

## People in the News



Lauren Bentley-Melle

### Amherst Child Raises Funds For Arthritis Foundation

AMHERST – Lauren Bentley-Melle, a third grade Wilkins School student and Amherst resident, recently put her culinary skills and advocacy abilities to the test.

Having to curtail many of her activities to meet the challenges of a recent diagnosis of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lauren channels her unbound energy and creative nature into baking and fancifully decorating cupcakes.

Ever the thinker and doer, Lauren wrote a proposal for raising funds for The Arthritis Foundation. She offered to bake a cupcake in exchange for a donation to find a cure particularly for Juvenile Arthritis.

The Arthritis Foundation's NorthEast Regional Director, Margaret Duffy, sent an encouraging response to Lauren's E-Mail.

On December 14th, Concord, New Hampshire's "Jingle Bell Run" fund raiser advocates were delighted to invite Lauren to set up her "Team Cupcake" table where Lauren successfully raised two hundred dollars for The Arthritis Foundation through her cupcakes sales.

Congratulations Lauren, and thanks for your generous spirit.

To donate to The Arthritis Foundation through Lauren's "Team Cupcake" venture go to [concordjbr.kintera.org/donatetoateam>cupcakes!](http://concordjbr.kintera.org/donatetoateam>cupcakes!)



(L to R) Dick Ball, Bruce Ribollini and Charlie Vars

### Amherst Lions Annual Roast Beef Dinner

The Amherst Lions Club's Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Friday, February 7th, 2014 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM at the Amherst Middle School on 14 Cross Road. Dinner includes slices of roast beef, gravy, baked potato, vegetables, beverages and salad. Desserts will be provided by the Amherst Junior

Women's Club. Adult tickets are \$10.00. Tickets for children 6 to 12 are \$5.00. Meals for children under 6 years of age are free.

Tickets will be on sale outside the Amherst Post Office on Saturday 1/18, 1/25 and 2/1, from 9AM to Noon, at the door, or call 673-9348 and ask for Lion Joe.

### Benefit Chili and Chowder Event

Sunday, January 26th, Noon to 3:00 PM, Amherst, NH

Join us for the best Chili and Chowder at the Amherst Business Center, 105 Route 101A. Great Food! Beer Garden! Baked Goods! LIVE Music with the Sonic Boomers and Fun for the Entire Family!

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WANT TO ENTER? Professional Participants should be prepared

to provide 2 oz. samples for approximately 350. Amateurs should bring a large crockpot of your entry. Bring your entry hot and ready to serve. We will provide paper products necessary for samples, tables, chairs, and a chafing dish with stereo. Bring your signs, menus and other promotional material with your fabulous creation, ladle and a chafing dish server. Amateur entry fee \$20. Professional entry fee: \$50

Contact the SVCC at 673-4360 or Opportunity Networks at 883-4402 for any questions. Register on line at [www.souhegan.net](http://www.souhegan.net) or email Wendy Hunt at [OpportunityNetworks@whunt@opportunitynetworks.org](mailto:OpportunityNetworks@whunt@opportunitynetworks.org). You may also download a form and mail it to: SVCC, 69 Route 101A, Amherst, 03031

## Obituary

### John Bachman



Longtime resident, electrical engineer, entrepreneur, former Amherst fire chief, sports volunteer, mini-farmer, columnist

AMHERST – John Bachman, 71, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend of many and local business owner tragically passed away on Monday, December 23, 2013 from injuries sustained when struck by a motor vehicle.

John was born in Wheeling, West Virginia and was a graduate of West Virginia University. He began his electrical engineering career with Westinghouse. He resided in Amherst for 43-years and during that time was employed by the former Sanders Associates, Harris Corporation and as manager of research and development for Wang Corporation.

In 1986 John started Analog Technology and later sold his portion of the business. In 1991 John started AnaTek Corp., a global firm that imports and exports testing equipment for the electronics repair industry.

John, or Giovanni Boneventura as he liked to be called, loved his family, loved life and lived to laugh. His wit, although not always appreciated by his family, is just one attribute for which he will be forever remembered. John had the amazing ability to walk into a room full of strangers and walk out with a room full of friends. He lived life out loud and on his terms.

John was active in the local community serving with the Amherst Fire Department for 18 years where he rose through the ranks to serve as Chief of Department from 1991-1994. John also spent many hours volunteering for various other community organizations including umpiring with the Milford Community Athletic Association, Babe Ruth Baseball and as an assistant coach for the Milford High School

Baseball Team. John was an active member of the UNH Cooperative Extension and was proud of his accomplishments with his mini-farm growing various fruits and vegetables.

John was also a well-known columnist for the *Nashua Telegraph*. His wide range of articles spanned everyday life, local politics, youth sports and often his outspoken views supporting the American troops and their mission, the belief in freedom and his political beliefs as a conservative American.

In addition to his loving wife of 22 years, Marilyn (MJ), John leaves behind his daughter and son-law, Pamela and William McKinney of Mont Vernon, NH; a son, James Bachman of Oakland CA; Michelle and Michael Cristo of Charlton City, MA, Christine Hatfield and her partner, John McNamara of Grafton, MA; his beloved 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and many, many friends.

John was predeceased by his son John Jr., parents Angela Willis, Carl Bachman and step mother, Marcie Bachman.

Calling hours were Sunday December, 29, 2013 at Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, followed by a Celebration of John's life from at Labelle Winery, 345 Route 101 in Amherst.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memory of John Bachman to the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of New Hampshire at P.O. Box 1327, Manchester, NH 03105-1327 or the UNH Cooperative Extension at Taylor Hall, 59 College Road, Durham, NH 03824. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

### John P. Ferraro

John P. Ferraro, 62, resident of Amherst, died unexpectedly on December 27, 2013 in Amherst.

He was born in Rochester, New York on July 7, 1951, a son of Patrick and Laura (Villa) Ferraro. He made his home in Amherst for the past 30 years.

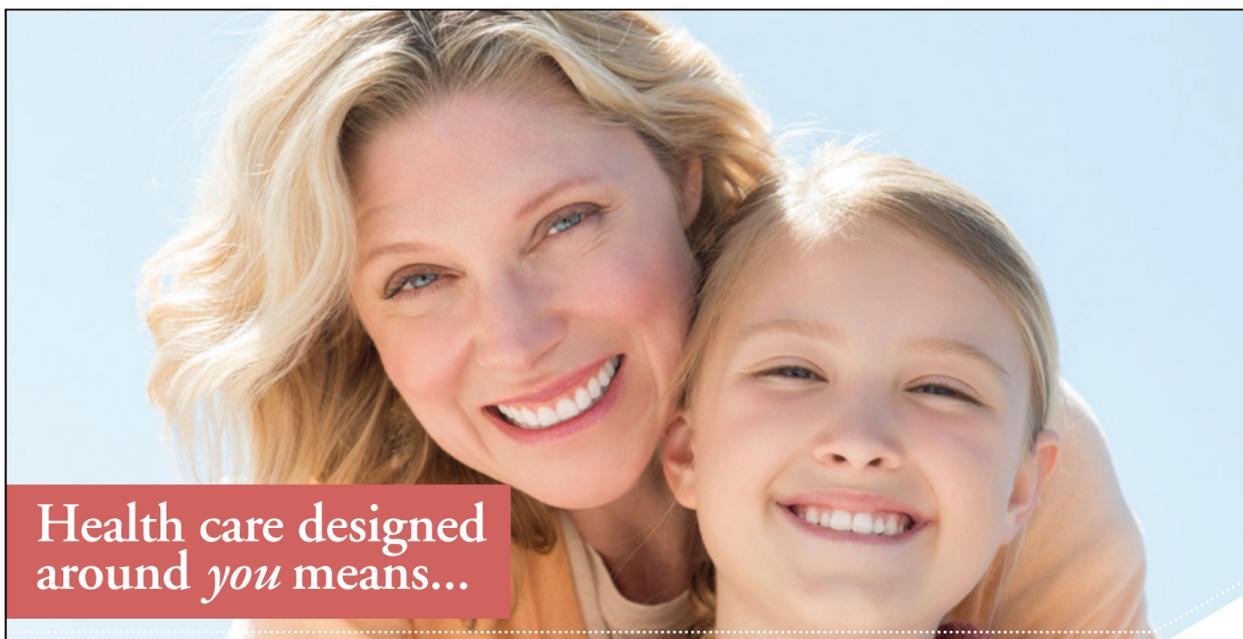
John was currently employed as a salesman for Able Moving & Storage, Amherst, where he had worked for the past 10 years.

He enjoyed sports, playing golf, and most especially loved spending time with his family and relished being a grandfather. "Papi" loved doing whatever his grandchildren wanted him to do.

Family members include his wife of 39 years, Judith (Lawson) Ferraro of Amherst; three daughters and sons-in-law, Alison and Steven Weafer of Norwood, MA, Lauren

and Robert Niemaszyk of Chelmsford, MA and Courtney Ferraro of Manchester, NH; five grandchildren, Jack, Megan, Lindsey, Ashley and Emily; two sisters, Geri Spino, Laurie Spring and a brother, Joseph Ferraro, all of New York; his mother-in-law, Jean Lawson of Nashua; several nieces and nephews.

There are no visiting hours. A Celebration of John's Life was held on Tuesday, December 31st in the Congregational Church of Amherst. The family requests that a donation be made to a charity of your choice or to the Scott Spino Foundation, Inc., 42 Kimbrook Drive, Rochester, NY 14612. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com).



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