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Beautiful West Newbury is again honoring life in the hills of Vermont and on the rivers as well. A four-person Halloween costume, the Bedell Bridge, inspired the theme, Building Bridges, bridges being the great connectors between places and people. The Bedell Bridge will put in a cameo appearance at the parade (10:30). This year's exhibit, Bedell and Beyond: The Bridges of Newbury Town, features a sizable model of a new

## Building Bridges: The 36th Annual West Newbury Summer Festival

bridge destined for a Tucker Mtn. trail and photos, mementos, and talks on the Bedell and other Newbury bridges. Festival favorites are back: a walloping Silent Auction, the White Elephant Sale (pick your price), live music, a tasty and bountiful picnic under the tent, and the Festival parade led by the VFW Color Guard and the Summertime Marching Band. Even if you haven't been bad you can get your Just Desserts, the finest of local bakers' offerings, to top off your day. Anticipating good eat-



ing to come, start the day with the 5K Fun Run, sponsored by the Friends of Tucker Mountain. Register at the East parking lot ahead of the 8:30 sharp start. The run summits at the meadows with spectacular views of the Whites in NH. Lots of runner categories means lots of prizes! Trails are also open for hiking and

the Storywalk, a favorite for children. At 1:00, Through a Sheep's Eyes, Shepherding in the 21st Century, features Tunbridge-based butcher, shearer, and shepherd Mary Lake. She'll describe how her shepherding practices help feed her community, improve the soil, and maintain a happy, healthy flock. West Newbury shepherd and spinner Marianne Dube will give a history of sheep-raising in our community. Parade participants are welcome. Please observe the theme and reg-



ister ahead with ckidder28@gmail.com. Lineup is at 10:15 at Tyler Farm. The Summer Festival is organized by the West Newbury Hall Committee. All proceeds support the Hall and its projects. It's all happening around the Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Road, West Newbury VT. Information at westnewburyhall@gmail.com or 802 505-5281. For the 5K folks, same email or 703 608-1827.

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# TRENDY Dining Guide



## Celebrate Summer's End with Art, Music, and Food at the Final First Friday of the Season!

Celebrate the end of summer with an evening filled with art, music, and community spirit at the final First Friday of the season on August 2nd! From 5:00 to 9:00 pm, stroll down Main Street and Porter Street/Mill

Street in downtown Littleton and experience a vibrant showcase of local talent. Live music will fill the air on Main Street and Porter Street as you explore art pop-ups and more! This month Cata-

mount Arts Main Stage will feature Mal Maiz and Pablo Flores. Porter Street will be a bustling pop-up art walk featuring local artists and a delectable selection of food trucks. Don't miss the exciting opportunity to contribute to the NoCo Mural Project by participating in their community mural painting happening near the Main Stage!

For more information, including event details, maps, and parking options, visit [www.littletonculturalarts.org](http://www.littletonculturalarts.org).

Join us for a delightful summer send-off and celebrate the vibrancy of Littleton!

A special thanks to Woodsville Guaranty Bank for their unwavering support of the arts in our community.



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Event Details:

Date: August 2nd, 2024  
 Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm  
 Location: Downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter St.  
 Admission: Free and open to the public  
 For more information about the Littleton Cultural Arts Commission and its First Friday

events, please visit [www.littletonculturalarts.org](http://www.littletonculturalarts.org) or find us on social media @littletonculturalarts

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All meals include bread, milk & juice

Coffee Bar is open from 8:00-3:00

- 8/1 Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread
- 8/2 Cheeseburger with bun, French fries, black bean salad, fruit
- 8/5 Broccoli, mushroom & cheese strata, sweet potato, cauliflower, fruit
- 8/6 Chicken penne pasta, green beans, milk
- 8/7 Assorted Pizza, tossed salad, spinach, fruit
- 8/8 Pork chops, baked potato, carrots, oatmeal muffin
- 8/9 Meatball sandwich on WG roll, mixed veggies, French fries, fruit
- 8/10 Saturday/Open Mic food at 5:30 music at 6:00
- 8/12 7:30 Men's breakfast ~ 11:30 lunch: Chicken parm, orzo pasta, peas, garlic toast, fruit
- 8/13 Tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, rice & beans
- 8/14 Chef's choice entrée, potato, Brussel sprouts, fruit (Music by The BOYZ @11AM)
- 8/15 Hot dogs, beans, summer squash, corn bread
- 8/16 Baked fish, arroz con queso
- 8/19 Chicken curry casserole, rice, broccoli, fruit
- 8/20 Ravioli, zucchini, tossed salad
- 8/21 HMSC 24th Anniversary BBQ Lunch
- 8/22 Chili w/beans, carrots, banana oat muffin
- 8/23 Chef's salad, meat, cheese, eggs, Aztec grain salad, fruit
- 8/26 7:30 Men's breakfast ~ 11:30 Lunch: Breakfast sandwich, meat, egg, cheese & veggies, hash browns, fruit
- 8/27 Ranch cous-cous with veggie, spinach
- 8/28 Shepherd's pie, beets, blueberry oat muffin
- 8/29 BBQ pork chop, bread stuffing, green beans w/red peppers (special entertainment by Craig Calkins @11AM)
- 8/30 Mac & Cheese, carrots, pumpkin muffin, fruit

## HMSC Activities for August

Every Monday: 9:30 Chair Yoga, 1:00 Drums Alive, 1:00 Cards & Cribbage  
 Other Mondays: 8/5 & 8/19 @ 10:00 Grief & Loss Support, 8/12 & 8/26 @ 7:30 Men's Breakfast,  
 @ 10:30 Candy Bar Bingo, 8/26 @ 1:00 Dementia Support,

Every Tuesday: 9:00 Plastic Canvas, 9:30 Bone Builders, 9:30 Interfaith Chat, 12:30 Discovery Bible Group, 1:00 Food Pantry, 1:00 Popcorn & Movie, Music by Jane Wilcox from 10:30-11:30  
 Other Tuesdays: 8/6 @ 10:30 Woodsville Eyecare will be here to check & clean glasses,

Every Wednesday: 9:30 Chair Yoga, 10:00 Food Pantry, 10:30 Games & Puzzles, 1:00 Bingo, 1:00 Drums Alive.  
 Other Wednesdays: 8/14 @ 10:00 Veterans Coffee & 8/14 at 10:30 Ask a Nurse 8/21 @ 10:00 Book Discussion  
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Every Thursday: 9:30 Bone Builders, 10:00 Color Doodles, 1:00 Food Pantry, Music by Phyllis Vogel from 11:30-12:30  
 Other Thursdays: 8/8 @ 12:30 Hymn Sing with Byron  
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The movement of the financial markets can seem mysterious — and yet, if we look back over long periods, we can see definite patterns that consistently repeat themselves. As an investor, how should you respond to these market cycles? To begin with, it's useful to know something about the nature of a market cycle and its connection to the business or economic cycle, which describes the fluctuations of the economy between periods of growth and contraction. Issues such as employment, consumer spending, interest rates and inflation can determine the stage of the business cycle. On the other hand, the market cycle refers to what's happening in the financial markets — that is, the performance of all the different types of investments.

The market cycle often anticipates the business cycle. In other words, the stock market may peak, or hit bottom, before the business cycle does the same. That's partially because the financial markets are always looking ahead. If they foresee an event that could boost the business cycle and help the economy, such as the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates, they may become more "bullish" on stocks, thus driving the market up. Conversely, if the markets think the business cycle will slow down and the economy will contract,

# How should you respond to market cycles?

they may project a decline in corporate earnings and become more "bearish" on stocks, leading to a market drop.

Once you're familiar with the nature of market cycles, you won't be surprised when they occur. But does that mean you should base your investment strategy on these cycles? Some people do. If they believe the market cycle is moving through a downward phase, they may try to cut their perceived losses by selling stocks — even those with strong fundamentals and good prospects — and buying lower-risk investments. While these "safer" investments may offer more price stability and a greater degree of preservation of principal, they also won't provide much in the way of growth potential. And you'll need this growth capacity to help reach your long-term goals, including a comfortable retirement.

On the other hand, when investors think the market cycle is moving upward, they may keep investing in stocks that

have become overpriced. In extreme cases, unwarranted investor enthusiasm can lead to events such as the dotcom bubble, which led to a sharp market decline from 2000 through 2002.

Rather than trying to "time" the market, you may well be better off by looking past its cycles and following a long-term, "all-weather" strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and need for liquidity. And it's also a good idea to build a diversified portfolio containing U.S. and foreign stocks, mutual funds, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities and other investments.

While diversification can't protect against all losses, it can help protect you from market volatility that might primarily affect just one asset class.

Market cycles often draw a lot of attention, and they are relevant to investors in the sense that they can explain what's happening in the markets. Yet, when it comes to investing, it's best not to think of cycles but rather of a long journey — one that, when traveled carefully, can lead to the destinations you seek.

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# OBITUARY: Francesse A. (Chamberlain) Powers



Woodsville, NH – Francesse A. (Chamberlain) Powers, 87, passed away at her home with family by her side, on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. She was born on December 31, 1936, in Barre, VT, to Eula (Boardman) and Herbert Chamberlain, Sr.

She spent her childhood in Wells River in the apartment house beside St. Johnsbury Trucking, where her father worked as a manager. She graduated from Wells River High School in 1956. She married Dale Powers on January 27, 1956, and was soon blessed with twins with three more little ones to follow giving her “five under five” as she would often say.

Francesse devoted herself to keeping a loving home for her family but had plenty of hobbies to occupy her as well. She was an avid reader, especially of Danielle Steel novels. She liked to cro-

chet, bake, work on her puzzle books, antiquing, and was always on the lookout for nesting hens to add to her collection, she enjoyed snowmobiling in the winter and working in her vegetable garden in the summer.

She and Dale loved to travel. Together they roamed the countryside in their motorhome and managed to make it to 49 states, and all of the Canadian providences. They liked to visit casinos whenever they could. There were several years they spent winters together in the sunny warmth of Florida.

Francesse was predeceased by Dale on June 22, 2018, after 62 years of marriage; her son Alan Powers on June 3, 1978; her parents, Eula and Herbert Chamberlain, Sr.; her siblings, Herbert Chamberlain, Jr., Marion Darby, Irene Chamberlain, and Merlene Chamberlain.

Her memory will be cherished by; her children, Gary Powers of North Haverhill, Debra Millay and Roger of Union, ME, Anita Locke of Newbury, and Mary Fitchett and Christopher of Grafton; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; her sister, E. Ida Colburn of Mississippi, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Calling hours will be Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 1 – 3 PM at Ricker Funeral Home in Woodsville, NH, with a funeral service to follow at 3 PM, followed by interment at the Bath Village Cemetery.

To offer the family an online condolence on the life of Francesse, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

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## 3rd Friday Monthly

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Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River

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### PICKLEBALL

Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM

Saturday mornings at 9:00-10:30 AM

### LINE DANCING every Wednesday evening

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### ANTIQUÉ STROLLERS WALKING PROGRAM

Monday – Friday from 11:00-12:30

Clifford Building, North Haverhill

**FOLK MUSIC JAM** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10am, Pope Library (Community Center) in Danville, VT. "Back porch style", sit in a circle and take turns choosing a tune/song. Listeners welcome. For more info or to confirm date contact (library) 802-684-2256 or (Vicki) 802-535-6069.

## Upcoming Events

Event Details:

Date: August 2nd, 2024

Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm

Location: Downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter St.

Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information about the Littleton Cultural Arts Commission and its First Friday events, please visit [www.littletonculturalarts.org](http://www.littletonculturalarts.org)

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## Lisbon Area Historical Society Robert Frost - The Franconia Years 1915-1920

August 1st

7pm

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## South Ryegate Senior Meals

August 6: Ham

"Boyz" will be playing

Mash Potato

California Vegetables

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August 13: Lasagna

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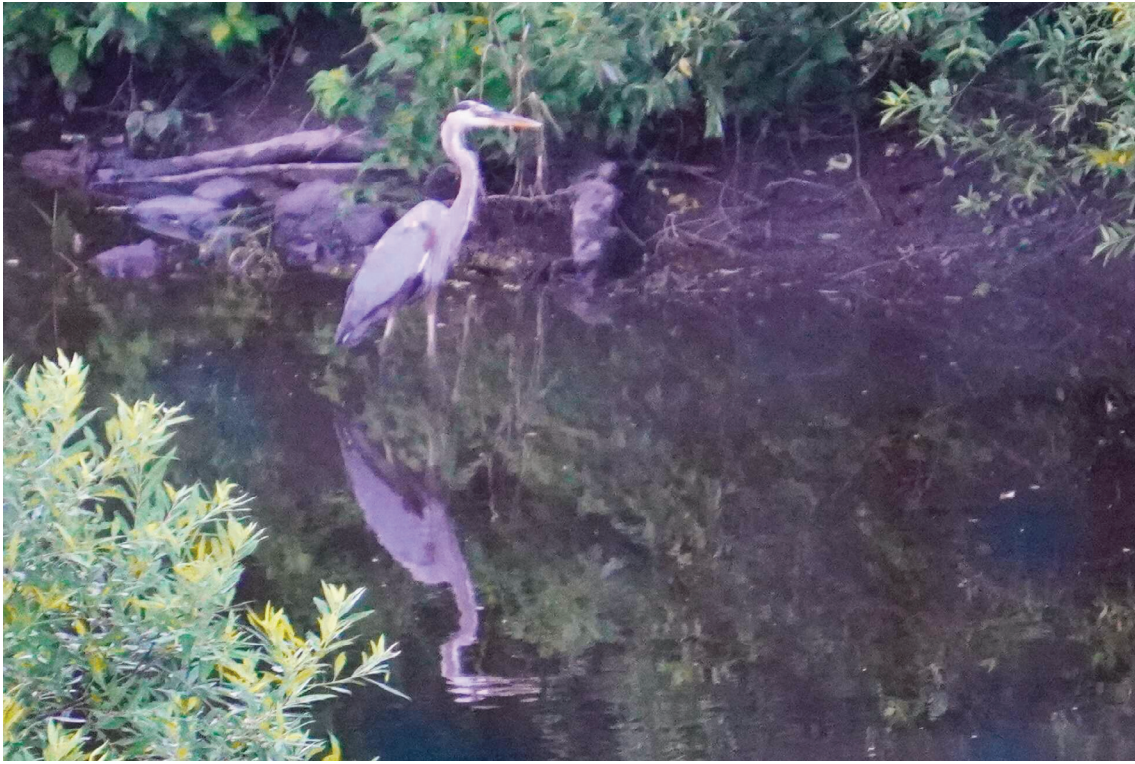
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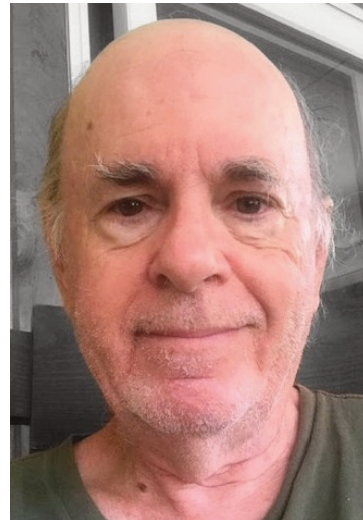
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# Mark Roberts to present Robert Frost – the Franconia Years 1915-1920 at the Lisbon Area Historical Society Museum on August 1 at 7pm.



impact Franconia had on his poetry. Attendees will gain insights into Frost's personal experiences, his connection to the local community, and the themes that permeate his work from this era. This presentation promises to be a captivating journey into the world of one of America's greatest poets.

Mark Roberts, a retired Littleton, NH school teacher, is not just an educator but also a passionate poet and author. During the summer, he brings his enthusiasm to The Frost Place Museum and Poetry Center as a docent. "I am thrilled to share my love for poetry and provide insights on the life of Robert Frost during his Franconia years at the LAHS event," Mark Roberts exclaimed.

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Mark Roberts will explore Frost's daily life, his creative process, and the profound

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## OBITUARY:

### Gloria Jean Darling

her approval.

Gloria was well taken care of by her mother until Irene's own health began failing. At which time family and one spectacular caretaker, Betty Lackie, began taking turns caring for them both. Gloria was able to stay at home until the final year of her life when she moved to the Grafton County Nursing Home. There she was loved by residents and the staff, who gave her kind and special care. And Gloria blossomed in her new home where she was happy and content. She was often seen wheeling herself to her cherished spot by the nursing station where she could sit and watch people work, one of her favorite things to do.

Gloria loved red and if given a choice would always choose a blouse or a dress in that color. She loved to wear jewelry or a pretty clip in her hair and would often draw your attention to a necklace or bracelet until you acknowledged how pretty it

looked.

Gloria attended meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses along with her family from the time she was a young child. Although she could not hear what was being said she always wanted a personal copy of the program and had a smile for those who greeted her.

Everyone who knew Gloria has a story to tell of how she seemed to know more than she might be given credit for; and her family and friends look forward to the day when she can tell us her life story in her own voice.

Gloria was predeceased by her father, Delton Darling, and is survived by her mother Irene Darling. She is also survived by her 5 sisters, Ina Desorcy and husband Alan, Donna Pelletier, Linda Richardson, Virginia Shevlin, Marilyn Wysocki, and her brother Malcolm Darling and wife Caroline. She is also survived by 14 nephews and nieces who all loved and treasured her and by many great nephews and nieces.

The services for Gloria will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 431 Rum Hill Road, Bath, NH on July 27th, 2024, at 11 am.

To offer the family an online condolence for Gloria can visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

## YAHOO'S BY ANY OTHER NAME

### Maggie Anderson

I am in Kansas City at the moment busily packing, hoping to get to the airport early tomorrow morning for my flight five and a half hour delay like the one I was treated to on my way over here.

I was hoping to change my focus for a few days, keep myself from thinking about what awaits me upon my return - and what we were greeted by when we got back from our winter digs.

We had uninvited visitors while we were away for the winter. Brutes. Yahoos with no regard for anything or anybody. They were not bears this time, just brutes - with less intelligence than bears, and far less empathy as well.

They sneaked up from behind the house and used the woods to hide their movements. When they gained entrance, they knew our neighbors would wonder why there were lights on in our empty house, and not wanting to be stopped before they finished what they came for, they covered the front window with a large black plastic garbage bag.

Evil works best in the dark, and anyone who destroys another's home in such a manner is the epitome of evil.

They did not just hunt for things they thought had value, they literally trashed every single thing in the house. There was not a hat box, a tool box, or a bookshelf they did not dump onto any surface nearby in their efforts to rummage through everything and toss aside all

they did not want.

They took all of my vintage clip-on earrings, I'm assuming they plan to take them to the Orford Flea Mart, or auction them off on ebay. I have collected them for years. Not a single pair will bring more than four or five dollars, but I wore a pair every day and it was a shock to discover not a single pair was left in either of my trays, though their greed made them sloppy and they dropped one single earring on the floor.

They stole things that did have value, things we cannot replace, but in all the shock and sadness - as if having lost our little place in Oregon to the forest fire was not enough - they took one thing from me that has absolutely no monetary value, but the sentimental value cannot be measured.

About 50 years ago, when Hank's folks were living way out in the country, his dad took a slab of old barn board about four inches thick and fashioned it into a cutting board for me. He rounded the corners, sanded it down to a mirror smoothness, oiled it and attached four legs, made from the Mediterranean spindles from the mill he and Hank were working in at the time.

It was a present for my birthday.

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# Vote Todd Eck for Grafton County Sheriff Time to sign up for

## So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival

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Todd bases his life in and out of his uniform on truth, integrity and community.

Todd states that "The truth is the chief corner stone of the foundation in which all other values will be set upon. The truth leads the way to continuous success. Any endeavor that does not recognize and abide in the truth will fail".

As defined, integrity means "Doing the right thing even when no one is looking". Now police officers are held to a higher standard. Even though everyone should live by this principle, police officers are held accountable to this and must lead by example. But more than that, this principle must be "woven in the fabric of their soul". Todd's record, accomplishments and who he is as a person, are DEFINITELY evidence of him being a man of integrity.

Todd puts his love for his fellow man above everything. By choosing to protect the community law officers put their lives on the line on a daily basis. Something as simple as a traffic stop can turn deadly and tragic in a second, depending on who is in the vehicle. Todd chose to put his life on the line for the majority of his life when he entered this profession.

Todd actually retired in 2017 and chose to continue to work in a part time capacity. Soon after he was asked to be the Chief of Police in Bath where he is serving. And now, Todd was asked to run for Grafton County Sheriff by his colleagues. Being called out of semi-retirement to be the Chief of police and now for the position of Sheriff speaks VOLUMES of who Todd is and what the law enforcement community thinks of him!

Lastly, Todd has a strong faith in God. This is the foundation for everything in his life. All you have to do is to talk to Todd or meet his family and you will see God's love, warmth, strength and a genuine sincerity that radiates from all of them.

Todd is truly a dedicated law enforcement professional who will benefit the citizens as well as the law enforcement community of Grafton County. Vote for Todd!

Alex Foryan 298  
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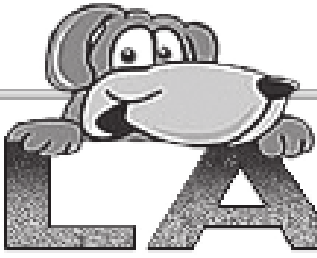
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# Letters To The Editor:

Education and Indoctrination  
To the Editor,

Look around and you'll see lawn signs displayed beside others supporting conservative candidates that say something like "Education - Not Indoctrination". Those signs always make me laugh and shake my head.

The "indoctrination" these people believe is happening is that our public schools teaching slavery existed in this country, that there is still racial bias in our society today, that gay and trans people exist, and that there are more religions here than just Christianity.

Here's a news flash for these people: all of this is called History and Civics, things that our children need to know so they understand how our country has become the nation it is today.

Spanish philosopher George Santayana famously said in 1905, "Those who cannot remember the

**Rachael,**

***Those that are making a career of teaching our children and grandchildren need to have the support of all of us, whether parents or not. Our children are our future. Our future should be based on the truths of the past, as well as the mistakes of the past. The children, therefore, need to know all the good and the bad of our collective past in order to know what to do, or not to do in the future. Let me liken this to only giving your tax preparer only your income and none of your expenses, or vice versa. The answer will not be nearly as helpful as if you gave all your information.***

***Speaking of information, be informed before you go to the polls either in the primary, or in the general election. Then make your voice heard by casting your ballot.***

**Gary Scruton, Editor**

past are condemned to repeat it." Teachers today live by that rule.

Teaching all of this to our children is not indoctrination. Creating laws that say our teachers can't teach them IS indoctrination - indoctrination into the neo-conservative belief system that says it might make Caucasian kids feel bad that Caucasian people in our past enslaved human beings because of the color of their skin; that learning that gay and trans people exist might make them gay or trans; and that being anything but Christian is bad. THAT is indoctrination - by omission.

Teaching history to our children is not indoctrination no matter how much conservatives want to skew the truth to make you think it is. They just want our children to be indoctrinated into their belief system and not reality.

Rachael Booth  
Landaff, NH

**HARRIS HURRAH!**

To The Editor,

OK, it's a whole new ballgame now, the presidential race. President Biden has withdrawn and there's a new batter leading the Democratic home-run lineup, Vice-President Kamala Harris.

America had better get used to hearing and saying, "Madame President", and "President Harris" because she just might win against disgraced, twice-impeached serial liar Trump.

Sure, there are some folks who will never vote for a woman at the top of the pack just because she is a woman. Just as there are some folks who will never vote for a black woman at the top of the pack just because of her skin color.

Nothing I say or write will ever change the point

**Robert,**

***At the time of my writing this reply I have not heard that candidate Harris has chosen a vice-presidential candidate to join the ticket. The election of a president in our day and age includes that vice-presidential election. All or none, one might say. Again, in today's political atmosphere, who that candidate is could well make a difference to some voters. I will say again, what I have been saying. Do your homework, know the candidates, make a sound decision, and cast your ballot.***  
**Gary Scruton, Editor**

of view of people so crippled by ignorance and hate. They are satisfied to quick-sand wallow in racist prejudice and sexual bias by their premeditated stupidity. Those folks are pretty much the way they are for the same reason I am not - it's the way we were raised.

Besides being vigorous, articulate, and intelligent, what dose the current Veep have going for her? Harris spent years as a potent District Attorney in Alameda County, California. She prosecuted child sexual abuse cases, among others.

She also taught law at Stamford University, professor Harris. Then, for 6 years, she was the elected Attorney General of California - she worked for criminal justice reform, consumer protection, en-

vironmental justice. She went to bat for civil rights, in voting, immigration, and for folks in the LGBTQ plus community.

Then she was elected to the U.S. Senate, and after that of course, to the Vice Presidency of our country. She was one half of the most successful pragmatic executive teams in recent history.

Compare that to poor sorry Trump. He recently backed out of a previously agreed-to debate because now he is a multiple convicted felon who did not want to face an assertive prosecutor on stage. Couldn't handle it.

Harris is the future, Trump the unhappy divisive past. Let that angry old dog lie.

Robert Roudebush  
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# Letters To The Editor:

Nick De Mayo for County Commissioner !

To the Editor,

I believe that Nick De Mayo would make a fantastic county commissioner. Nick is a resident of Sugar Hill (he and his wife have lived there for over 20 years) and is currently the Chairman of the Northern Grafton Republican Committee. During this time as Chairman, he has displayed great leadership, dedication and a commitment to excellence. Nick combines his leadership, communication and organizational skills with a passion and drive to lead our organization in supporting local and national candidates. Nick epitomizes the term "workhorse" and goes above and beyond as the

**Alex,**

**It is refreshing to receive a Letter to the Editor that talks about the reasons to vote for a candidate, or talk about the good things a candidate has done. It is much better reading than the negative filled letters that so often**

Letter To The Editor

I've had it with the complete ignorance of some people.

If you watched the most watched news network and most trusted, you would educate yourselves enormously. And that's Fox News at 6:00 pm.

So, as I see it, both of you, Rachael B. and Robert R. endorse what the left is for and here are a few examples.

1. Open Borders

2. Indoctrinating our children in public schools from first grade up about their sexuality, and critical race theory which has done nothing but wholly divide our beautiful Nation.

3. Weaponizing our justice system against anyone who disagrees with the way they think on their policies.

4. Pushing their WOKE

leader of our group. He truly "leads from the front". He is pro active and stays very informed on all of the issues. He definitely "has his finger on the political pulse" of New Hampshire and our nation.

Nick is very skilled with budgeting and is very prudent and calculating when it comes to spending money. Nick is appalled by the taxes that Grafton County residents have to increasingly pay due to the frivolous spending going on. As a county commissioner, Nick will fight to stop the unnecessary spending and lower taxes. He will truly be the voice of the people.

Nick's communication with our groups' members is flawless. He disseminates all pertinent information on a timely basis

**abound in the politics of Representatives, including County government positions. For Vermont residents that date arrives in just a couple of weeks, August 13 is the date that the Green Mt. State will choose their partys' nominees.**

**Let me mention that Tuesday, September 10 is primary day in New Hampshire. Voters will have the first chance to vote on their representatives for offices from US Senate all the way down to local State**

agenda into our military, result: young people enlisting in our once great military has drastically reduced resulting in the Dems proposing to restart the draft.

5. Reflecting such a weak persona around the globe only emboldened Iran to enable Hamas to invade Israel and as a result over 1200 innocent men, women, children, and babies raped, tortured and murdered in front of their children and mothers and fathers. Also, with Russia invading Ukraine murdering thousands upon thousands of innocent men, women, and children and including kidnapping well over 5000 Ukrainian children and bringing them into Russia for adoption.

6. Don't be surprised if you see China try to take Taiwan before the No-

mation on a timely basis and researches diligently all of the issues, legislation and actions of our government to keep us informed. As County Commissioner he will effectively communicate with the taxpayers and keep them informed of all that is going on. Nick believes strongly that our government is for the people and by the people. It's not something to be conducted in secrecy behind closed doors.

Nick was an educator for 35 years in Rhode Island teaching in public schools, adult education (for single moms and drop outs) and the prisons. In NH, he was a coordinator of religious education and also served as a Loon Mt. ski instructor.

Nick is an active participant

**in the world.**

**As I have done before, I en-**

7. As we can not get our budget under control, the Dems have let well over 15 million Illegals cross our border into our homeland completely unvetted. Of which now we are feeling the consequences with these many murderers, child molesters, thieves, etc.. attacking our police and our citizens.

8. The Democratic Party and especially the puppet masters in the White House which in my opinion are the Extreme Far Left in complete control have pulled the wool over your eyes for 4 years now. Who have been hiding in plain sight that this President has been and is not the acting President of this country right now. He (President Biden) is not mentally capable to tie his own shoes let alone run the most powerful nation

in his town of Sugar Hill and attends all of the town meetings as well as the school meetings in the adjacent towns. He was a member of an ad-hoc budget committee.

Earlier in life, he proudly served his country as a member of the US Navy. It's quite evident that Nick's heart lies in serving his fellow man, community and country. His whole life truly exemplifies this. As County Commissioner he will focus on the benefit and welfare of the Grafton County residents.

Nick De Mayo is definitely the man for the job! I truly believe that Nick would not only be a great County Commissioner, but also a great representative

**in government or even the**

**As I have done before, I en-**

I gather you are in full support of the Dems inflation since he took office well over 25%. Not to mention first time hopeful homebuyers unable to afford said dream because of interest rates floating at 7% plus. Not to mention with the Dems de valuing the dollar by 25% it also makes many renters that are renting an apartment and those in need of an apartment are finding it unaffordable because of the skyrocketing rents.

In my opinion, if Donald J. Trump were President this never would have happened.

Also, I would like to say there are staunch differences between some Democrats and Republicans and these are just a few in my opinion. I will admit that not all Democrats are ignorant to the

head of any small business. He possesses the skills and ability to lead, organize and operate any entity successfully.

Lastly, Nick proudly states that "I have faith in God, I have faith in America, I have faith in New Hampshire, and I have faith in the people of this county to 'right-the-ship.' I am asking that you put your faith in me, by selecting me to serve as your Grafton County Commissioner."

We all need to put our faith in Nick. We need a man like Nick De Mayo.

Alex Foryan  
Landaff, NH

**courage everyone to be involved enough to know who is on the ballot and to seize your opportunity to let your voice be heard at the ballot box.**

**Gary Scruton, Editor**

facts and they can see this President and Vice President have done more damage to our Country

Republicans hang our Flag proudly at our homes, businesses, cars, etc. A good many (not all) Democrats chose to tear them down, burn them, and hang Palestinian flags in their place.

Republicans see America as a glass 1/2 full while Democrats see it as empty and hopeless.

Republicans support Israel and her right to exist. A good many (not all) Democrats support Hamas and Gaza.

Republicans are for a very generous up to a 6-month limit for abortions unless rape, incest, or the life of the mother is in danger. Democrats support up to and including after birth abortions.

**JD,**

**Let me make another suggestion for those looking to get their news from TV networks. Watch all three, and then some others. In my humble opinion, every network**

**has its own way of presenting the news, as well as what news they choose to present. In order to get a full picture of what is happening one needs to get information from more than one source. It's similar**

**to getting more than one estimate on a job you want done in your home. You may have your favorite, but it still helps to check around.**

**The November election will be important, but so also will**

**be the upcoming primaries. Be informed and cast your ballot.**

**Gary Scruton, Editor**



Five-time Grammy Award winner, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, returns to The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, on Sunday, August 4th at 8:00 PM.

For 60 years, South Africa's five-time Grammy Award winner, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves, and charming onstage banter. It was Paul Simon's 1987 Graceland album that introduced Ladysmith Black Mambazo to the world. The late former South African President Nelson Mandela designated the group "South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world," a title the members carry with them with the highest honor.

In 2018 the group received not one but two Grammy Award nominations for two separate albums, a first in the history of World Music. These two nominations brought their career total to 19 Grammy Award nominations. One of these albums, Shaka Zulu Revisited, won Best World Music Album. This was the group's fifth Grammy Award win, the most for any World Music group. In 2019, Ladysmith Black Mambazo collaborated for the third time with the famed Steppenwolf Theatre Company on a production entitled Lindiwe and released an album with songs from the show.

"We are so thrilled to welcome this incredible group to Bethlehem," said Susanna Brent, The Colonial Theatre's Director of Programming, "it is such an honor to share this slice of the world with the North Country."

Ladysmith Black Mambazo has performed for millions of people, singing a message of peace, love, and harmony. With their 2024 re-

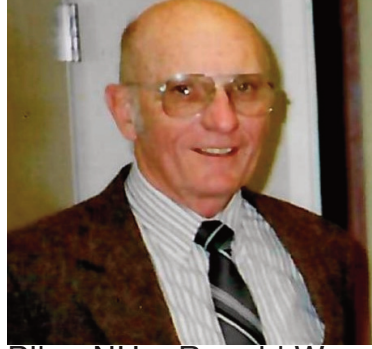
## Ladysmith Black Mambazo Returns to The Colonial Theatre

lease, Soothe My Soul... Songs From Our South African Church, the group puts their own spin on gospel music.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo will take the stage at 8:00 PM, Sunday, August 4th. The Colonial Theatre doors open at 7:00 PM for drinks on the patio. Tickets are \$44 for members of The Colonial, \$52 for non-members, and \$68 for premium seats. Ticketing fees apply for non-member and premium seats. Tickets and membership information are available at BethlehemColonial.org. The performance of Ladysmith Black Mambazo at The Colonial Theatre is sponsored by MLK & Company and Co-Sponsored by Persimmon Consulting.

The mission of the Friends of the Colonial is to inspire and invite participation in the cultural conversation by preserving and improving its historic landmark theater, providing high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offering a vision of small-town revitalization based on the arts.

To learn more about The Colonial, or to become a member or volunteer please visit BethlehemColonial.org. While you are there, sign up for regular email updates or follow The Colonial on Instagram (@bethlehemcolonial) or Facebook (Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial).



Pike, NH – Ronald Wesley Collins, 88, of Lime Kiln Road passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the Grafton County Nursing Home.

Ronald was born January 17, 1936, in Providence, RI. Raised in Rumford, Ronald graduated from East Providence Senior High School and attended the University of Rhode Island, graduating with a degree in Animal Husbandry. He worked for many years with the Whiting Milk Company as a field representative based in Boston, MA, and Bradford, VT. He and his wife Janet started a local Sunday School in Newbury, VT, and became founding members of the Trinity Nazarene Church in North Haverhill, NH. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, trained as a combat medic, and served at Fort Riley, KS, and Fort Lewis, WA.

He served in many roles within the Christian community including Pastor of the Nazarene Church in Leicester, VT and ran a community outreach center called the Fish House in Brandon, VT. For many years he served as a Sunday School leader, substitute Pastor, church camp organizer, and leader serving God and his Christian community where called. In 1975 he moved his family to Brandon, VT, and worked in the school system, retiring as the District Transportation Coordinator. Having a background in the farming industry, in his retirement years he moved back to New Hampshire and worked with his son on the Collins Family Farm in Bath. He resided in Pike, NH, and continued to serve as a

## OBITUARY: Ronald Wesley Collins,

Church Elder with the Grace Assembly of God Church in Woodsville, NH.

He is pre-deceased by his wife Janet, (2021) and daughter Barbara Jean (1962) and he is survived by; two sisters, Marilyn Henck and Priscilla Horton; five sons, Malcolm Collins, and wife Sue, Paul Collins and wife Tammy, Kerry Collins and wife Laurie, Galen Collins, and wife Lorie, and Kyle Collins and wife Kasey; as well as 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Their love of children, family and those in need has been embodied by the numerous foster children, foreign exchange students and families that they have accepted into their homes and lives throughout the years, including Ge Wang of Seattle, WA and Irene Moiseeva of the country

of Georgia.

The surviving family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff of the Grafton County Nursing Home for their compassion and dedication to their craft. Calling Hours will be Friday, August 2, 2024, from 1 to 2:30 with a memorial service to follow at 2:30 at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street Woodsville, NH, with Reverend Alan Thompson officiating.

Those who wish may make donations in memory of Ronald Collins to Grace Assembly of God, PO Box 25, Woodsville, NH 03785.

To offer the family a condolence on the life of Ronald, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# New HAMPSHIRE HOUSE UPDATE

By Rick Ladd - Haverhill

## Legislative Update:

### Math Preparation for Career and College

Math preparedness of students graduating from high school and entering college is a long standing challenge. Years ago, this routinely resulted in large numbers of students placed in remedial, or developmental math courses in college which functioned more as a barrier than a bridge to post-secondary success. While the colleges have evolved their practices and approaches to supporting under-prepared students, the gap from secondary to postsecondary still exists, but with the integration of several math courses that are part of the "NH State Math Learning Communities" program, students are receiving help that strengthens and expands their mathematical knowledge.

During this past legislative session, the New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) received state funding to restart this very successful program, after grant funds had stopped several years ago. Woodsville High School was one of 37 NH schools participating in the initial program.

For those sophomores who have previously completed algebra I, but who lack a strong foundation in mathematics to successfully complete algebra II, the Math Learning Communities Program (MLC), pursuant to RSA193-1, provides an alternative pathway toward learning foundational skills necessary for college and career.

The Community College System New Hampshire is holding its first professional development reboot event for high school mathematics teachers on Friday, August 16, at NHTI's Grappone Hall in Concord. The program is sponsored by the Math Learning Communities Program. Targeted audience includes teachers of juniors and seniors, math curriculum developers, principals, and district administrators who are passionate about improving their students' readiness for the math they will use in college, their careers and life.

In the past, this very successful, statewide, two-tiered program helped students who

struggled with mastering mathematical concepts or failed to thrive in math courses using conventional instructional methods. The new Tier One course will continue to help students strengthen and expand upon their prior knowledge and abilities in order to apply fundamentals using innovative teaching methods emphasizing discovery modeling, applied reasoning, and practical applications of the skills learned. The Tier Two course, taken as high school seniors, will continue to challenge students with new math concepts emphasizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will be taught at the secondary level for both high school and college credit through the Community College System of New Hampshire Early College Program.

More information about this program can be found at <http://www.ccsnh.edu/mic>

Respectfully Submitted,  
NH Rep Rick Ladd

## Notice of Candidacy



I am announcing my candidacy for one of two seats in the NH House of Representatives for Grafton County District 5 consisting of the towns of Landaff (my hometown), Haverhill, Benton, Piermont and Warren. I am running with Dustin Vigneault of Haverhill.

You know me from my occasional Letters to the Editor in this paper and you know how thoughtful I am and how I fact-check everything I say, carefully choosing my words in order to clearly get my point across. Now I need you to get to know me better.

I am a Navy veteran who served as a Chinese and Arabic linguist for 9 years during the Vietnam War, and afterward worked for 30 years as a Computer Scientist programming and designing software systems for the Navy's AEGIS Shipboard Weapons Systems. As part of my job, I also worked closely as a manager with high ranking American and foreign Naval officers, giving me the experience and ability to work with people of differing opinions and backgrounds.

I am an elected member of the Landaff selectboard, giving me small town municipal management experience as well. I am also a teacher, a musician, and the author of three books.

As your representative in Concord, I will be a

strong advocate for women's reproductive rights; I will make sure that our children's education is not censored by extremists; and that every New Hampshire resident is treated with respect and dignity no matter their race, religion, sexuality, or gender identity. I will fight to make sure that government and religion remain separate and that not one taxpayer dollar is used to send our children to religious-based schools using the state's school voucher system.

I have the experience and the drive to do the very best job I can working across party lines to get things done for the residents of District 5 and our state, no matter your party affiliation. I will represent everyone.

If you believe in rights, fairness, and equality, please vote for me and my friend Dustin, an Iraq War Army veteran in November. We are both endorsed by VoteVets. We won't let you down and we won't forget about you after the election like most politicians you're used to.

For more information on my stances on the issues, please go to my FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559960836420>.

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# Stovetop Garlic Shrimp

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? The remnants of Hurricane Beryl hit my area bad. There are so many roads that are washed away and bridges collapsed. It's quite an ordeal to get around. I've been suffering from a toothache and I use Island Pond Dental and the first time I attempted to get there there was a shooting in Burke and the road was closed with no detour. They were very understanding. The second time I attempted to get there a Rt. 2 bridge collapsed and the whole area was closed. Again I had to cancel my appointment. Finally for my third at-

tempt I found out a way to get around all the closures, it was by way of China but I made it. Now all the while I was dealing with a toothache and swollen face. When I got there they took me in right away and as soon as the dentist saw my tooth he said it was cracked and infected and it needed to be extracted. I had no time to worry, he numbed me up and pulled it out. I didn't feel anything. I'm still a bit sore but healing nicely. Thank you Dr. Parenteau and the entire Island Pond Dental staff. So glad it's over. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. It

comes together fast so I recommend gathering all your ingredients first so everything is at hand. Just like they do on cooking shows on TV.

- Ingredients**  
 1 lb large or jumbo shrimp peeled and deveined  
 2-3 Tbsp olive oil  
 1/2 tsp salt or to taste  
 6 cloves of garlic minced finely  
 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes  
 3 Tbsp lemon juice  
 1 Tbsp brine from green olives or capers  
 2 Tbsp cold butter cut into 4 pieces  
 1/3 cup chopped flat leaf parsley divided  
 1-2 tsp water for sauce

When you clean the shrimp also take the tail shell off because it makes it easier to eat. Heat oil in heavy skillet over medium/high heat. Place shrimp in hot oil in one layer on bottom of pan and cook for 1 minute without turning or stirring. Add salt, garlic and red pepper flakes and toss around cooking for 1-2 minutes. Add lemon juice, brine and 1 piece of butter and cook for 1 minute until butter melts. Add remaining butter, lower heat and cook until butter melts sauce is thick and shrimp are

pink and opaque about 2-3 minutes. Remove shrimp with slotted spoon and set aside. Add slowly 1-2 tsp water to sauce and mix. If you don't need 2 tsp use just 1. Serve shrimp topped with sauce and remaining parsley. I forgot to tell you to add half of the parsley with the garlic. Sorry.

That's it you are done. It comes together fast and is easy peasy and "Delicioso". I served mine over Jasmine rice and cooked some carrots sliced and seasoned them with butter and maple syrup. Voila, your family will love it and

you will be a star! I hope you enjoy. You can certainly use more shrimp if you want to feed a hungry family. I got 3 dinners from this recipe. Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give this a try and enjoy. Until next time I am signing off. Sincerely, Cin Pin

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