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LC Design Concepts to Move to North Haverhill



Wells River, VT, September 2, 2025 – LC Design Concepts is excited to announce the acquisition of a new showroom space, formerly the Ice Cream Equipment Supply building located at 2858 Dartmouth College Highway in North Haverhill, NH.

Since 2020, LC Design Concepts has been based in downtown Wells River in a leased space, offering an extensive showroom space and custom

design services for homeowners and fellow industry professionals for new builds or renovations for kitchens, bathrooms, and other home spaces.

The new location will provide the same quality products and services, but allow for growth of the business. With space for both a showroom and a warehouse, it will allow for in-house storage of cabinetry and other project essentials, which will benefit clients in tax-free New Hampshire.

LC Design Concepts will continue to operate from 31 Main Street in Wells River until November. After renovations are completed, the community is warmly invited to come visit the new North Haverhill location.

“We’ve cherished our time in the Wells River community and are thrilled to remain local while joining the North Haverhill community,” shared Lauren.

For updates on

our new location, and more visit us on social media at LC Design Concepts!

About LC Design Concepts

LC Design Concepts is owned and operated by Lauren Nelson, New England Native, with over 20 years of experience in the kitchen and bath design industry. Since its founding in 2020, the company has been dedicated to serving

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For more information, please visit lcdesignconcepts.com or follow LC Design Concepts on Facebook and Instagram.



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TRENDY Dining Guide

WHAT'S A HEAVEN FOR

By Maggie Anderson

The past couple of weeks have been a mish-mash of hectic plans for an up-coming trip to Japan, half a second to breathe before jumping aboard another plane to Vermont in order to touch bases with kids and grandkids, offer our daughter some comfort after the recent loss of her husband, and climb back onto yet another flight to California in time to make the Columbus Day Show in San Jose.

All at the same time I've been worrying over family members whose homes are in the path of the Napa Sonoma fires, and a younger brother who lost his home to the LA fires and has not been allowed back in even to clear the detritus left in the fire's wake.

Actually hectic doesn't adequately cover the chaos of these past couple of weeks, I can't tell you how many times I've stood on the front porch and resisted the urge to scream "What is going on?"

On the other hand, I have relied on the internet for some brighter moments, some light entertainment, and some comic relief.

Besides the rapid fire ads for an - everything you need is in your fridge - weight loss miracle so effective we're warned not to try it unless we are prepared to replace our entire wardrobe, to all sorts of plans, pills, and techniques for upgrading your outdoor plumbing which - having arrived many years ago equipped with indoor plumbing - I have no use for, this morning's suggestions were even more enticing.

As I was checking my email an ad popped up telling me if I wanted to cook like the famous chef they mentioned, all I need do is purchase a set of their cookware.

Well I'm already pretty comfortable with my culinary skills, but I have always wanted to fly.

Applying that same principle, if I lay my hands on a jet and hit the nearest runway, wouldn't that enable me to follow Chuck Yeager into the wild blue yonder?

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Woodsville High School



Woodsville High School is proud to announce the election of its Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) officer team for 2025. These student leaders will represent WHS JAG in school, community, and statewide initiatives, showcasing the values of service, leadership, and teamwork.

☒ Left to Right:

Ondrea Rainville — Vice President of Employer Engagement

Paige VanNorden — Secretary

Cadence Hunter — Vice President

Savannah Pires — Vice President of Community Service

Issy Palm — Treasurer

☒ Centered: Aubrie Knights — President

"These students inspire me daily," said Mrs. Nichols, WHS JAG Senior Career Specialist. "They lead with kindness, strength, and creativity — proving that leadership is about lifting others up and building something meaningful together."

The JAG program at Woodsville High School provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, engage with employers, serve their community, and prepare for career and college success. With this officer team at the helm, the 2025 school year promises to be full of growth, connection, and impact.

About JAG-NH

Jobs for America's Graduates—New Hampshire (JAG-NH) is a statewide program dedicated to helping students graduate from high school and prepare for postsecondary education and meaningful employment. By empowering students with leadership opportunities, JAG ensures every participant has the skills and confidence to succeed.

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Woodsville, NH — August 25, 2025 — The Woodsville High School Class of 2026 is officially beginning its senior year, marking the last first day of school for this group of students. It is a year of celebration, tradition, and preparation for the exciting next chapter beyond WHS.

From Friday night lights to senior privileges, from the classroom to the big stage, every moment of senior year is an opportunity to learn, grow, and

lead. The Class of 2026 will set the tone for the entire school community as they guide underclassmen, uphold WHS traditions, and showcase what it means to have Engineer Spirit.

"This year is about more than just reaching graduation," said Mr. Scianna, Class of 2026 Advisor. "It's about enjoying the journey, making the most of every opportunity, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. The Class of

2026 has the energy, drive, and pride to make this year truly unforgettable."

As the community rallies around these seniors, WHS invites everyone to celebrate their accomplishments, support their goals, and cheer them on as they take this final step through high school.

Here's to the Class of 2026 — may this year be filled with pride, purpose, and unforgettable moments.

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Life insurance: Protecting what matters most

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and the perfect time to consider whether you have adequate coverage to protect your loved ones. While no one likes to think about what would happen if they weren't around, doing so is an act of love.

Life insurance is fundamentally about protecting your loved ones should something happen to you. If you pass away, your family will not only face the challenges of grief and loss, but they could also find themselves financially strapped. Life insurance can help provide them with financial security in the event you no longer can.

Who needs life insurance: You're a good candidate if you have a spouse or partner who depends on your income or if there are children or other loved ones whom you support. Insurance protection can also be a solution if you have outstanding debts like a mortgage, credit cards or a car loan, or if you simply don't want to burden your loved ones with your final expenses.

Insurance through work: While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance, only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary — essentially just two years of income — according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

How much: You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing in the same ballpark. To get a true sense of how much of a death benefit is right for you, use the "L-I-F-E" guide to calculate your needs:

Liabilities: Will your family need to pay off a mortgage, credit cards, car loan or other debt?

Income: Will your family need to replace your income for a period of years?

Final expenses: Do you have the resources to cover funeral and burial expenses?

Education needs: Do you need to put children through a private school or college?

Which type: You can choose between two basic types of life insurance: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to provide coverage for a designated period, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. In general, term insurance is quite affordable for most people, especially when they buy policies as young adults. On the other hand, permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, is usually considerably more expensive because in addition to providing a death

benefit, your premiums build cash value. In choosing between term and permanent insurance, you'll want to evaluate several issues, such as how long you think you'll need coverage and how much annual premium you can afford to pay.

Life insurance needs can change over time, so it's important to review your coverage every three to five years or after major life events like marriage or birth of a child. Consider working with a financial advisor who can look at your complete financial situation and help you choose a policy that truly fits your family's needs. Taking action sooner rather than later could be one of the most important gifts you give your loved ones.

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Haverhill Select Board Update by Gary Scruton

Once again it was my pleasure to sit down for a conversation with Haverhill Select Board members Ron Hurlburt and Joe Longacre.

As has been true for many of our past meetings the first topic was the hiring process for a new Town Administrator for Haverhill. They were able to inform me that the list of potential candidates has now been narrowed to four. However, due to some scheduling conflicts (including much earned vacations) with select board members and candidates, the interviews will not take place until early October. The exact dates have not been set but all four candidates have made assurances that they will be attending in person. There are also plans for each of the candidates to meet with department heads, and possibly even meet with the public. Exact dates, times, and details are still to be worked out and will be announced when available. The bottom line is that even after interviews there will still be the final deliberation among the select board members and then time to negotiate a contract, and finally time for the candidate to give notice at their current place of employment. It appears that all four finalists would be good fits for Haverhill and someone should be in the Town Administrator position by year's end.

A second topic that has been on the desk of the select board for some time are the audits from 2022 and 2023 as well as the forensic audit that passed at this year's town meeting. The 2022 audit has now seen all requested paperwork handed in. Normally an audit is done after about 30 days at this point, but considering the efforts that have been already expended on this audit, the time frame is still unsure. In regards to the 2023 audit, it appears that the same long process may still be ahead.

A different approach is being taken with the requested forensic audit. At this time there are about 20 items of interest to be examined. The list was created thru a combination of public input, select board comments and consultant recommendations. It is projected that a request for bids will soon be published looking for a price to complete the requested work. No exact timeframe has been established.

In regards to personnel situations in the town office, it

was reported that the Haverhill Town Clerk recently lost here husband to cancer. Our sincere condolences The State of New Hampshire has a list of qualified persons to fill in for a town clerk when the need arises. For the first week of September just that happened with very few, if any, issues resulting.

Two other office personnel positions were recently filled. One as a full time position and one part time. Both of these employees should be on the job soon and will cover a number of areas of town administrative tasks. These hires should bring the staff back to a capacity that will allow the office to work much more smoothly, especially with the coming budget season.

It was noted that a special hearing will be held on Monday, September 22 for the public to weigh in regarding the Blackmount Trail. This is the section of rail trail that runs from Woodsville south to Augie's, across from Aldrich General Store in North Haverhill. When the trail was first acquired by the town motorized vehicles, other than snowmobiles, were not permitted to use the trail. The hearing is to receive public input regarding asking the state of New Hampshire to wave that restriction. This would allow ATV use on that section of trail. It is likely that if this happens than the local ATV club would also take over maintenance of the trail.

A reminder that Haverhill Select Board meetings are every other Monday at 6:00 pm at the Clifford Building in Woodsville. The public is always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is Monday, September 22.

St. J Final Fridays series

Fall for St. Johnsbury Expanding Foliage Train Rides to Two Days

St. Johnsbury, Vermont - The third annual Fall for St. Johnsbury event, presented by Passumpsic Bank,

will take place on Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12, bringing foliage-season fun to downtown St.

Johnsbury and featuring activities both contemporary and traditional.

Last year, Fall for St. Johnsbury brought back the beloved foliage train rides to the Welcome Center for the first

time since the start of the pandemic.

"We were really pleased to see the demand for trains last year. This year, we've encountered issues with train car

availability which has reduced the seating capacity per ride. As a result, with the cooperation of the Vermont Rail

System and our incredible crew of train volunteers, we are able to run the trains through the weekend and increase the number of ride departures on both Saturday and Sunday, October 11 & 12.

" says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury, "Even so, we expect tickets will sell out very quickly."

Tickets will go on sale early next week, and will be announced via social and tra-



ditional media, on the event website,

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This year, the presenting sponsor of Fall for St. Johnsbury is Passumpsic Bank. Barbara Hatch, SVP of Marketing at

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A wide variety of additional activities will round out the fun over the weekend. On Saturday, October 11, this includes a pancake breakfast by St. Johnsbury Meals

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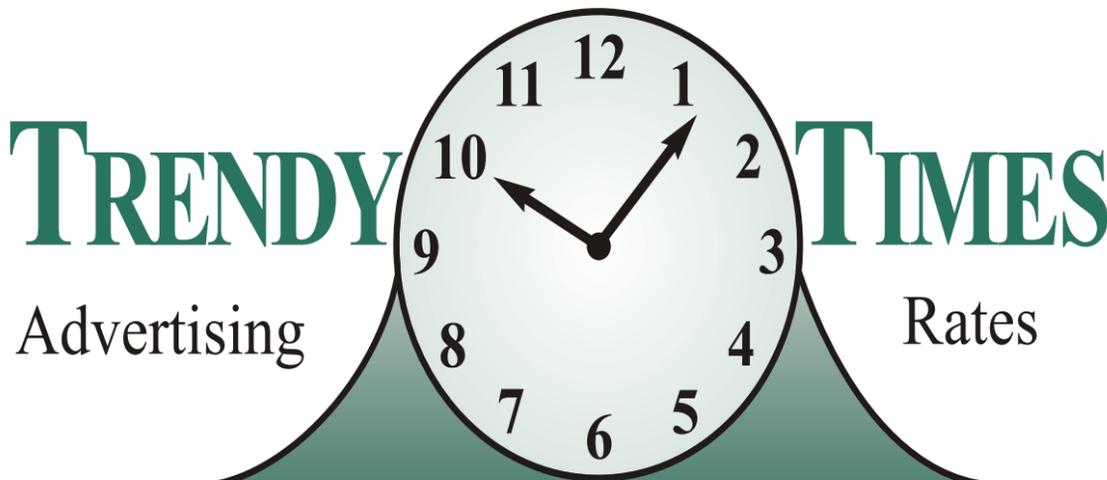
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Selectboard Vacancy in Newbury Filled

Newbury, VT – The Town of Newbury Selectboard announces that it has filled a vacancy on the three-member Selectboard created with the resignation of Joseph Parsons in early August. Newbury resident Shauna Prime was selected to fill the seat in the interim period, starting at the next regular Selectboard meeting on September 10, 2025.

With Parsons' resignation, the Selectboard posted a vacancy announcement, inviting community members to communicate their interest in serving in the role until the next local election. Four community residents stepped forward to express their willingness to be appointed – Marrisla Illesley, Shayne Pratte, Shauna Prime, and Jameson Taylor.

"This was a tough decision," Selectboard Chair Susan Culp said, "but the best kind of tough decision. Each

person brought a unique set of skills, experience, and perspective that is beneficial to the community. Shauna Prime's deep knowledge of transportation infrastructure will be valuable, as Joe Parsons was also serving as the Town's Road Commissioner as well as being on the Selectboard. But any one of the people interviewed would have been an asset to Newbury."

"We are grateful to all the people who came forward with interest in serving," Selectboard member Jeff McKelvey said. "and we would remind everyone that, in addition to elections being just around the corner in the spring, there are a lot of ways to get involved and support the community. We welcome the continued engagement from all of the candidates going forward. Newbury thrives when we all come together and contribute."



Good Shepherd Eccumenical Food

The Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry, based in Woodsville, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund to buy a new stainless steel commercial refrigerator.

The huge three-door, stainless-steel unit allows the pantry to continue its mission to feed hungry people in the greater Haverhill/Woodsville area.

"We are extremely grateful to the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund for this grant," said Ed Ballam, president of the board of directors of the food pantry. "New Hampshire food service rules require commercial refrigeration for public food pantries and the grant will allow us to continue to provide fresh and perishable food items to our clients safely."

The Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund makes grants to tax-exempt organizations without regard to religious affiliation for projects that help people in New Hampshire meet their basic needs. The Fund is operated by the Bishop of Manchester and a volunteer board of lay men and women Directors who make recommendations to the bishop for grants to organization in New Hampshire whose mission is consistent to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The fund raises money through solicitation of individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations.

The Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in 2015 by six local churches, the Bath Congregational Church, the First Congregational Church of Haverhill, the North Haverhill United Methodist Church, St. Joseph/St. Catherine of Siena Churches, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Woodsville United Methodist Church.

The food pantry provides three meals per person for three days and eligible clients are welcome to receive food two times per month. It is located in the Robert E. Clifford Building, also known as the National Guard Armory, on South Court Street in Woodsville.

Those who might need a helping hand with food should contact the pantry at (603) 243-0327 or by email at gsefoodpantry@gmail.com. The pantry is always looking for volunteers to help fill the mission by staffing the facility which is opened from 10 am to 1 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Wednesday evening from 5 pm to 7 pm.

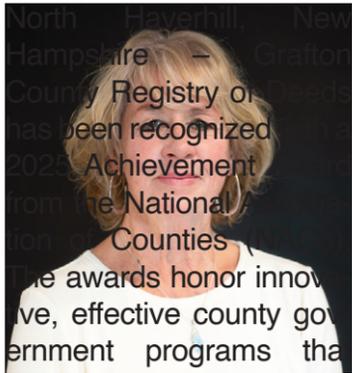
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North, Hampshire, New Hampshire - Grafton County Registry of Deeds has been recognized as a 2025 Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties. The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents. The project was awarded under the arts, culture and historic preservation category.

The three-prong plan was developed in response to the ARPA primary goals and guidelines of protection of public health and public employee health. The first process was the professional scanning by US Imaging of the years of written records 1870-1930, which had not been scanned into the digital database. The second step was the development of two copies of microfilm from the now complete digital data base of 1774-2023. The third step was the professional restoration of our historic plan books by industry leader, Kofile. From this final process, fresh images were rescanned into our now complete database which is comprised of close to six million digitized images.

Register Monahan said "Grafton County is prime for development and now all interested parties have internet access to these records which will save on time, cost and keep people safe in their offices and at home to conduct necessary research. Everything is available to view for free via our official website at NHdeeds.org."

"Our trusted industry partner, Fidar Technologies of Davenport Iowa acted as middleman for all three aspects of this project and was instrumental in the success of this 5-year effort."

"I have proudly served as the Grafton County Register of Deeds for 15 years. The national recognition means a great deal to me and my dedicated staff. This project was an uphill

battle every step of the way, but a personal mission in my life is to leave things better than I have found them and it is very gratifying to have been awarded this honor," said Register Kelley Monahan.

Each year, NACo's Achievement Awards recognize outstanding programming in 18 categories aligned with the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, libraries, management, information technology, health, civic engagement and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to celebrate innovation in county government. Each nominated program is judged on its own merits and not against other applications.

"The Achievement Awards shine a spotlight on the hard work and innovation happening in county governments across the nation," said NACo President James Gore. "This year's winners highlight the dedication and creativity of county leaders and our teams to building thriving communities and providing the best possible services to our residents."

The Grafton County Reg-

istry of Deeds will be hosting an open house September 30-October 2, 2025, from 9:00-4:00 to showcase the historic plan restoration and the vault redesign.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public's understanding of county government. www.naco.org

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Three sessions are scheduled. The first session will focus on classroom strategies to improve recruitment, retention, and student interest. The second session will introduce how to reinforce health, posture, movement and mind-body coordination in musicians. The last session will look at career options for music students and how students can look beyond teaching and performing for a musical vocation.

The presenters will be the White Mountain Voices Artistic Director, Victoria Cole and Assistant Artistic Director, James A. Rode. Both are North Country natives who bring knowledge and experience of our unique small school culture. Ms.

Cole earned a MM in Vocal Performance from Carnegie-Mellon School of Music where she worked with famed choral conductor Robert Page. She is a graduate of the Lee/Boston Conservatory Center Alexander Technique and has taught this technique at Plymouth State University and in her private studio in Franconia. Mr. Rode has an undergraduate music degree from the University of Central Florida and a MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Kentucky where he studied with Dr. Jeff Johnson and Lori Hetzel. He is an experienced public school music teacher and former director of the Orlando Gay Chorus.

To reserve your space or for more information contact Mr. Rode at artisticdirector@whitemountainvoices.com.

White Mountain Voices is a community chorus founded in 2017 to serve the Littleton-Lancaster region. They typically perform two concerts each year. White Mountain Youth Voices is in its second year of looking at an exceptional opportunity for young people to learn the beauty of choral music and to perform in the community. White Mountain Voices is a fully registered non-profit 501.c.3 organization.

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LETTERS

(and even some real words)

From The Editor

Grafton County Commissioners 'pass the buck' on Courthouse!

To the Editor,

After a lengthy Grafton County Commissioners' Meeting held this morning (Tuesday, August 26, 2025), two of the three Grafton County Commissioners moved to approve the recommendation of building another courthouse costing \$72.3 million dollars!

Grafton County Commissioner, Katie Hedberg of Plymouth, made the motion (reiterating the words of County Administrator, Julie Libby), "...to approve the conceptual design and move to bond..." (the contentious and controversial 52-year-old present courthouse) "to the Grafton County Executive Commit-

tee" (chaired by Lebanon Representative George Sykes) "and then to the Grafton County Delegation." The motion was seconded by Grafton County Commissioner, Martha McLeod of Franconia. On a 2 - 1 vote with Commissioner Wendy Piper of Enfield voting, "No!" the motion passed.

The next Grafton County Delegation Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025.

Residents and taxpayers of Grafton County are urged to contact the members of the County Delegation (all the NH State Representatives of Grafton County) to tell them to vote, "NO!" on this unaffordable and untimely project.

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

It is a tough decision that currently faces our Grafton County Delegation. They must weigh both sides of the question. In fact maybe more than two sides. There are those who say build a new court house and then tear down the old one. There are those who say rehab the current court house. And there are some who say do nothing right now.

By your writings the County Commissioners are divided on the matter, but majority ruled that it would be passed along. Now for the delegation to weigh in. All we, as taxpayers, can do is, as you say, contact our local State Reps and tell them how we feel. After all it is our tax dollars that will, or will not, be spent.

Gary Scruton, Editor

North Country Farm & Homestead Conference

Join us on October 15, 2025, from 9am-3:30pm at the Lancaster Fairgrounds for a day of learning, hands-on demonstrations, and community at the North Country Farm & Homestead Conference!

Whether you're a homesteader, small-scale farmer, or aspiring grower, this event offers a mix of concurrent sessions and live demonstrations designed to help you build skills, improve your land, and strengthen your operation.

From backyard livestock and beekeeping to variety trials, you'll gain practical, real-world knowledge tailored to small-scale and diversified farming. Enjoy hands-on activities like chainsaw maintenance, shiitake log inoculation and seed saving, alongside insightful discussions on food preservation and trade use.

You will also find opportunities to network with experts, explore trade show, and share experiences with fellow growers. Please bring any of your own saved seeds for a seed swap.

Registration deadline: **October 7**. For more information, or to register, go to extension.unh.edu/nor

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