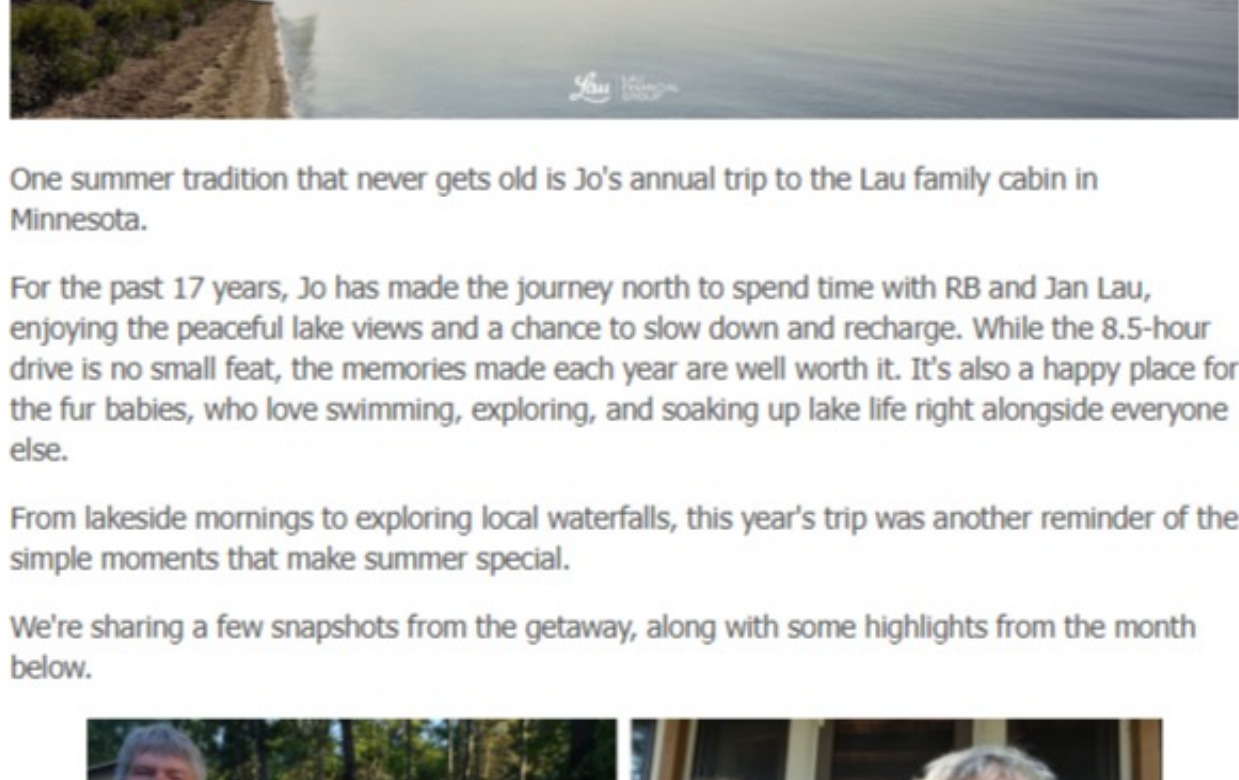




One summer tradition that never gets old is Jo's annual trip to the Lau family cabin in Minnesota.

For the past 17 years, Jo has made the journey north to spend time with RB and Jan Lau, enjoying the peaceful lake views and a chance to slow down and recharge. While the 8.5-hour drive is no small feat, the memories made each year are well worth it. It's also a happy place for the fur babies, who love swimming, exploring, and soaking up lake life right alongside everyone else.

From lakeside mornings to exploring local waterfalls, this year's trip was another reminder of the simple moments that make summer special.

We're sharing a few snapshots from the getaway, along with some highlights from the month below.



What's Still on Your "Someday" List

As summer comes to a close and a new season begins, it's a great time to pause and reflect on the goals, experiences, and adventures you've been putting off for "someday." Whether it's traveling, learning something new, pursuing a passion project, or reconnecting with a long-held dream, taking even one small step can bring new energy and purpose. Don't let "someday" become "maybe someday." What will you start today?



Friday Afternoon Club Wish List

Friday Afternoon Club returns next Friday, and we're looking forward to another season of great food, conversation, and community.

Before we kick things off, we'd love your input. Is there a favorite dish, recipe, or local restaurant menu item you'd like to see featured at a future gathering? Email us your suggestions [HERE](#) and help shape an upcoming FAC menu. One of your ideas may even make its way to the table!



A Weekend Worth Celebrating

Jo recently celebrated her 60th birthday and 10th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The celebration brought together many of the people who have been part of her journey over the years, and we're excited to reshare a few photos from this special weekend.



Friday Afternoon Club is Back!

Friday Afternoon Club returns next Friday with a special Labor Day Weekend kickoff.

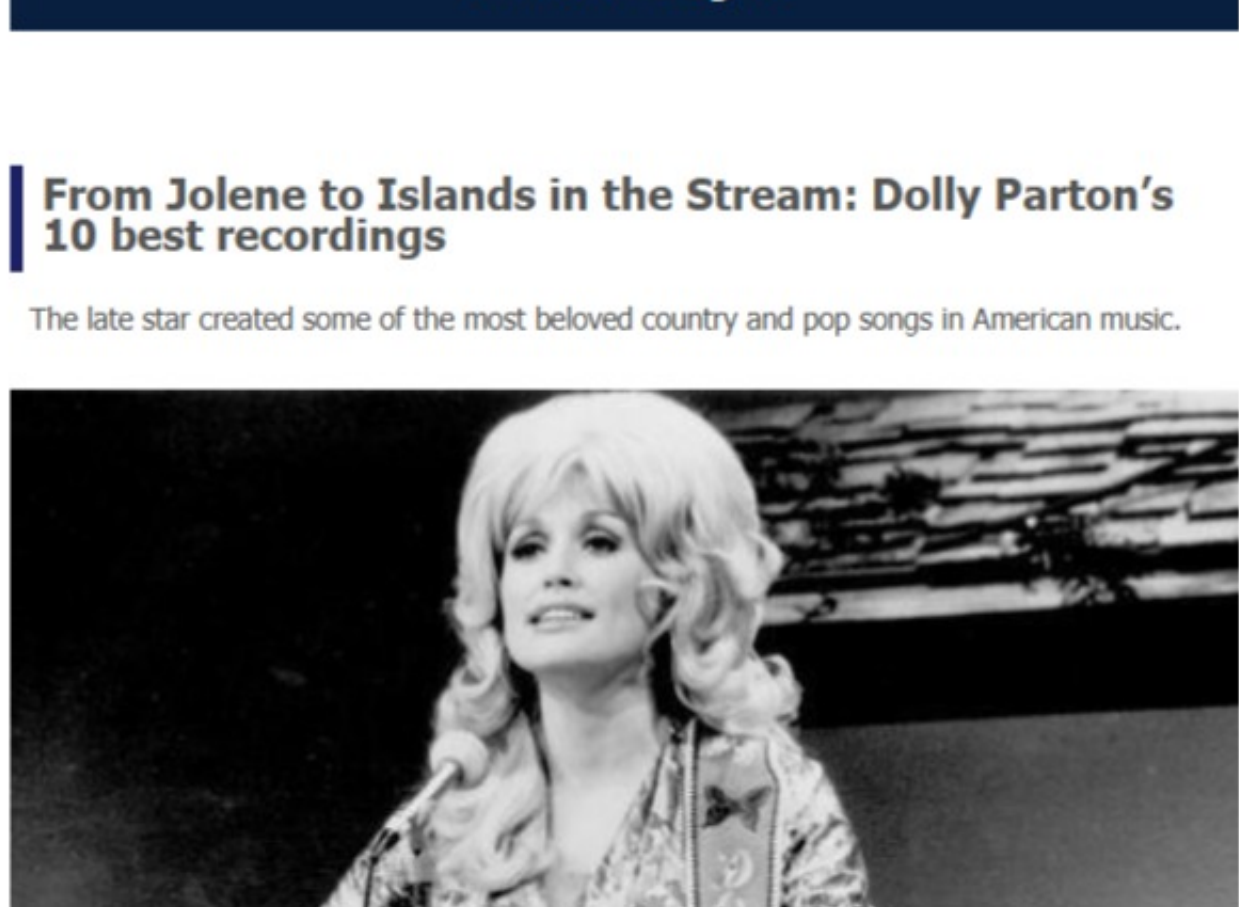
Join us on September 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kreitman residence for an afternoon of community, connection, and celebration. We look forward to gathering again after the summer and kicking off a new season of Friday Afternoon Club together.



A Practical Checklist for Difficult Times

Losing a loved one can feel overwhelming, especially when important decisions and responsibilities need attention during a time of grief. This article provides a thoughtful checklist to help guide families through the financial, legal, and administrative tasks that often follow a loss, from notifying organizations and reviewing estate documents to updating accounts and beneficiary designations.

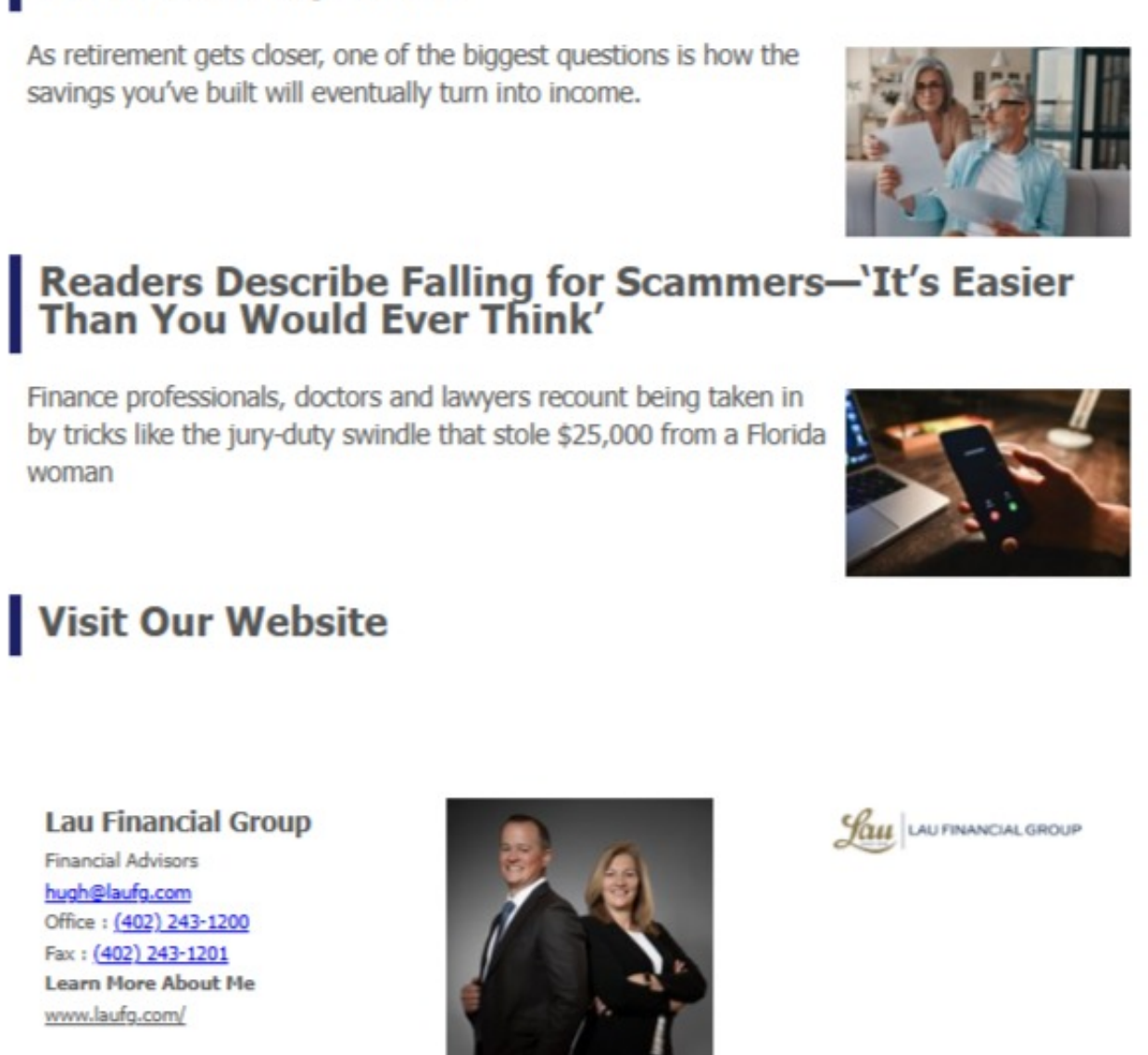
While every situation is unique, having a roadmap can help bring a little clarity during a challenging time.



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Health-Conscious Corner: Bruschetta Pasta Salad

Fresh, simple, and perfect for late summer gatherings, this month's recipe features a Bruschetta Pasta Salad packed with tomatoes, basil, parmesan, and a homemade balsamic dressing. Easy to prepare and even better the next day, it's a great dish to bring to a picnic, barbecue, or Labor Day celebration.



[Get the Recipe](#)

50 Years, 50 Stories. A Year of Celebration.

To some, it's a cabin.

To others, it's a place where ideas come to life, family traditions are created, stories are shared, and memories are made.

For decades, this special place has brought family and friends together, serving as a backdrop for everything from summer weekends and holiday gatherings to conversations about the future and dreams yet to be realized.

Legacy is about more than what we leave behind. It's about what we build, share, and pass along to future generations.

For many families, financial planning helps make those dreams possible, protecting the people, places, and experiences that matter most.

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Before we sign off, we have one more reason to celebrate: both Dak and Floyd, the dogs we featured from Capital Humane Society, have found their forever homes!

August has been full of reminders that good things happen when people come together and care for one another.

Here's to a wonderful September ahead!

Hugh and Jo

Additional Insights

From Jolene to Islands in the Stream: Dolly Parton's 10 best recordings

The late star created some of the most beloved country and pop songs in American music.

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Longevity preparedness and retirement planning isn't just about money. See how home security, technology and trust can help you age-in-place and live independently longer.

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As retirement gets closer, one of the biggest questions is how the savings you've built will eventually turn into income.

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