

EDITORIAL & COMMENT

TALES OF HOPE

If I could summarize nonviolence in one word, it would be: patience.

–Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

Arbor Day

*It's hard to know a tree must die,
The mighty oak and maple.
No longer channel through its veins, life's river,
Yet stay a watcher ... wanting, waiting.
'Tis better that it turns into a chair, a shelf,
A place to rest, and hold the memory of itself,
To be of use, to serve, in some way comfort,
When no longer it can bloom,
Cool the air, block the burning rays,*

*Be a place to little creatures who know its purpose,
Who found a home within its arms.
In dreams, its leaves will kiss the rain,
Quiver in the wind,
Blush, and glow, before the chill.
Warm the soul once more, in fire's flame,
Light the dark, and calm the still.*

M. Dennis Fiedler
North Swanzey

Wieczorek Insurance In Keene – Knowledge You Can Trust, People You Can Rely On

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Sandra Peters and Melissa Kress (L to R) of Wieczorek Insurance in Keene help client Donna Deyo with her insurance needs.

All of these expectations will be met (and more) when you rely on Wieczorek Insurance in Keene for your insurance needs. This local business is an independent agent, which means they aren't tied to any one insurance company. Instead, their clients have choices; and these choices are from insurance companies that have been carefully selected, reputable, and financially strong.

"We work with some fantastic insurance companies with tons of options to offer customers," says Personal Lines Account Executive Melissa Kress.

Personal insurance products provide Wieczorek Insurance customers with protection for their homes; their automobiles, RVs, motorcycles, boats, and other recreational vehicles; their personal possessions; their pets; renter's insurance; and so much more. They also offer numerous types of business insurance protection as well as voluntary benefits.

The staff at Wieczorek Insurance focus on individual needs and have several companies to choose from when finding the best coverage for those needs. These professionals are the best advocates for their clients as they do not work for an insurance company, they work for you. A client's needs will be addressed, any questions or concerns will be answered, and both

short-term and long-term objectives will bring those insurance needs into perspective.

Wieczorek Insurance has been in business since 1964 and founded in Manchester by Raymond Wieczorek. He was a man of the community, who was also a five-term mayor in Manchester and sat on the New Hampshire Executive Council for 10 years. His son, Robert, is at the helm now and business is flourishing. The Keene office opened in 2004 and a year-and-a-half ago relocated to 668 Main Street to give the growing insurance business more space.

"This is a family-owned business that will stay family owned," says Commercial Sales Executive Sandra Peters. She goes on to say that no appointment is needed and that the staff make everything very easy for their customers.

Terms and phrasing isn't always that easy to understand when it comes to insurance policies, so these professionals educate their clients so that the coverage is understood. And if there are any significant changes that might affect your insurance policy, they are just a phone call away to help review the policy with you.

The staff at Wieczorek Insurance are highly educated and experienced in the industry. "We believe in educating our customers," adds Kress. "It's best to really know your coverage. We are a customer service driven agency; our client relations come first."

Like the founder of Wieczorek Insurance, these agents also go above and beyond to help their clients and have a passion to give back to the community. Peters – who has over 32 years of experience in the insurance industry – volunteers at the Community Kitchen and donates to many organizations in Cheshire County, like Cedarcrest Center for Children with Disabilities, Hundred Nights, Inc., Linda's Closet, and Boy Scouts of America.

Kress, who brings to the company over two decades in customer service – 10 of which was in the insurance industry – serves on the board of directors and as treasurer for Sy's Fund, a non-profit organization that helps young adults with cancer.

For more details about Wieczorek Insurance, call 603-352-6700, visit www.wizinsurance.com, or stop by the office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Vermont Writer Milliken Has Book Deal To Publish Biography Of The Cars' Benjamin Orr

Veteran music journalist Joe Milliken recently announced a publishing deal with the Lanham, MD-based publisher, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, to produce his first book, a biography about the late Benjamin Orr. Orr was the co-founder, co-lead singer, and bassist for the platinum-selling rock band, The Cars. Titled *Let's Go! Benjamin Orr and The Cars*, a release date is set for November 15, 2018.

Often considered the band's heartthrob, Orr possessed an incredible voice, diverse musical talent, and rare stage presence, all balanced by a magnetic, yet enigmatic personality, striking good looks, and a relentless determination to reach rock stardom.

A few years later Orr met his musical partner and future Cars' bandleader, Ric Ocasek, and by 1976, their quest for the perfect blend of songs, bandmates, and musical landscape finally materialized as The Cars. They would go on to sell over 30 million albums worldwide resulting in 15 "Top 40" hits.

This definitive account of Orr's rock-and-roll life is not a backstage "tell all," but the story of a charismatic musician with a vision, a sense of adventure, and unwavering perseverance.

This first-ever biography about Orr spans 11 years in the making, as Milliken draws together interviews with over 120 family members, friends, bandmates, and music associates from Orr's life, as well as many unpublished and never before seen photos from private collections, to reveal an intimate portrait of one of classic rock's great talents.

Milliken has been a music journalist, editor, and website publisher for two decades. A die-hard music fan with a degree in visual arts, he turned to writing as his creative outlet, first as a local reporter, then a sports/arts & entertainment editor and freelancer. In 2014, he launched Standing Room Only, a website dedicated to promoting music and the arts on a local and national level. Originally from Boston, Milliken now resides in southern Vermont with his wife, Kelly, and his children, Nate and Erin.

For book-related announcements, events, discounts, and author interviews, visit www.facebook.com/BenOrrBook, email at benorrbook@gmail.com, or follow @benorrbook on Twitter. *Let's Go* is available for pre-sale at Rowman & Littlefield's website: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538118658>.

The Purple Goat Donates All Profits To Support Dan Flynn

The Purple Goat, a local natural goods company, will be donating all proceeds from sales through Saturday, June 30th to support Dan Flynn – a generous and caring community member, father, local entertainer, and businessman – who was recently diagnosed with inoperable stage four cancer.

The Purple Goat's owner, Heidi Hurt, recalls Flynn's generosity when he donated his time and talent to support Bonnie's Basement, a non-profit organization created by Heidi in 2014. Flynn had emceed the Chocolate Ball fundraising event in 2015 as Willy Wonka, and helped the organization raise over \$6500 to support local cancer care and research. His energetic personality helped make the event a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Normally, a portion of every sale at

The Purple Goat website, www.thepurplegoat.shop, is donated to a charity that is selected by customers during their checkout process. The Purple Goat then shares proceeds annually with each organization.

"For the month of June, I will donate all profits to aid in the financial burden for Dan so he can focus on enjoying time with his daughter during this difficult time," says Hurt.

The Purple Goat is a natural goods company offering pure and organic body lotions, scrubs, bath products, mineral makeup, candles, soaps, and more. The products are crafted carefully – all are free of sulphates, parabens, dyes, and toxic and harmful chemicals.

For more details, visit www.thepurplegoat.shop.

MYSTERY PHOTO

from THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

The owners of this farm rented rooms to tourists in the early 1900s under the name Monadnock View Farm. In what community was the farm located?



The first person to answer the question correctly at 9 a.m. or after on Friday will receive a \$10 Gift Certificate from the Marco Polo Gardens. Call The Monadnock Shopper News, West Street in Keene, at 603-352-5296. You may win only one contest every three months. Only one call per person per week. No walk-ins, please.

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The winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest was Bill Cheney of Marlborough. The train photo was taken in Hancock.



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