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Gerald A. 'Gippster' Gipp

Jan. 2, 1963-Feb. 25, 2024



Gerald A. "Gippster" Gipp, age 61, of Lewiston, died Feb. 25, 2024. Gerry was a son of the late Arthur and Joan Gipp. He lived his entire life in Lewiston, graduating from Lewiston-Porter High School in 1981. He went on to earn an AOS from Alfred State College in 1983.

Known as "Gippster," he owned and operated Gippster's Collision on Balmer Road in Youngstown for many years, beginning in 1991. His interest in cars extended to classic and customized models, which he could

be seen driving in Lewiston and Youngstown. He was a fan of stock car racing at Ransomville Speedway where he, at one time, sponsored the 4-cylinder class, worked on a pit crew, and eventually drove a car.

Gerry was a member of the Lower Niagara Moose and a long-time member of the 3-F Club. He was a past vice president of the 3-F's board of directors. He had a lifelong interest in hunting and particularly in fishing, often on Lake Ontario and occasionally in Costa Rica.

Gerry was always kind to senior citizens and to animals. He was a cat-person convert and leaves behind Paco, Corky and Tito, who will miss his lap to sit on.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Sue A. Brade, who will forever cherish the time they had together. There is not a dating site on the internet that would ever have matched them together, yet they were happily married for more than 21 years.

Also left to remember Gippster's antics and mourn his pass-

ing are the best friends a guy could ever have. There are simply too many of you to list here.

Memories will be shared at a "Celebration of Gerry's Life" from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the 3-F Club, 904 Swann Road, Youngstown.

Interment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Dickersonville Cemetery on Ridge Road in Lewiston.

Online condolences may be left at www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com.

Spring forward into safety: Change your clocks; check your batteries

FASNY reminds New Yorkers to inspect smoke alarms as state leads nation in fire fatalities

Submitted by the Firefighters Association of the State of New York

As New Yorkers prepare to set their clocks forward an hour for the beginning of daylight savings time, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) urges all New Yorkers to check the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Alarms with removable batteries should have their batteries replaced; those with alarms that have sealed-in batteries should ensure all alarms are functioning; and any detector over 10 years old should be replaced.

In 2023, New York state led the country in home fire deaths, totaling 153 fatalities, and currently leads the nation once again with 33 deaths so far this year. Working smoke alarms could make the difference between life and death in a home fire.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, the risk of dying in a home without working smoke detectors is 55% higher than in a home with fully functioning alarms.

Additionally, three of every five home fire deaths are in residences without working smoke alarms.

FASNY wants to remind New Yorkers to be vigilant and follow home safety advice to prevent accidents during this spring/summer season.

In 2019, New York state enacted legislation that required all new smoke detectors sold to contain 10-year, non-removable batteries that discourage tampering. If you're not sure when you last replaced the batteries or bought a



smoke alarm, FASNY encourages purchasing a new one.

"The warmer months typically signal a time for families and individuals to unwind, relax and have fun. However, FASNY wants to remind all New Yorkers to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors," FASNY President Ed Tase said. "We encourage you to replace your fire alarm every 10 years, and check your alarm is functioning properly each month. Help us prevent tragedies by securing your home with smoke alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas."

Smoke alarms provide critical minutes to escape the home in an emergency. Another vital tool is a carbon monoxide detector, which can warn of a silent but deadly gas build-up in the home. As the weather gets colder and snow begins to fall, New Yorkers should conduct a home safety check to ensure that CO detectors are functioning.

"Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are the first line of defense against a tragedy," Tase said. "Unfortunately, we do see the majority of home fire fatalities in homes with no smoke alarms or in homes where they aren't working properly. Daylight savings is a great reminder to do a safety check up on the home."

Safety Tips Provided by FASNY & National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

- ✓ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries.

- ✓ Vacuum or blow out any dust that might accumulate in the unit.

- ✓ Never borrow a battery from an alarm to use somewhere else.

- ✓ Never paint a smoke or CO alarm.

- ✓ Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including the basement

and in or near each sleeping area.

- ✓ Smoke alarms should not be installed near a window because drafts could interfere with their operation.

- ✓ In conjunction with alarms, families should also develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

About FASNY

Founded in 1872, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York represents the interests of the more than 85,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in New York. For more information, visit www.fasny.com.

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NOSBA offers workshop for prospective school board members

Has anyone ever told you that you'd make a great school board member?

Niagara Orleans School Boards Association is offering a free workshop on Saturday, March 16, for anyone interested in running for a board of education position or learning more about the process.

The workshop will be held at the North Tonawanda High

School Library, 405 Meadow Drive. It will run from 9-11 a.m. Guest speakers will include attorney Jeff Swiatek (Hodgson Russ LLP), who will speak on the school board election process; and North Tonawanda Superintendent Gregory J. Woytila, who will address building a productive working relationship between the board and the superintendent.

Those interested in attending can call NOSBA at 716-731-6800, ext. 2211 or email Diane Stamp at dstamp@onboces.org by Wednesday, March 13.

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