

An Exhibit to Welcome The Arrival of Spring

Alice Kitchel knew from early childhood that she wanted to be an artist, filling her indoor time drawing, coloring, painting, to capture the spirit of what she saw outside. She grew up on a farm in Northeast Kingdom, loving the fields, woods, brooks and ponds, the sight, feel and colors, in all weather, at all hours, and in all seasons.

She set aside the childhood dream to be a 'real' artist, although she did major in art history in college. Alice began working in tapestry and handloom weaving, and working for a drapery and upholstery company in New York City. Working with textiles sensitized Alice to the power of color and the eloquence of proportion and pattern. She then went on to become an art therapist and mental health counselor.

Memory of that childhood desire never left her, and now Alice has returned to her first love, taking up the brush to become that painter again, a hunter of beauty in the natural world right here in the Northeast Kingdom.

Alice writes in her webpage: "My work reflects my thoughts and feeling about the natural world around me. I want to convey, with color, light and pattern, the beauty it offers." Alice is drawn to a scene, which she finds not just beautiful, but which compel her to paint it, to capture the mystery "hidden" in the scene. "I want people to SEE the landscape, appreciate it, and endeavor to care for it."

Alice's paintings have been shown across Vermont, from T. W. Wood Gallery in our state capital to Firehouse Gallery, and the Mayor's Office in Burlington, Arts in the Round Barn in Waitsfield, at Catamount Arts and Northeast Kingdom Artisan's Guild in Saint Johnsbury. A full list of her group and one-person shows is listed on her webpage.

Text written from Alice's biography and from conversations with the artist & submitted by James M. Frase-White, Curator, NEK Artisans Guild Back Room Gallery.

We follow all COVID-19 Protocols. Mask Wearing is required for Admittance.



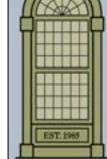
Thank you.

Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild is located at 430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 0819. The exhibit is titled: An Exhibit to welcome the Arrival of Spring: Poems in Pattern, Light & Color, Paintings by Alice Kitchel. The display will be in our Back Room Gallery March 12 to April 24, 2021. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:00.



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London

by Elinor P. Mawson

I had never traveled anywhere except a car trip to a wedding in Michigan, and I never dreamed of traveling anywhere else.

And then a colleague told me she was going to England and Ireland in August and suggested that I accompany her new husband and herself. Oh, and by the way, they were also taking her mother-in-law and daughter with them. It didn't take me long to say yes, even though I had no idea what I was in for.

I had about a month to get ready. We went to Boston to get my passport which was a trip in itself. While there, a lady in front of me said to her husband, "I want to take the night train to Lyon", which I thought was the ultimate in travel talk. I resolved to say something like that to MY husband sometime.

At one point I told a fellow antique dealer where I was going and received the following advice: 'Take all your oldest underwear and throw it away after you've worn it -- and get used to the underground system so you can go anywhere." I thought that strange, but it worked!

We all met at the airport, and finally we were off. I had never flown, so it was all new. I didn't sleep a wink and we landed at Gatwick early in the morning on my 46th birthday. Then we rented a car.

It wasn't a large car and the five of us packed our luggage here, there and everywhere, and squeezed into the space that was left. I calculated the cost of the car for the 5 days it would be used and the figure was about \$75, which I thought was a lot. We started off for Paddington where we would stay.

It turns out that nobody knew how to get there. I was happy to go by Big Ben, even though we went by it several times in the search for our hotel. Getting there, we parked the car and found our room. I was staying with the mother in law (who called me Shirley the whole time) and the daughter, (13).

For dinner that night, we walked for 45 minutes to find a restaurant. (We didn't want to take the car out of its parking space.) The dinner was sub-par, but did the trick. I was anxious to see more of London but everyone else wanted to go back to the room. It turns out that our room was situated over a noisy bar which hindered sleeping.

The next morning we had breakfast, which was an eye-opener, with a different kind of bacon and a fried tomato along with eggs, toast (no butter) and weak coffee. We discussed what we would do that day and decided to go to Portobello Road, a big street market which we could get to by the underground. We ended up staying ALL DAY! It was fun, but tiring. I bought a few things, hauling them around for hours and looking for a place to sit down.

The next morning after breakfast we decided to go to the London Zoo. It was a Sunday and just about everyone in the world had decided to do the same. There were crowds everywhere. In nearly every building we went into there were signs saying, "Beware of Pickpockets" which made me quite uncomfortable. At one point, I heard the mother of a little girl say to her, "Be a good little girl and Mummy will take you to see the ze-(pronounced bra like Debra). Here again, we stayed ALL DAY.

On Day 3, we again took the underground and went to Harrods. We decided to split up and meet at a certain time. Harrod's is huge! It is on many floors and sells just about anything you might want. I went in search of the fabric department and spent at least an hour looking at some wonderful pieces. I finally bought 2 (which I still have).

I don't recall what happened the following day, but I am sure it wasn't a museum, matinee or shopping trip. And the last day we rode back to Gatwick where they turned in the car and left me to go home while they headed to Ireland.

As I sat waiting to board the plane I reflected on the past several days. We hadn't done a lot of exploring the city or taking advantage of what London had to offer. We hadn't used the car to go places. We'd spent a lot of time waiting for each other. I was feeling frustrated about not truly enjoying where I was.

But when we took off from the airport and looked down at the fabulous landscape below I forgot my frustration! It was wonderful! And then and there, I knew I would be back as soon as I could get there.

Three months later, accompanied by my husband and son, that is exactly what we did. We returned again and again, and I finally found the London I had been looking for.

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MARCH 23 River Paths for Wildlife

MAY 25 Future of Invasive Species Management

SEPTEMBER 28 A History of the Connecticut

NOVEMBER Water Quality & Green Infrastructure

This year, members are also working to advance water quality monitoring of the Connecticut River and we welcome volunteers to help us in this effort.

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magic of the Connecticut River.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions or "CRJC" preserves and protects the visual, ecological and agricultural resources of the Connecticut River Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as guides its growth and development. The five CRJC Local River Subcommittees, which include all 53 riverfront communities, comment on river related permits and watershed planning. Enabled by both states, volunteer commissioners and members act as the "eyes and ears" on river related issues. In addition, members advance public awareness and involvement on issues of local priority.

If you would like more information visit our website www.crjc.org. Or contact us any time: E-mail contact@crjc.org Phone (603) 727-9484



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An Untenable Minimum Wage Bill

The NH Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee recently addressed HB 107, a bill relative to the minimum hourly rate. If passed, this proposal would establish a minimum wage in New Hampshire of \$22.50 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$10.12 per hour for tipped employees. The majority of the committee, including members that want to increase the minimum wage, felt that this was too significant of an increase without step increases in order to be viable for New Hampshire business. The committee rightfully recommendied that the bill be rejected by a 19-1 outcome.

The bill was defeated; however, we also recognize a similar attempt to increase the minimum wage level is occurring at the national level. The United States Congress is considering a

minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Although some may feel that \$15 per hour is reasonable, I fear that doubling NH's current minimum wage will result in employee layoffs and eventual business closures. While shopping in Haverhill, I often encounter young high school students and others working for small business. This is a good thing; it offers those entering the workforce opportunity and training. First time and inexperienced workers assist small business during busy months by assisting in the delivery of quality and timely customer service. If we adopt a wage hike approaching \$22.50 or even \$15 per hour, there will be an unwelcomed domino effect in which businesses are forced to shrink current work force numbers. The responsible and knowledgeable employee currently earning \$17 or \$18 dollars per hour, will most likely request and deserve an increase if the individual inexperienced starts at \$15 per hour. Soon, the employer will be forced to realign payroll to meet available payroll revenue. Eventually, the number of current staff will need to be reduced to the point that customer services will be impacted or no longer available. The end result might well be the demise of the business. NH's economy is strong and competitive. Wages throughout the business community are premised upon supply, demand, competition and service. To introduce a high minimum wage will most likely result in an economic slowdown with increased unemployment, especially among young, inexperienced workers not able to find work.

The NH Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee was right in voting down this legislation. If passed, the bill would ultimately lead to the demise of many small businesses in this community and the state.

Respectfully submitted, Representative Rick Ladd

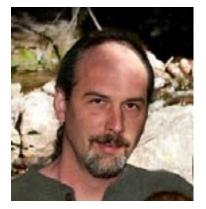
Jason Winchester Announces for Wells River Trustee

Jason Winchester has announced he is a candidate for the 3-year vacant Village Trustee seat in Wells River. Winchester has owned and operated the Winchester Enterprizes carpentry business since 1997. He was a facility manager at a residential retreat center in the Northeast Kingdom and was responsible for the water and sewer system operations, road maintenance, and upkeep of 20 plus buildings and the grounds.

He is also the co-founder and co-owner of the Wells **River Wellness Hall located** in the old village hall.

He joined the Monroe NH fire department at the age of 18. He went on to be a member of Lyndonville and Barnet fire departments. Currently he is a captain on the Wells River fire department.

Winchester grew up in Monroe, NH and Barnet, and now lives in Wells River with his wife Kelsey and their two children since 2010



Winchester is committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency in the Village government. He will work to bring Wells River into the digital age and ensure the village follows the state's open meeting laws.

He will continue to help uplift Wells River by expanding on recent projects like the water system as well as other improvements to bring new life and fresh ideas to the village.

Winchester will work hard for the residents and businesses in Wells River.

Wells River Village vote is March 16th from 10AM -7PM at the Wells River Village garage.

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Haverhill Town Offices a chance to answer questions from voters about current issues, future plans or Positions to be voted on during balloting on:

One Selectboard Seat (3 year term)

Town Clerk (3 year term) Incumbant Christine Hebert) Trustee of Trust Funds (3 year term) Incumbant Kristi Garafalo **Three School Board Seats (Three Year Terms)**

School Moderator (2 year term) Incumbant Jay Holden

For more information contact Gary @ 747-2887 or email Gary@TrendyTimes.com



Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion in Woodsville recently held two fund raisers. The money raised was split between two local organizations helping to feed those who need help. Pictured above is Ross-Wood Post #20 Commander Gary Scruton handing a check for \$630 to Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry Director Audrey DiMatties. The food pantry is located in the Clifford Memorial Building in Woodsville and is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 1 pm and Wednesday from 6 - 7 pm.

Wendy Knight of Panton Appointed to Vermont Commission on Women

(Montpelier) – Governor VCW Scott has appointed Wendy women Knight of Panton to serve a four-year term on the Vermont Commission on A fe Women (VCW), the state's nalist non-partisan commission working to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls. ABC

Commissioner Knight is a communications and marketing executive with over 20 years of government, corporate and entrepreneurial experience in advertising and marketing, food and beverage, healthcare, media, non-profit, and the publishing industries.

She's held several leadership positions in Governor Scott's Administration, as Vermont Tourism and Marketing Commissioner, as a strategic lead for the state's economic development initiative Think Vermont, and as Vice Chair of the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative, a private-public initiative to grow the economy and preserve our natural resources. With this background in economic development, a focus that draws her to the work of the

VCW is ensuring that women have economic opportunities and fiscal independence.

A former freelance journalist for the New York Times, she has written four non-fiction books and appeared on NPR, CNN, and ABC News. Her current work includes writing about domestic violence, a topic featured in her powerful and personal op-ed in USA Today about children living in abusive homes during the COVID-19 quarantine.

Commissioner Knight is the Chief Marketing Officer of Knight Automotive and a consultant to On the Fly, a women-led collective supporting Vermont's hospitality and tourism businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19. She currently serves on the boards of the Vermont Futures Project, which provides data and research to achieve long-term economic growth in our state, and the Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance.

This article is a follow-up to a mailing that Haverhill residents should have received last week. DID YOU KNOW that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Town of Haverhill Annual Town Meeting will be virtual?

The Town will be following meeting procedures per House Bill 1129. This bill, sponsored by House Representative Rick Ladd, outlines very specific Optional Town Meeting Procedures, which municipalities must follow if the governing body determines they cannot hold the annual Town Meeting in accordance with the State of New Hampshire and the COVID-19 safety protocols.

What does that mean if you do not have a computer or are not computer savvy? Are you still going to be able to listen to the Town Meeting?

DID YOU KNOW that helping you understand this process is important to us? Continue reading along and we will break it down for you.

There will be two (2) informational meetings; the first virtual informational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. At this meeting the Select Board will present the optional meeting procedures and walk everyone through the warrant articles.

Here is the Zoom link to that meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/96090874360?pwd=Q2VUdmJ1em5JaGJTRzhiQm1hb2hVdz09 Meeting ID: 960 9087 4360 with Passcode: 854137

DID YOU KNOW if you don't have a computer you can call in and listen to the meeting right at home? You can call either (929) 436-2866 OR (301) 715-8592.

You will need to enter the Meeting ID: 960 9087 4360 and the Passcode: 854137

After listening or watching the first meeting please note that if you have comments or questions specific to the warrant articles, you will have time to send comments on them from March 9, 2021 8:00pm – March 11, 2021 12:00pm.

There are three (3) ways to get your comments heard: email 2021TownMeeting@haverhill-nh.com, leave a voicemail at 603-787-6800, or send a text message to 603-728-5192.

The second virtual informational meeting will be held on Thursday March 11, 2021 6:00pm until finished. At this meeting the Select Board will review comments & questions received from the public. The Select Board may solicit public input to clarify comments & questions that were submitted during the public comment. The Select Board will discuss, debate, and are permitted to amend articles on the warrant.

Here is the Zoom link to the meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/91782141084?pwd=anBHOTRGRVZRWEZMamhrOHgza0JoZz09 Meeting ID: 917 8214 1084 with Passcode: 613927

Remember you can phone into the second meeting by calling (301) 715-8592 OR (312) 626-6799 using the Meeting ID: 917 8214 1084 & Passcode: 613927

After the conclusion of meeting #2 there will be Sample Ballots for you to look at posted electronically on the Town of Haverhill website under 'Elections' at www.haverhill-nh.com and can also be observed in person at the James R. Morrill Building. Check them out so you will better understand what the ballots will look like on voting day. Basically:

Ballot #1: The Official Ballot will include the election of officers and other items that are required to be placed on the official ballot (this ballot shall be available as an absentee ballot).

Ballot #2: The Alternative Ballot will include an article to approve the optional meeting procedures per HB1129, followed by all budget related and petitioned warrant articles. (ballot available for in-person voting only)

Walk-through and drive-up voting will be held at Haverhill Cooperative Middle School (HCMS) on Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00am – 7:00pm. Only registered voters can vote. Voting shall be accordance with typical election procedures and masks and social distancing required.

DID YOU KNOW you will receive four (4) ballots when you arrive at HCMS? Two (2) ballots for the Town of Haverhill and two (2) for the SAU23 school vote.

Remember the Town of Haverhill Official Ballot is voting on the election of officers and the Alternative Ballot is for voting on all the other warrant articles. You will be asked to check off "Yes" or "No" for each article.

DID YOU KNOW we are all Town of Haverhill residents no matter which village or precinct you live in? Pike, North Haverhill, Woodsville, Mountain Lakes and Haverhill Corner = the Town of Haverhill.

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She is a former Select Board Member for the town of Panton and a graduate of Cornell University. Sometimes it can be difficult, but let's continue working to bring our villages together and help one another understand this challenging voting process. We will come through the other side of this pandemic and eventually our lives will go back to a new normal.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 2

VERMONT TOWN MEETING DAY Locations & Times May Vary this year

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETING #1 6:00 PM until done

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

HAVERHILL CANDIDATE PLATFORM 1:00 PM - See Ad on Page 4 Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

MONDAY, MARCH 8

ROSS-WOOD UNIT #20 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

FIRST HAVERHILL TOWN VIRTUAL MEETING 6:00 PM See Ads on Page 5 & 14

WEDMESDAY, MARCH 10

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM 4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETING #2 6:00 PM until done

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

2ND HAVERHILL TOWN VIRTUAL MEETING 6:00 PM See Ads on Page 5 & 14

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 -SATURDAY, APRIL 24

ALICE KITCHEL. EXHIBIT 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM Tuesday - Saturday 430 Railroad Street. St. Johnsbury See Article on Page 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

HAVERHILL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM VOTING Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

GRAB-N-GO CHICKEN AND BISCUIT 4:30 - 6:00 pm (or sold out) \$12.00 United Congregational Church of Orford, UCC

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

ACCOUSTIC MUSIC JAM 12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

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Deadline is the Thursday before Publication. Call or Email your information today.





TUESDAY, MARCH 16 WELLS RIVER VILLAGE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING 7:00 PM VFW Hall, North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

WOODSVILLE PRECINCT MEETING 7:00 PM Woodsville Community Building

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

ACCOUSTIC MUSIC JAM 12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM See Ad on Page 16 American Legion Home, Woodsville

DAILY WALKING 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

PICKLEBALL Monday & Friday 9:00 - 10:30 AM Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 PM Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

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Six Questions For Haverhill Select Board Candidates

Candidate Darwin Clogston

Question 1. What is your top priority as a member of the Select Board?

1. My top priority as a member of the Select Board would be to protect the residents and taxpayers of Haverhill from inefficient and wasteful use of our tax dollars. I will work hard to bring greater accountability and transparency to the budgeting and contracting process. This will include having all past contracts, agreements & MOUs examined for legality and equitability.

2. What should the Select Board do to help with cell coverage/broadband in Haverhill?

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has put a bright spotlight on the absolute need

for better cell coverage and higher broadband capacity in Haverhill. As more people are working from home and more children learning remotely, we are putting more and more pressure on our already stretched capacity. It is simply not acceptable or workable anymore to have slow or no internet connection and spotty cell service.

We need to work more directly with our state officials, elected and appointed representatives, to find new ways to advance the rural ability for broadband access. New legislation coming forward will offer private municipal partnerships. Haverhill needs to work as one community with private partners and the state of NH to quickly fill the needs which will encourage not only business expansion but educational opportunities for everyone. We are reaching out and we need to continue to do so.

3. How do you believe the Town should work with the Precincts?

3 Haverhill is one town with some precincts representing individual priorities, Haverhill Corner wishes to preserve the Haverhill heritage that still exists, Woodsville operates enterprises to benefit its residents,... all in all we are one community. It's time we recognize the need to work as one. It is time we took into consideration the cost of the duplicative operations on the taxpayers.

There are efficiencies in working as one town, one community, for the benefit of all residents regardless of their address. Precincts should continue to operate their water systems, their sewer systems, and their pools but the function of a town is to serve all its residents fairly and equally and the Town of Haverhill should fulfill that obligation in a legal and morally acceptable manner. "All for one and one for all" isn't a bad start to a successful future for the Town of Haverhill.

4. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park area?

4. We've seen massive growth in our state over the last decade, which has only accelerated with this pandemic. This has mainly been found in southern New Hampshire, but it has certainly crept north to our town. In coming years, it is likely that open land will be at a premium even in our area of the state. With that in mind, I believe that it would be in our best interest to save the lots from this project for future town use.

5. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

5. I would like to see a renewed focus on how we as a town can provide more opportunities to our children and young adults that are looking for opportunities to succeed economically and start their families here in Haverhill. I have mentioned the importance of broadband expansion which will help every business owner and family in town. I would also like to see us provide opportunities for our youth that are interested in being first responders where they could learn by observing and assisting our Police and Fire departments when appropriate. We have farmers and an important forest products industry here in our community, let's make sure we are connecting and encouraging our students interested in those fields to learn more about sustainable methods of farming and harvesting and about the economic opportunities that our great outdoors can offer.

6. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

6. It is imperative that we have Select Board members that represent the wide scope of needs of our residents. Select Board members should be elected from every corner of our town to ensure that all our needs and concerns are properly represented. We need to make sure that we encourage town wide progress by looking at all angles, and listening to al our constituents.

I am running as a reform candidate. because we need to ensure that our tax dollars are working for all of us as efficiently as possible, and I have long been a serious participant in that process.

I see a bright future for our town. If I am elected, I will keep doing what I believe is right, and what is right for the people of Haverhill. I will work to better Haverhill for the people of Haverhill. I will take my chances that when it's my turn to be judged, I will be judged on what I did for others, and I will pray for those who will be judged on what they did to others. If elected I will serve the people, all the people, to the very best of my abilities.



Candidate Michael Graham

Question 1. What is your top priority as a member of the Select Board?

1. I do not have a top priority nor any specific agenda as I enter the race for a selectboard seat. I

No picture available at this time. 7

believe it is important to take public office and represent the people without a personal priority and no agenda of one's own.

2. What should the Select Board do to help with cell coverage/broadband in Haverhill?

2. I believe the town manager has a plan to attempt to improve internet service in a smaller area in parts of the town. As far as cell service, I need to research what, if anything, can or has been done.

3. How do you believe the Town should work with the Precincts?

3. The town should recognize that the precincts are separate governmental entities in several areas of the town. They provide more local control over certain services provided to their constituents. They serve a purpose and need to recognized and respected as such.

4. What do you see as the future of the Airport/Industrial Park area?

4. I understand that if the current applicant is approved only one lot in

the business park would remain for sale/vacant. The airport is an important

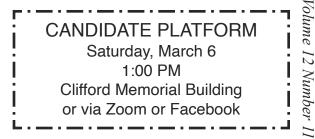
asset to the town and should be preserved and maintained.

5. What, if any, new program would you like to see started in Haverhill?

5. I have no new programs in mind at this time for the town. As I said earlier in this article. I have no specific agenda, nor do I have any "axe to grind"

6. Why should the voters of Haverhill elect you as a member of the Select Board?

202 6. I believe that I have earned the trust and respect of the voters of Haverhill and will serve the town well.







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Wanna' Buy A Watch?

by Maggie Anderson

As some of you know I was raised with a pack of wolves, I had six brothers I think that meets the definition.

Between the brothers, my dad, uncles who outnumbered aunts by about four to one, all Dad's buddies, and the guys my brothers dragged home from school, I was a bit like a shard of broken shell in an otherwise perfect omelette.

The women in my life were of several schools. My step mother took great pains to tell me what a waste of space I was, and apparently according to her, destined to remain so. Several did all they could to avoid me, still others were molders who tried to make me into somebody else, anybody else,

My mother thought my hair too straight so one day she decided to wrap me in the wands and perfume of a permanent wave. While she was next door my big brother told me he could make me beautiful before Mom got back with the extra towels.

John was learning to wield scissors at the time. let's just say he needed more practice. He bit his bottom lip, turned his head thoughtfully from side to side and, one by one, chopped every single rod from my head right down to my scalp. Close your eyes and picture that. I know. I was four years old at the time.

Mom made John give up his practice a few days later after he cut little circles around each of the tiny dec-

specs. She told me not to be too sure of myself or the boys wouldn't like me. She told me not to raise my hand too often in class even if I knew the answers because it would make the boys feel stupid. I didn't tell Mom but I thought a little more study and a little less goofing off might have helped.

As I got older well-meaning aunts, and various church ladies, and neighbors said I shouldn't wear things the boys wouldn't like to see me in. My thought was, they don't have to wear the thing, what's it to them?

"Don't be so bossy" ran on a continuous loop. In short I learned everything I did or said every day must be shaped to fit the tender sensibilities of every male I encountered.

Honestly I'm surprised I didn't just have the whole list tattooed onto my arm. Of course that would have eliminated my wearing short sleeved blouses, or dresses, not to mention swim suits, from then on because you know some guys just won't have anything to do with girls in tattoos.

Which brings me to the current political current. I've never been very good at accepting a perspective, a point of view, or an edict I thought unfair, unreasonable, or simply idiotic.

Dad taught me to know myself, to know what I believed and why. He told me to examine an issue from all sides, then make my choices and be ready to explain them if or when I was confronted by an opposition force.

I have spent my entire life so far striving to be my true self in the face of great obstacles and have little interest in becoming somebody I don't even recognize now.

Besides my kids tell me I have legs that glow in the dark. I cannot change the color of my skin. But I can tell you one thing, I've never treated anyone as less because of it. No matter how many vote-hungry politicians, spotlight-seeking celebrities, or enlightened academics repeat something their repetition does not make a statement fact.

I refuse to be condemned by association or my skin color. I am no more quilty of atrocities foisted on others than I am guilty of murder because one of my step brothers killed a woman. The attempt to connect those dots is asinine at best, insulting at worst.

I may not have been born with outdoor plumbing but my brain still operates with the accuracy and precision of a Rolex.



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Cohase Rotary Organizes Valentine's Card Collection

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idence (Newbury, VT), The Village at White River Junction (White River Junction, VT) and Veterans Inc. (Bradford, VT).

The Cohase Rotary eClub works to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding and goodwill. The club seeks to sponsor one project each month to benefit the regional community with a focus on the Vermont and New Hampshire communities that make up the Cohase region.

To become involved in the Cohase Rotary eClub or for more information, you can contact the club by email at cohaserotary@ gmail.com; visit them on Facebook and Instagram; visit their WEB site at cohaserotary.org or contact Monique Priestley, Club President at (802) 222-1909

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How Can Women Overcome Obstacles To Financial Security?

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consider a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her

> lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

W o m e n also may be more susceptible to financial downturns. Consider the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few months ago, in December, women lost 156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54% of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41% of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of retirement plans

 If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

Evaluate your Social Security options

• You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried.

Look for unexpected income opportunities

• Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.and beyond.

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Letter to the Editor: In Support of GCSCC

To the Editor:

As a member of the board of directors of the Grafton County Senior Citizens' Council (GCSCC) the parent organization of the Horse Meadow Senior Center – I am writing to urge my fellow citizens to go to the polls on March 13th and vote "YES" on Warrant Article 23. A "YES" vote will make available an appropriation of \$24,000 to support the operation of the Meadow Horse Senior Center (HMSC). am grateful to live in a community that has shown a steadfast support of the senior center over many years.

When the pandemic hit

to be temporarily closed to the public, our staff actively brainstormed and collaborated on ways to increase meal deliveries while limiting contact between clients and volunteers. Forced to suspend a host of congregate programs, we created a level of safe social interaction by offering a "grab-ngo" distribution of fresh, tasty hot meals in addition to home-delivered meals. To keep up with growing nutritional needs, food drives were held and thousands of pounds of shelf-stable food from the NH Food Bank was delivered to and shared throughout Grafton County. Generous dona-

age with dignity in a safe and secure home setting, with freedom from hunger. We continue to do well in the nutrition arena, but we join our fellow citizens in looking forward to more settled times when we can resume giving our clients greater mobility and enhanced opportunities for fellowship and social interaction. In the meantime, we continue to evaluate when. and under what circumstances and safety restrictions, it might be possible to consider resuming more conventional operations.

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last year, the needs of our elder population did not go away. In fact, they became more serious. In response, GCSCC staff and volunteers quickly shifted gears and got creative in order to carry out our number one priority: safe food preparation and distribution. While all of our senior centers had

Patricia,

GCSCC is only one of several articles that appear on the Town Warrant for Haverhill this year. There are actually over 30 articles to be voted upon. As a reminder the actual voting will take place on Saturday, March 13 from 8 am until 7 pm at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. Virtual meetings, held to answer questions and to finalize the warrant, will be held on Tuesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 11.

tions from Pete and Gerry's Eggs and bread from King Arthur Baking Co. were distributed as well.

Along with everyone else, our clients look forward to getting together again and sharing a common daily meal. GCSCC is immensely proud to be helping our elder citizens only 58% of our services are funded through state and federal programs. We therefore greatly appreciate community, foundation, and individual contributions.

We sincerely appreciate the support. Patricia A. Brady Mt. Lakes, NH GCSCC Board Member

Both meetings begin at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Clifford Memorial Building in Woodsville. Voters can also participate via Zoom or Facebook. (for further details check the Haverhill town website at www.Haverhill-nh.gov)

Let me encourage all voters to participate in as many of these sessions as possible. Be informed, and most importantly, be sure to vote. They are your tax dollars being spent. Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor

There he goes again! I'm referring to Mr. Robert Roudebush of North Haverhill, NH. In his latest squib to Trendy Times (Trump's Teachings on Tyranny, Feb. 16, 2021), he accuses President Donald Trump of

tyranny. However, he provided no examples. What exactly is he talking about? Perhaps Mr. Roudebush will be kind enough to be specific in his next letter? Barbara West Fairlee, VT

Barbara,

Commenting on political issues is always a tough task. Opinions on leaders, issues and every other move made by our elected officials can be formed from several different angles. That is the system that we are governed by. I want to applaud both you and Robert for being willing to speak up and put your opinion out there for others to read and therefore to think about.

It appears that it is now Robert's turn. Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor,

As I watched the honor being paid to a murdered Capital Police officer Brian Sicknick, who was beaten to death by a mob, who was sent to the US Capital by Trump.

Brian Sicknick was 42 years old. He is now dead because of Trump's rally!

Does Trump care? Hell no, all he cares about is spreading lies that he won. Trump LOST, he LOST in more ways than he knows. He wanted to overthrow our government so he could hold power and he doesn't care who got hurt!

His crazy rally resulted in over 140 Capital Police being hurt, and some have life changing injuries. He caused the worst terror attack in America all because he will not accept the proven fact that he lost the election. There seems to be a real problem for Trump to deal withthe truth. Trump has lived in his world of lies so long it has affected his ability to tell the difference between the truth and a lie! He doesnt' care about any

Betty,

Former President Trump is, by definition, just that - a former President. He was elected in 2016 and lost the election of 2020.

Saying that he is, or was, a Dictator is not officially correct. Whether or not you like his actions he never got to the point of fitting into that definition. Of course some will argue that he tried to make that happen, but in the end our way of governing this

other American, only himself. His supporters are following a very sick Dictator! How very, very sad that such a good police officer had to lose his life in a very brutal way! He was a soldier! Hehad his whole life cut short because of Trump. Trump has blood on his hands, that will never wash off! May Brian Sicknick rest in peace and never be forgotten! Anyone who follows Trump must be just like him. He is the most evil man on this earth. He only cares about himself, and uses crazy followers to do his dirty work. Trump doesn't deserve to live in Amierca, he should go to Russia with his "buddy" Putin, two of a kind! You stand up against this expresident who lost the election. Trump tried to destroy America for himself. He tried to take away our freedom, so he could rule us. He is a no good Dictator! What kind of American are you, if you still support him?

Betty Nicles Benton, NH

 Letter to the Editor: Haverhill Town Meeting

 To the Editor,
 Meeting Process gets voted would be medically

I wish to inform the Town of Haverhill residents about upcoming votes at the annual town meeting. The residents need to be advised that the four petition warrant articles initiated by Ed Ballam will cause town taxpayers to be taxed for twice the amount that three fire departments would need to operate. (North Haverhill Fire Department did not ask for the warrant article and did not want it.) I cannot speak to the thought process behind these petitions. However, I need to point out that there will be unintended consequences if these warrant articles pass. The town will then be required to raise those additional three fire department budget funds through taxation, but the money would only sit in the town's bank account. The reason is that we have received a legal opinion from our law firm that the town's funding of the three precinct fire departments has been done unlawfully since 2012. One municipality (town) cannot fully fund a department of another municipality (precinct). This year, the select board already voted to allocate sufficient funding for the three fire departments under the new town fire department's budget line if the two other precincts (hopefully) choose to become part of the Town of Haverhill Fire Department. If a precinct decides not to join, which is their right as a precinct, their respective fire department's funding would need to be raised from the individual precinct taxpayers through the precinct.

This year, under the virtual town meeting rules, if Article 2, Alternate Town

Matthew,

I want to start by saying I appreciate all the time and effort that you and the other members of the Haverhill Select Board have put into this year's town budget and the warrant overall.

Meeting Process gets voted down and does not pass, all the warrant articles would also be automatically defeated and ineligible to be brought back in this upcoming fiscal year. That means all the non-profits would lose their town funding permanently this year, and the budget for town operations would revert to last year's budget numbers.

I also heard comments at the recent fire department briefing given by the town manager that it is not fair that precincts would be double-taxed for fire service if their precinct did not join. I wish to point out that all of us town residents currently are being double-taxed for police service. We all contribute to the NH State Police, as do all NH resident taxpayers, but since our town chose to have a town police force (of whom we are very proud), we pay for our town police and pay taxes for the state police. The state police do not respond to our town since we have a town police department. It would be the same situation here regarding taxation with fire departments.

It makes no practical financial sense to have three separate fire departments in a town our size. It comes down to money; if one fire chief is paid a \$10,000 annual stipend and makes it to 22 calls out of 72 (31%), that costs the taxpayer a whopping \$455 per call plus the chief's hourly rate. That is simply unaffordable. The people doing the most complaining are the same ones who want to retain their stipends and do not want the medical standards that a town department would require. For example, someone who is legally blind

would be medically ineligible to be a firefighter in the town department; because they would be a liability to their fellow firefighters and the town. These are all reasonable expectations we make on behalf of the town taxpayer.

What would espouse community spirit and camaraderie more than a town fire department with all 87 firefighters in our town under one unified department? I am disheartened by the name-calling I have seen in some of these letters to the editor. To call the select board chair an "extortionist" is unbecoming of someone in a position of authority. When someone loses the intellectual part of an argument, they usually resort to name-calling. I will not engage in that behavior here. You should expect your elected leaders to act with dignity and respect toward others; I will say it is difficult because I see the hard work so many have put into making this happen. To see others, who supposedly have all this fire experience, just show up to meetings, write letters spreading incorrect information, criticize and yet offer no assistance is frustrating, to say the very least. Select Board Chair Darwin Clogston and your entire select board are committed to doing what is best for our town. This town very wisely voted for one town fire department; we on the select board and the fire committee are making that a reality for our town.

I look forward to "seeing" you all at our virtual annual town meeting.

Matthew D. Bjelobrk Town of Haverhill Select Board Vice Chair

verhill and the Haverhill Corner Fire Departments. (In both cases almost 3000 votes were cast with about 57% voting in favor). This year it will actually fall to the voters of Haverhill Corner and Woodsville as to whether or not they

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country held up and we must now move on.

My hope is that as we move on we can somehow combine the power and the ability of all Americans to make our nation, and by being a leader, make the entire world a better place to live. After all it is the only world we have. Garv Scruton, Editor

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I would like to make a couple of additions to your statements. First is that if Article 2 is defeated there are two options: "(a) Convene a meeting before September 1 to adopt an operating budget; or (b) Elect to deem that the meeting has adopted the previous year's operating budget article, not including separate warrant articles" at the discretion of the Select Board.

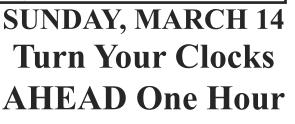
The second point is that it is the voters of the town of Havehrill who will decide if there will be one fire department in Haverhill. Yes, at the 2020 town meeting two affirmative votes were taken to "accept the control" of the North Ha-



will join the town wide fire department.

One other comment I feel obligated to make. You mention that "someone who is legally blind would be medically ineligible to be a firefighter in the town department". I understand that and do not disagree. However, being legally blind myself, I can attest to the fact that poor eyesight does not mean a person can not contribute in a positive way to any organization. Sure this person probably should not be running into a burnimg house, but he/she could certainly help to maintain vehicles, equipment or paperwork. Please don't sell us short.

Gary Scruton, Editor





What About Ma? by Kellie Quackenbush All About **That Ice**

Yesterday, the sun was shining, fields of snow glistened in the sunshine, it was warm enough to get away without the heavy winter coat and icicles hanging from the eaves were melting with a slow drip. Just before bed, a gentle rain was falling and the light patter of the rain drops hitting the tin roof lulled me to sleep. It was a lovely day that hinted at the promise of springtime.

This morning, a sheet of

ice had frosted the driveway

and the stairs and deck were

glazed with a shiny coat of

danger. The temperature had changed in the night and the melting snow had created a river of ice in the 2021 driveway. Winter has not Ń given up it's grip on the re-March. gion, yet. What was water is now ice. The porch light dancing from the iced driveway was a hint at the new danger of slippery ice. Slip-Times pery ice creates the danger of falling and falling can Trendy cause injuries.

For people over the age always be of 65, falling can be a game changer, it means there could be greater health risks for seniors that fall. In the arwill ticle, 6 Age-Related Chanthere ges that Increase Senior Fall Risk and What To Do About but Them, from https://dailycar-Not all Times are Trendy. ing.com/why-do-seniors-fall-

Ŧ down, we find "falls are a leading cause of lost independence and ability. Seniors often aren't able to recover fully from the trauma, their overall health declines, and their care needs increase significantly." Every year there are millions of senior citizens treated for injuries related to falling. "In older adults, falls typically cause hip fractures and head injuries. They're also the leading cause of death from injury, often from traumatic brain injury (TBI)."

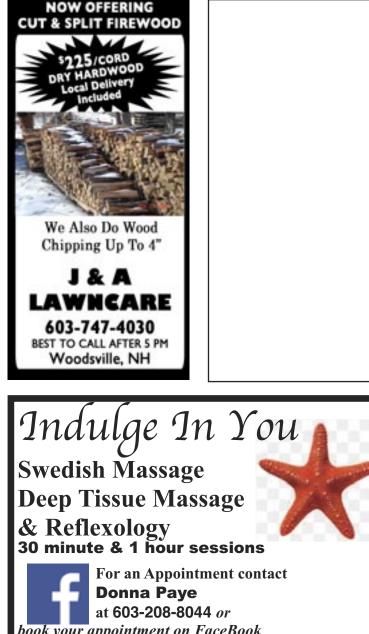
Living in New England, along with the everyday hazards in the house, that contribute to falling, we have snow, ice and mud that can make us slip, throw off our balance and put us on the ground. Now is not the time to be lax in our cares about the elements. It is time to call someone to sand your driveway, put salt and kittylitter on the walkways, put salt or some other melting product on the worst spots. Using a mixture of kitty-litter and some types of ice melting agent will make the ice less smooth and allow the kitty-litter to created a rough surface that is not as slippery. My personal choice is to use the cheapest kittylitter I can find, one without fragrance, dyes or clumping

agents; basic clay and hay.

The Dangers of Falling on Ice, by https://www.trantololaw.com, the danger of injury is something we should not take lightly. "For slips and falls on ice, two of the most common injuries are extremely concerning: broken bones and head trauma. Even when the fall doesn't seem that serious, vour body can experience significant trauma. Specifically, the force knocks your pelvis out of position, often to the point that it's rotated and twisted at an angle. In response, your spine has to adjust. As a result of these factors, an injury might not be immediately apparent, but your body could be experiencing soft tissue and joint damage that, without medical attention, becomes worse over time." For the concern of hidden injury, after you fall, please call your doctor and let your doctor check for any problem that may not be immediately seen.

I carry my cell phone when I am out in the yard, If I fall or get stuck in deep snow, I can call for help. In my car, I have the typical winter survival items and a shaker jug of ice melt. I keep the ice melt in reach so if I stop at a friend's house or go to a store that has a slick parking space, I can just open the door and shake some out to give me a safe place to stand.

Let us all enjoy the beauty of the spring days to come and be mindful of our surroundings. Be safe and please do not fall.



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Understanding Article 02 - Optional Meeting Procedures and why you should vote YES...

That for the first time in history, Haverhill will not be able to hold an in-person town meeting because of the current COVID-19 pandemic? Many residents of Haverhill have asked what the plan is for Town Meeting this year, and specifically how we can safely meet in person during a pandemic? Simply put, we can't. The health of our community comes first, and it has been decided that like many other NH Towns, ZOOM and by phone are the answer.

Article 02 addresses this topic and is a requirement of House Bill 1129. This bill, sponsored by House Representative Rick Ladd, outlines very specific Optional Town Meeting Procedures, which municipalities must follow if the governing body determines they cannot hold the annual Town Meeting in accordance with the State of New Hampshire and COVID-19 safety protocols. Which we can't, last year over 500 people attended Town Meeting; there is no facility in Haverhill large enough for over 500 people to gather while ensuring required social distancing.

Article 02, related to the optional meeting procedures, is not just about how we meet this year?

There are very serious implications tied to this article. If Article 2 is voted down, then ALL other articles on the warrant will also be deemed defeated and may not be recon-

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sidered in 2021.

So, if you vote NO on Article 02, you are voting NO on all articles on the warrant. Essentially, taking away your own right to vote on each article individually.

A NO vote on Article 02, means there will be no funding for lease payments on vehicles and equipment, no funding for non-profits, no funding of the Town's operating budget. No across the board, period!

Make sure your voice is heard.... vote YES on Article 02 and then vote how you see fit on each warrant article individually.

You can find the full version of HB1129 here? http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=202 0&id=1239&txtFormat=html

If you would like more information about Article 02 you can call the Town Administration Office at 603-787-6800 or 603-728-5192 or you can email the Town Manager at townmanager@haverhill-nh.com

Please look for this week's **DID YOU KNOW** article that will provide an overview of the virtual meeting process and more that you need to know about accessing Town Meeting this year.

Chronic Inflammation

by Melanie Osborne

Inflammation is a natural reaction to injury or infection. The infected tissues become swell, redden. warm and tender, and are often painful. Too much inflammation can do the body harm, however, leading to immobility, weight loss and sometimes gain, and a weakening of muscle tissue and the power to fight disease. Disorders that involve specific types and/or locations of inflammation include bursitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis and tendinitis, just to name a few. Cardiovascular disease also may be at least partially a result of inflammation in the linings of the arteries. Things that can trigger inflammation include drug overdose (over the counter and prescriptions), exposure to environmental toxins, free radical damage, infections, injury and bacterial, fungal or viral infection.

Any organ or tissue of the body, internal or external, can become inflamed. Internal inflammation is often caused by bacterial infection, but can also be caused by disorders such as allergies, anemia, arthritis, asthma, autoimmune diseases, Chron's disease, osteoarthritis, peptic ulcers disease or ulcerative colitis. Bacterial arthritis, which causes painful inflammation of the joints, is usually associated with an infection elsewhere in the body, such as the lungs, kidney or gallbladder.

Always an excellent plan to eat at least 75% raw foods, especially fruits and vegetables, and drink plenty of herbal teas and juices. Drink at least half of your body weight in water daily. Eat foods high in flavonoids, which are anti-oxidants and useful for inflammation reduction, such as spinach and blueberries. Quercetin, found in onions, is good for and flu. May have anti-oxiinsulin. Consume half of a fresh pineapple or fresh papaya daily. Pineapple contains bromelain and papaya both contains papain, enzymes that reduce swelling and inflammation. It should reduce the pain and

swelling in two to six days. Only fresh pineapple or papaya (not canned) is effective. Bromelain is also excellent capsule form. Eat coldwater fish such as herring, salmon, sardines as they are rich sources of essential fatty acids. Of course, eliminate all soda, sugar white flour and other junk foods.

Herbal choices for inflammation and healing include: BOSWELLIA TREE: (Boswellia Serrata), A natural gum resin that detoxifies the joint tissue and supports comfortable movement; supports the body's natural response to inflammation; promotes healthy circulation while soothing and cooling the joints. Also known as Indian Frankincense, has a long history of use in religious ceremonies. As a medicinal herb, the gum resin is used to detoxify the joint tissue. It is said to be healing due to its support of healthy circulation, and cooling because of its soothing action on the tissues.

(Ananas BROMELAIN: Comosus) is a protein-digesting enzyme found in the stem and fruit of the pineapple plant. Bromelain is best known for as a digestive aid and for its anti-inflammatory effects after traumatic injuries and surgery. It "releases" inflammation by breaking down proteins in swollen tissues. It also helps the digestion of proteins, stops blood clot formation, and has anti-viral properties. Bromelain is used to treat heart disease, arthritis, and upper respiratory tract infection. Bromelain contains lipase, amylase and protease, as well as cellulose and lactase; has been shown to significantly improve absorption of nutrients, especially essential fatty acids & zinc.

OLIVE LEAF (Olea Europaea) fights all types of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. Helps stave off colds dant properties. Has shown potential for lowering high blood pressure. Good for virtually any infectious disease, as well as chronic fasyndrome, tigue fibromyalgia, Candida Albicans, heart disease and high blood pressure, herpes virus infections, yeast infections, diarrheal diseases, inflammatory arthritis and psoriasis.

WHITE WILLOW BARK: (Salix Alba), A bitters tonic herb most generally used to treat headache pain and nervous system disorders without the stomach irritation properties of aspirin. (Aspirin is a synthetic extraction of white willow). Primary Uses: as an anti-inflammatory specific in headache combinations; as a analgesic for the pain of arthritis, bursitis and gout; for sore muscles and tendons; to lower fever through increased blood flow and Nutrients: calsweating. cium, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium selenium, zinc. Vitamins B1, B2, B3 & C.

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Lemon Crinkle Cookies

chefs. How are you all doing today? I'm enjoying the mild weather and I hope you are too. I got to see my new grandson Arlo and my two other grandchildren Angelo and Abigail and my son and daughter-in-law a couple of weeks ago and we had the best visit ever. I got to hold the baby and feed him and we all had a lasagna dinner. Their visit was just what the doctor ordered. I can't wait to visit them next and see my son's new house.

24 cookies but I only got 22. Preheat oven to 350 de-

grees Ingredients 1/2 cup softened butter 1 cup white granulated sugar 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 1 egg 1 tsp lemon zest (1 lemon) 1 Tbsp lemon juice (1 lemon) 1/4 tsp salt



1/4 tsp baking powder 1/8 tsp baking soda 1 1:2 cups all purpose flour

1/2 cup powdered sugar Parchment paper

Cream together the butter and granulated sugar

till fluffy. Add the vanilla extract, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt, baking powder, baking soda, mix then stir in the all purpose flour until incorporated.

Line your cookie sheet with parchment paper. Refrigerate for 5 minutes, it helps with the sticky dough. Roll 1" size balls and roll in powdered sugar then roll again and place on cookie sheet. Do this until you use all your dough. Bake for 9-11 minutes. They should be just a little brown around the edges and crinkled tops, don't over bake. Sprinkle with a sifter a tad bit more powdered sugar on top of the cookies. Remove to a wire rack and cool completely. They are soft, chewy, crunchy and lemony. The zest really brings out the lemon flavor.

When you zest a lemon just get the yellow part of the lemon, the white part is a little bitter. That's it. Enjoy these wonderful cookies with a nice cup of coffee or tea or even milk. I hope you try this recipe because you will be a star for making them.

Well folks that's it for today's edition of the Trendy Kitchen. Until next time I am signing off.

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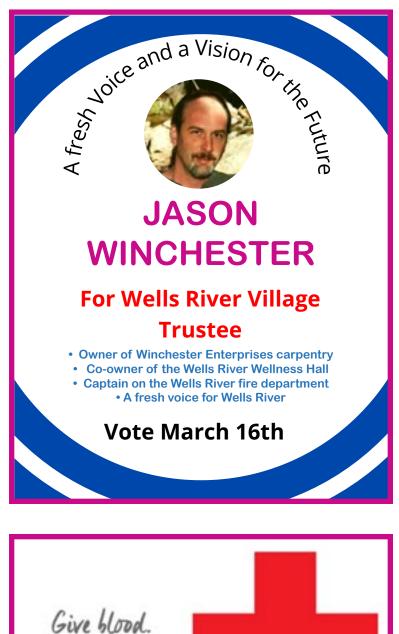


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