, Recreation and Tourism" which our Tree Farm embraces.

From our Tree Farm, we took Kelly to Bath, NH to tour the Britton Lumber Company and met with owner Bob Moses and his two sons John and Brian who run this White Pine Sawmill where they and their employees produce 10 million board feet of white pine lumber per year.

Kelly Ayotte is a former NH Attorney General and U.S. Senator and is now running as a Republican for NH Governor. Kelly Ayotte has taken the "Pledge" that my Dad, former Governor Mel Thomson started in 1968, "as Governor, if a Sales or Income Tax comes to my desk I will Veto It". She also will protect and enhance the "New Hampshire Advantage" and keep New Hampshire the envy of all our neighboring states. I would encourage you to join me in supporting Kelly Ayotte for Governor and get out and Vote on Sept. 10th, Primary Day. Thank you.

Tom Thomson

Kelley,

The citizens of Grafton County should thank you for your many years of service in this role that is probably one of the least known in county government. Your position is responsible for much information that could easily affect any one of us if not properly maintained.

As is our policy at Trendy Times I will not endorse any candidate, but will simply urge every eligible voter to be registered and take the opportunity to let your voice be heard. New Hampshire primary day is Tuesday, September 10. Please do your duty.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Photo Captions

Kelly Ayotte, center, enjoys touring with others on the Thomson Family Tree Farm in Orford, NH.

Kelly Ayotte enjoys visiting "Oscar the Moose" that spent 6 years in her Senate Office in Washington DC.

Kelly Ayotte holds former Gov. Mel Thomson's famous campaign "AX the TAX" at the Thomson Family Tree Farm.



NEK WELCOME WAGON CHAPTER WELCOMES PROJECT MANAGER

The NEK Chapter of the Vermont Welcome Wagon Project has hired Theresa Keller of Newport to lead and expand the initiative throughout the region.

Keller has served as a project manager in a variety of capacities throughout her career and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position for project oversight and implementation, as well as experiences with the Vermont Welcome Wagon Project during her time on the Steering Committee for the Burlington Young Professionals.

The Vermont Welcome Wagon Project works to connect new and returning Vermonters with community hosts and resources through a personal connection. The goal of the project is to ensure new Vermonters are well supported and deeply-connected to their new communities.

Keller's role will work to make personalized connections, recruit new local hosts, and create opportunities for additional networking across the NEK. The NEK Welcome Wagon Chapter is run by the NEK Young Professionals Network.

"The biggest reason to stay in a new home can be the connections you make in the first 6-12 months," says Keller. "Being able to bring individuals and communities together can be tricky in rural

towns, so the NEK Welcome Wagon has ambitious plans to help connect new and returning Vermonters with the people who might make a difference in where they chose to stay."

Individuals are encouraged to join the Welcome Wagon's first in-person networking event on Tuesday, August 20 at Parker Pie in Glover from 5-8 p.m. The event will provide opportunities to network with individuals from the NEK, learn more about the NEK Vermont Welcome Wagon, and meet new members of the community.

Learn more about the upcoming event and the Vermont Welcome Wagon Project by visiting <https://www.vtwelcomewagon.org/nek-events>.

Keller was hired through the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing's 'Grants for Relocation Outreach Work' (GROW) program. GROW grants support local, regional, county-wide, or state-wide organizations conducting new resident relocation, recruitment, and retention activities. The NEK Young Professionals Network partnered with grant recipient the Northern Forest Center to provide new resident retention efforts through the NEK Welcome Wagon Chapter.

The Northeast Kingdom

Young Professionals Network is a network for young professionals living and working in and around Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The main purpose of the group is to serve the needs of young professionals, employees, leaders and entrepreneurs of the tri-county region, who are hoping to find networking and social opportunities. The YPN provides valuable leadership, relationship building, and educational opportunities through collaboration with community partners. The group is open and free to join, and hosts events, educational opportunities and social mixers. To learn more, please visit: www.facebook.com/NEKYoungProfessionals and click the blue "Sign Up" button to join for free and receive newsletter updates. You can also email the group to sign up at nekyoungprofessionals@gmail.com. The NEK YPN is guided by a volunteer steering committee, and is a project of the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce.



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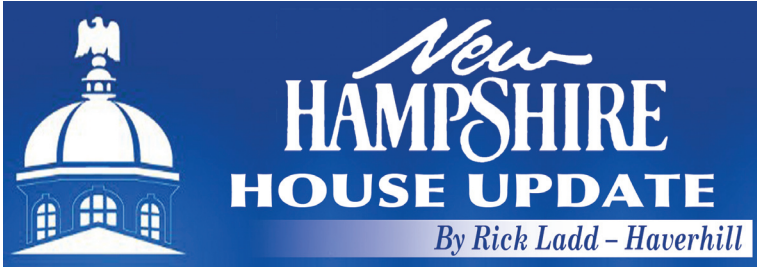
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Rep Ladd Legislative Report Severe Weather Events

During this past session, SB499, was amended to include recognition that the state has a responsibility to assist in mitigating local costs associated with severe weather events. In addressing the House of Representatives, I made the motion that a committee of conference be established to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The motion passed and through committee work, SB499 was amended to read: "The governor may declare a disaster in the event of a natural disaster or severe weather event in one or more municipalities." A municipality having incurred damage from a state declared weather event, may now request state funding support, up to \$25,000. Moneys shall be distributed from the New Hampshire disaster relief fund established in RSA

21-P:46-a. Appropriations to the New Hampshire disaster relief fund are made in the first year of each biennium in HB1 and HB2. Legislation will be introduced in the upcoming session to increase the state's mitigation amount per municipality for severe infrastructure damage up to \$100,000. The Governor signed SB499 into law on August 2, 2024. I am totally in support, and believe severely damaged road and bridge infrastructure during times of extreme weather is a shared local and state safety and life concern. Public road, culvert and bridge damage caused by "severe weather events" in NH cannot be locally sustained without assistance from state and federal relief programs. NH Rep Rick Ladd, Grafton 5



By Tom Thomson



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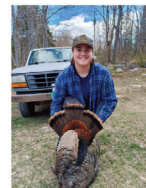
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Zucchini Bread

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay but I have what is called Plantar Fasciitis on the bottom of my right heel which is a calcium deposit. I have never heard of it but everyone I talked to about it either had it or knew someone that had it. It's very painful and can last 8+ weeks. I have stretching exercises that help so I am tolerating it as best as I can.

My wonderful son Nick and my beautiful grandchildren Angelo, Abigail and Arlo came up from Rhode Island to visit. We went to North Conway scenic railroad and enjoyed a 2 hour train ride. We all thought it was pretty cool. I bought the kids souvenirs and everyone was happy. Then it started to rain and we had to rush to the car. We headed home because my neighbor Kevin was going to take the kids on his 4 wheeler but the rain didn't stop and there was thunder and lightning. Unfortunately the 4 wheeler ride wasn't happening but Kevin visited and he brought the kids each a gift bag so everyone was happy and said next time we'll try it again. The next day was cloudy but we went to the Basin at Franconia Notch and walked threw and took many pictures. Again it started to

rain so we went to a giant arcade called Fun Spot. The kids had a blast and we were out of the rain. It said it was the biggest arcade in the world. 3 levels of pinball machines of all kinds plus mini golf and bowling. If you've never been it's a nice place to bring your family. Okay let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. It's a great way to use one of summer's favorite vegetables.

- Ingredients**
- 1 3/4 cups of all purpose flour
 - 1 tsp baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 2 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 tsp ground allspice
 - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar light or dark
 - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/4 cup applesauce
 - 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 cups grated zucchini
 - 1/2 cup walnuts
 - 1/2 cup raisins

When picking your zucchini use a small to medium size they are more tender. Large ones tend to have thicker skin and seeds inside. You can use a box grater or a food processor to grate the zucchini. I used my box grater and it was easy.

Gather all your ing-

redients then preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x5 loaf pan. In large bowl whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice until well combined. In a second medium bowl beat with electric mixer oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs, applesauce and vanilla extract until well mixed. Add your grated zucchini and mix. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk gently just until combined, don't over mix. Fold in nuts and raisins. Spread into prepared loaf pan and shake a bit so it's even.

Bake for 55-70 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 1 hour then remove and let it finish cooling on wire rack. Slice when cool.

Guess what! You are done and have made a "Delicioso" zucchini bread, and it's so easy peasy!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try because your family will love it and you will be a star. Enjoy and Bon Appetit. Stay safe and healthy my friends and until next time I am signing off.

Sincerely,
Cin Pin

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