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## Annual Haverhill Town & School Meeting

by Gary Scruton

The town of Haverhill and the Haverhill Cooperative School District will both return to traditional in person meetings on Saturday, March 12. Both entities will also have traditional ballot voting for officials on Tuesday, March 8. The polls for that voting will be open from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm at the Morrill Municipal Building.

The Town Warrant will be the first to be discussed and voted on by the residents of Haverhill. The doors to the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School will open at 8:00 am for residents to enter, be checked in by the Supervisors of the Checklist, receive ballots for anticipated voting during the meeting, and to find their seats before the beginning of the meeting itself at

9:00 am.

The warrant itself contains some thirty-three articles. (Last year's meeting actually had 34 articles on the war-

The first article deals with the election of officials. Normally results from Tuesday will be announced at that time. The second article is the acceptance of annual reports. Article three would reinstate an Advisory Budget Committee appointed by the Town Moderator. A note here that current Town and School Moderator, Jay Holden, is not running for reelection. In fact no name will appear on the ballot for moderator. Write-ins are welcomed.

Article 4 is the Operating Budget for 2022 and is the largest single monetary item.

It appears that after article

4 petitioned articles 27, 28 & 29 will be moved up in the meeting and will be voted on by ballot vote after discussion. These articles refer to funding for the Woodsville Highway Department. Woodsville Fire Department and the transfer of those two entities to the town.

Article 5 thru 9 refers to various Capital Reserve Funds. Either funding established ones or creating two new ones.

Articles 10 thru 14 concern the purchase of various town vehicles.

Article 15 will allow the voters of Haverhill to once again let their feelings be known regarding the Dean Memorial Airport which is owned and operated by the town of Haverhill. Specifically this article refers to the per-

manent closing of Airport road at the south end of the airport landing strip.

Article 16 is the first of seventeen petitioned articles. The first is in reference to the lease/purchase of a backhoe for the town highway department. This article does not have full support either way from the selectboard. It is recommended by a 3-2 vote.

Article 17 thru 26 continue to be petitioned articles. They are all from non-profit groups looking for various amounts of money from the taxpayers of Haverhill for a wide variety of services provided to the residents of Haverhill. Amounts range from \$500 to \$24,000.

The next three articles are also by petition. Articles 30 thru 32 are not recommended by the selectboard, though

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one member is in favor of Articles 31 & 32. All three articles again pertain to the Woodsville Fire Department, Woodsville HIghway Department and the Woodsville District as a whole.

Plans are to finish the Haverhill Town Meeting in time to begin the Haverhill School Meeting at 1:00 PM. It is reported that food and beverages will be available for purchase at the school during the time between the two meetings.





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# TRENDY Dining Guide

The Joy of Dining Out

by Gary Scruton

I received an email this past week that made me stop and do some thinking. (Yes that is possible). The note was from John S. who stated that he and his wife had recently moved to the area from "several hours south". Not knowing just where to go out to dine they actually decided to visit some of the places that I have written about in this column. In my response to John and his wife I pointed out that the reviews in this column are part of a contract that Trendy Times has with our advertisers below. They pay to advertise in the Trendy Dining Guide, and as part of that agreement I visit their establishment once or twice during their contract period and then write a column about our dining experience

I will say again here that I am not a food critic. I simply enjoy food. Not all foods, but many. And when dining out you get to pick just the food you want and you need not worry about hurting the feelings of a relative or friend that has cooked for you.

In fact, even though I have only done so once or twice in my memory, you can even send food back to the kitchen if you are truly displeased with what has been served. Of course that has its own set of ramifications and endings.

Another point I will make is that Janice and I do visit eateries that are not advertisers in the Trendy dining Guide. As a pair of older adults we are able to "eat out" on occasion without a special reason. On those occasions we do have some

places we like and others that we may not go back to visit. We also have some that we have yet to experience, but have on our "to do" list. Time will tell if we ever manage to visit them all, but I believe in always having a list of things to do, or places to visit. It gives me something to look forward to.

With that I will tell a bit of a story about one such place we visited recently that is somewhat of a regular, but still we have not visited for some time, especially considering the change in habits over the past two years.

It was a Friday evening and though we were headed for one establishment (we found that they had closed for a few days) we ended up visiting this long established eatery.

As in the past we waited inside the front door at a po-

dium for the hostess to come out and lead us to a booth. One our way to that seat Janice noticed that the two couples in the next booth were people we knew. We did not interact at that time but we did have a short and interesting conversation after they finished and were on their way out. (I told you I would probably not give away too much about what talking you folks were about).

Our hostess left menus and our wait staff person soon came over to take a beverage order. We had already made up our minds about our food choices for the night and so gave those at the same time. Janice chose a two piece broasted chicken meal. This gave her a choice of dark or light meat (Light), french fries and a side order (3 bean salad ). My taste buds convinced me to go with the liver and onions meal. (Yes, I do like my liver and plenty of onions. If cooked right it is good indeed) I got the mashed potatoes as the side.

It did take a bit for our simple glasses of water to show up. In fact they finally appeared after the meals came to our table and we asked for them again. But the meals were hot, properly prepared, and we both were able to send back plates that had seen their contents fully consumed.

One other aspect of this particular establishment that I enjoy is the fact that they offer a senior citizen discount. We did notice that our friends in the next booth got their discount without asking. (The waitperson said that it appeared obvious) Janice and I needed to ask for ours, which we considered a very nice compliment. With that discount our meal came to \$24.98. On this occasion we were paying for the meal with cash and did not have the right change for a tip. So we put some money out with the slip and allowed the waitperson to take it to the register and bring us back change. We were then able to leave a cash tip on the table before we left.

I am not mentioning the name of this establishment because this establishment is not a part of the Trendy Dining Guide. So if you guess who this business is, please mention the Trendy Dining Guide, perhaps it will show up again in this column.



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## **Meaning of Freedom**

by Jane Grimes (age 87) Written in 1952 as the Valedictorian of her class.

Freedom - Have you ever given deep thought to what this word really means? do you realize what might have happened to our country if we had not gained our independence in 1776? We should be filled with thanks for those people who gave so much so that we might have our freedom.

The word freedom means being independent to talk, to act, to write, to think and to go to the church of our choice without restriction or regulation from anyone. Let me review some of these freedoms for you.

First, we have freedom of speech, which means the right to express our own opinions and also to disapprove or contradict anyone else's. Of course, this right is regulated. No one may use false evidence to destroy a person financially or politically without being punished. Freedom of speech does not give an individual the right to shout "Fire" in a crowded theater.

Second there is freedom of Religion. This means without hinderance we have the right to worship or not according to our own preference and understanding. Not only is the individual free to worship as he wishes, but religions themselves are free from restraint and have equal consideration regardless of their size or the nature of their beliefs. The first attempt to get religious freedom was made by Constantine in the year 313 A.D. Many people from all countries have fought through the ages for this freedom, but the United States was the first country to obtain it.

Next, there is freedom of the press. We can have our opinions and ideas put into writing to be distributed. This

right is somewhat subject to conditions. censorship to prevent people from printing corrupt ideas that would aid in the overthrow of the government. Few countries have this right today. Many countries regulate their presses by executive laws.

As we all know, economic jealousy is one of the causes of war. Before we can obtain international peace, all the causes of war must be eliminated and people in every country must have the freedoms of speech, religion, and press. We must strive for economic understanding throughout the world in order that we, and the people of other countries will have a life of peace and security, without fear.

Another of our freedoms is the freedom from want which invites our search for security - having shelter, and enough to eat and wear at all times whether we are out of work or too old to work.

We also have the right to think and do what we believe is right if, in so doing, we do not hurt other citizens or violate the law.

Property rights is another important freedom. If we are lucky enough to buy and own a home or other property, we are protected by law. For example, our next door neighbor may not plant tomatoes in our front lawn or even walk on it unless we give him permission. We own the property, and we can say what will be done

The right to negotiate with employers is another freedom that we have. If we feel that working conditions are unsatisfactory we can go to our employer and ask for improvements. If he thinks that the conditions are all that they should be, and we still do not agree with him, it is our privilege to stop working for him and look for a better position with better working

The last freedom that I shall mention is the freedom of opportunity. Even though we might be born one of the poorest persons in the United States, we have the chance to rise to the highest of ranks - the Presidency, with hard work, honesty and truth. Lincoln's life, which is an outstanding example, is quoted to us in the lower grades. We first learn in the first grade that Lincoln lived civilization. miles from worked hard, and always told the truth, that he had to borrow the books he read and read them by firelight, that he had the courage to improve himself, and even though the odds against him he rose to the position of president of the United States. In our country we can set a goal and by hard work, courage, honesty and loyalty, achieve it.

Of course we must not interpret the word freedom to mean that we can do anything we wish, at any time or against anyone. Our duty to the community rises far above all other rights. We must have a consideration of the rights and opinions of others.

And so, once again we are reminded of the fundamental freedoms that we in this great nation have been granted through the toil and efforts of the millions of people, past and present, who have, and are still making many sacrifices to help us to keep these freedoms. Don't sit back and wait for the other fellow to do this job for you. It is your responsibility. Consider the struggles of men and women in the countries that are being ruled by the steel hand of fear and hate. Consider your position and work every moment that you have - to keep these precious freedoms.

## A Month in Italy --5

by Elinor Mawson

Today we started off for the biggest lake in Italy, about 20 miles from Umbertide. We went over some mountains and through valleys that were spectacular. You could see for miles and there were farms and vineyards all over the place. Lots of castles too. The roads were smooth enough but there were s-curves and switchbacks and by the time we got to the lake I was sicker than a dog. They walked around for half an hour or so, but I sat on a bench and entertained a cat that was all over me like a cheap suit. My stomach got somewhat better and I rode back in the front seat which

The lake was almost deserted. There was a small camping area where a family was camping in a trailer. They had a laundry hanging out that would have outfitted a small city. There were a lot of party boats parked there; I think they were there for the winter. A flock of ducks were swimming nearby and when they moved they half swam and half flew over the water: it was a funny sight.

Yesterday the girls went to Gubbio and loved it. It was at the top of a hill and there was a lot of walking involved. Gubbio was supposed to be one of the first towns built after "the Flood".

The next day we went to Assisi and yes, it was on a hill. We had to park down below the basilica and walk up a winding path and then negotiate a long flight of stairs. The basilica was

worth the trip - lots of frescoes by Giotto and some others. We also saw the frescoes that had been restored after the big earthquake of 1997. Many of them are not restored yet

I was really amazed that I could negotiate the stairs and hills in Assisi. It was a lot of walking and climbing but somehow I did OK.

Today we are eating leftovers so there will be nothing here when we go to Venice tomorrow.

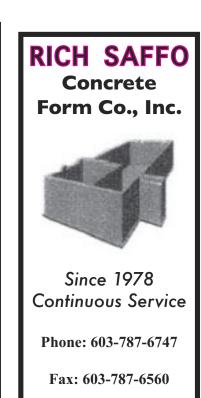
You guessed it - we were in Venice during the flood and it was the most interesting part of the trip. We got there on Sunday after the water had gone down for the day, but when we got up on Monday it was up there. People were walking on the imegement boardwalks and eg wearing very high boots. We saw a guy wearing black trash bags and holding them up - it was so funny. At night trash bags and holding them we went out to eat and when we left the restaurant we were caught in the high water and got our feet wet.

Venice is nothing but a huge sewer with a city built on it. (Please don't tell anyone this). It is a fascinating place with fabulous architecture and wonderful shopping, cafes, and great public transportation. We 3 took the "vaporetto" which is like a subway system only on the water. We bought a 3day ticket and could ride forever, which we did. You can sit inside or outside and the people watching is phe-

My next column will tell  $\frac{20}{20}$  about what we did in Venice  $\frac{20}{20}$ My next column will tell and more about the city.



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## The Content of Education Adequacy

Since the middle of January, the house education committee has heard 103 bills and acted upon 70. Issues such as the dissolution of cooperative school districts; the wearing of masks in schools; policy relative to parent access to curriculum and educational resources used in schools; education choice including home schooling, charter schools, and education scholarship accounts (education freedom accounts); school board meeting procedures; mandatory legislation requiring all school districts to provide breakfast; and much more have been addressed. Topics such as these involve hours of testimony either in support or against. These topics often reflect the same contentious concerns heard nationally.

There are: however, a number of educational proposals and needs that have received unanimous support. As mentioned previously, career technical education legislation to improve student access and to better align school calendars is moving forward. Granite State College has been merged into UNH. Homeland Security and the Department of Education will receive statutory authority to strengthen and further support school district emergency plans. Statutory language to reduce lead in drinking water under the authority of the NH Department of Environmental Service will better support schools experiencing water system issues. The bill injects reporting accountability for required follow-up lead

testing samples.

In respect to HB1671, I expect Amendment 0807h, as introduced by me, to be approved during the first week of March by a bipartisan vote. This amendment replaces all language within bill as introduced. HB1671 as amended states, "the opportunity for an adequate education shall be defined as rigorous academic study and applied leaning in the following core knowledge domains." Core learning domains (known to many as subject areas), are part of adequacy and will continue to be funded through the state adequacy formula. Content areas include: (1) English/language arts and reading, (2) Mathematics, Science, (4) Social studies, including civics, government, economics, geography, and history, (5) Arts education including Music, (6) World languages, (7) Health and Wellness, (8) Physical Education, (9)Engineering and technologies including technology applications, and (10) Personal finance literacy. It is

sciences and digital literacy will be integrated into the 10 core learning domains noted above as these tools are now used in just about every aspect of daily life as well as in teaching the 10 learning domains. Lastly, logic (thinking skills) and rhetoric (written and oral communication skills) shall also be integrated throughout the spectrum of the 10 learning areas. Previously, social studies did not note the 5 important content areas within this study; however, subjects such as geography, history, etc. are necessary components to adequately teach about our world. The NH Bankers Association along with the Business Industry Association (Chamber of Commerce) were instrumental in supporting the inclusion of personal finance literacy which is currently a requirement associated with the 1/2 credit economics course required for high school graduation.

expected that computer

Amending language to HB1671 will strengthen the content of adequacy, support student leaning and compliment the Claremont School District and Londonderry School District Court decisions.

Respectfully Submitted, NH Rep Rick Ladd Chair, House Education

## Bonanno Announces for Mt. Lakes Commissioner To all the residents of the Deputy Director of Emer-

Mtn. Lakes. My name is Mike Bonanno and I am declaring my candidacy for Commissioner of Mtn. Lakes. I've lived in Mtn. Lakes for a little over 17 years. I've served on the Recreation Committee and Planning Board. I am presently the Chairman of the Planning Board. I've been involved with the Town of Haverhill serving as a Selectboard member and for a year I was the Vice-Chairman of the Selectboard. Presently I am serving as

the Deputy Director of Emergency Management and currently Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. I will be holding a meet and greet at the Mtn. Lakes Lodge on Lodge Lane off of Valley Road on Saturday March 19th. From 12pm until 2pm. Please come out and hear my ideas and share some of your ideas on how we can make Mtn. Lakes a better place to live.

Thank you and I hope to see you on the 19th. Mike Bonanno

## NGCRC March Meeting & Video Presentation

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at the Littleton Elks Club, Lodge #1831, 42 Main Street, Route 302, Bethlehem, NH. Refreshments and socializing will be at 6:00 PM, and the meeting and presentation will begin at 6:30 PM.

The topic of the video presentation will be entitled "Enemies Within", narrated by Trevor Loudon. This enlightening presentation should help viewers to assess whether or not their New Hampshire U.S. Senators and Representatives are currently involved in the corruption taking place in our government in Washington, D.C.

Republicans and Like-Minded Conservatives are Welcome to attend. Interested persons may contact janicenovak@myfairpoint. net or call 603-823-5011. Keep New Hampshire RED!









## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF HAVERHILL

2022 TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

James R. Morrill Building VOTING 8 AM to 6 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

Town Business Meeting
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School
9 AM to 12 Noon

#### **OPEN ELECTED POSITIONS INCLUDE:**

- Selectboard (2 seats open)
- Town Moderator
- Trustee of Trust Funds
- · Supervisor of the Checklist
- Treasurer

## Governor Howard Dean Endorses Democrat Molly Gray for Congress

Burlington, VT — This morning, via video announcement, former Vermont Governor Howard Dean endorsed Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray for Congress.

"There are a number of excellent candidates running for office this year to fill Vermont's lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Molly is the only candidate with direct experience working in and with Congress. She is the only candidate who has run, won, and served statewide," said Governor Dean adding, "Molly is also the only candidate who has extensive foreign policy experience, a critical qualification for a strong member of Congress. Molly is the right leader in the right moment for our brave little state, and she has a proven track record of service and bringing people together to get things done."

Governor Dean served six terms as Vermont's Governor from 1991 to 2003. He was a democratic candidate for President in 2004 and went on to serve as Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Today, he remains a national and international figure in democratic politics and serves on the Board of the National Democratic Institute.

"Governor Dean has been a strong and visionary leader in the Democratic party in Vermont and nationally. As Vermont's Governor he fought for universal healthcare for Vermont children and marriage equality," said Gray. "Governor Dean knows what is at stake in this election and that we need to elect a Congresswoman who will be ready to deliver for Vermont's working families on day one. I'm proud to have earned Governor Dean's support and deeply admire his career of service."

Lt. Governor Gray serves as Vermont's 82nd Lieutenant Governor. Grav announced her candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives on December 6, 2021. A January 2022 poll conducted by Vermont Public Radio and Vermont PBS showed Lt. Governor Gray ahead of opponent Senator Becca Balint by 23 points among Democrats. In the first 25 days of her campaign, Gray raised over \$318,000, topping the field.

If elected in 2022, Gray would be the first woman in Vermont's history to hold federal office. More information about Gray's campaign for Congress can be found here - https://mollyforvermont.com

## The Colonial Theatre Reopening May 7th at 100% Capacity with Live Music

The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH is pleased to welcome audiences back into its auditorium at full capacity this May. The Colonial's 107th Season of arts presentation will see the return of concerts, comedians, and special events as part of the Live! @The Colonial series, in addition to film and Kids! @The Colonial events.

The Colonial will kick off its season with Letters from Iraq, a special Live! performance by Grammy nominated oud master Rahim AlHaj and The Portland String Quintet on Saturday, May 7th. Emmy Award-winning comedian, author, and actress Paula Poundstone returns to The Colonial on Friday, May 13th

The Colonial Theatre is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment in the Theatre as audiences reunite at full auditorium capacity for the 2022 season. The Colonial has completed the installation of a brandnew HVAC system that includes an iWave-C commercial-grade ionizing purifier. This air purifier works in tandem with the HVAC system's filters and will run for all events in the theatre. "We are excited to have completed this critical infrastructure improvement, which allows The Colonial to open at full capacity for the 2022 season" said Christine Kelly, Executive Director.

"We were humbled by the response to our call for support on this project, and will move forward with pride as we continue to build and preserve our cultural center" Kelly continued.

The Colonial Theatre is a

mixed-use venue, presenting both film and live events. To accommodate the widest variety of programming possible, it has developed health and safety policies for concerts, films, and special events. The most notable change for this season is that proof of vaccination will be required for Live! @The Colonial events. Seated masking requirements for Live! shows will vary as some visiting artists may require masking throughout an event, while others may not. Please check each event page at BethlehemColonial.org for masking requirements. The Colonial's health and safety policies are subject to change as the pandemic and public health guidelines evolve. For full details on The Colonial's reopening strategy, please visit The Colonial's health and safety page: BethlehemColonial.org/healthand-safety

"To our members, donors, volunteers, community partners, Board of Directors, and everyone in The Colonial family who has supported our Theatre throughout this challenging time — thank you. We can't wait to see you this spring!" Kelly added.

The mission of Friends of the Colonial is to preserve and improve this historic landmark theatre, provide high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offer a viof small-town revitalization based on the arts. To learn more about upcoming movies and events, purchase tickets, become a member or volunteer, or for full details on The Colonial's reopening strategy, please visit www.BethlehemColonial.org. While you are there sign up for regular email updates or follow The Colonial on Instagram (@bethlehemcolonial), Facebook (Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial) Twitter (@ColonialNH).



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## Calendar of Events

EVENTS FROM LOCAL NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS. PRESENTED FREE BY TRENDY TIMES.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN MEETING DAY Most locations 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Your local town hall / check for details

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM

4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30 AM - 4:45 PM by appointment National Guard Armory, Bradford

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

HAVERHILL TOWN MEETING
9:00 AM See Ad on Page 4 & Article on Page 1
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

ACT GUIDED WALK 10 AM See Article on Page 9 Foss and MacCornack-Evelyn Forests

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 1:00 PM

Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

PEACHAM LIBRARY COFFEE HOUR 7:00 PM Via Zoom

GRAFTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN LINCOLN-REAGAN DAY DINNER Indian Head Resort in Lincoln.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER 10:00AM-5:00 PM Cash Games All Day Moose Lodge 1779, St. Johnsbury

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM

Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

UNIT #20 AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM

4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

NORTHERN GRAFTON COUNTY REPUBLI-CAN COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM Coffee, 6:30 Meeting Littleton Elks Club, Lodge #1831, Bethlehem See Article on Page 4

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION 4:30 PM See Article on Page 7 Davies Memorial Library, Lower Waterford, VT.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING 7:00 PM VFW HALL, NORTH HAVERHILL

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES
Maiz Vargas Sanduval Trio
The Listening Center, 490 Lower Plain, Bradford

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

TED STONE BENEFIT CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT 10:00 AM See Ad on Page 7 American Legion Home, Woodsville

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

WOODSVILLE WELLS RIVER 4TH OF JULY 7:00 PM

Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River

#### **EVERY SUNDAY**

BETHANY CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 AM "the church set apart on the hill" Mt. Moosilauke Highway, Pike, NH phone: jo anne at 603-787-6658

### WEEKLY EVENTS AT CLIFFORD MEMORIAL BUILDING

South Court Street, Woodsville Antique STROLLERS WALKING PROGRAM Monday – Friday from 11:00-12:00 MOVEMENT AND STRETCH CLASSES Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1:00 – 2:00 PM PICKLEBALL

Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM Saturday mornings at 9:00-10:30 AM LINE DANCING every Wednesday evening 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CORNHOLE LEAGUE. October 27 at 7:00 & 29 at 6:30. November 1 & 5 at 6:30, 10 at 7:00, 12, 15 & 20 at 6:30. 24 at 7:00, 26 & 29 at 6:30.

## ATTENTION All Non-Profit Groups, Schools & Towns

Your notice of upcoming meetings, fund raisers or other gatherings can be listed FREE in our Calendar of Events. Just send us the date, name of event, time, and location. You are also welcomed to send along a Press Release for possible inclusion in Trendy Times.

Best of all there is no charge for either of these services.

## North East Motor Sports Museum Announces 2022 Event Schedule

LOUDON, NH: The 2022 outdoor events schedule at the North East Motor Sports Museum (922 NH Route 106, Loudon NH, 03307) kicks off with the inaugural New England Racers Reunion: All Eras Race Car Show on Saturday April 16th. Each of the museums events are essential fundraisers to help meet financial obligations so we can continue our mission of New England motor racing preservation, education and inspiration.

After a two year absence, the museums annual race car show returns to the spring. The event has been rebranded as the New England Racers Reunion and now welcomes all eras of race cars to display on Saturday April 16th. The event will feature best appearing awards and unique artifact displays from various mobile auto racing museums from across the region. The event takes place on the same day as the Northeast Classic at Hampshire Motor New Speedway. This will allow race fans to stop by the museum in the morning and then continue on to watch the stock car and modified

LOUDON, NH: The 2022 races in the afternoon on the Parker-Coraine Best of stdoor events schedule at one mile NHMS oval. Show Trophy as we honor

The month of June sees the return of the annual AMA Gypsy Tour Motorcycle Ride to benefit the museum on Sunday June 12th. The tour starts in Laconia, laps around the NHMS road course and concludes with a tour of the museum. Hundreds of American made muscle and classic cars and trucks will once again take over the museums parking lots on June 25th with the popular NH Muscle Cars car show. The visit by NH Muscle Cars moves to a new early summer date.

The museums annual all vehicles car show "Hot Rods, Muscle and More" will take place on August 27th. Car and truck owners will vie for the second annual

Show Trophy as we honor two integral museum supporters. 20 trophies in total will be up for grabs for supporting vehicle owners. The 2022 outdoor event season will wrap up with the 4th annual Nor'Eastern Pontiac Club, Pontiac Day Car Show on September 24th. The event will feature multiple class awards for Pontiac, GMC and Oakland cars and trucks. Make sure to visit www.nemsmuseum.com throughout the year for all event details.

Saturday April 16th: New England Racers Reunion: All Eras Race Car Show

NORTH EAST MOTOR SPORTS MUSEUM 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Sunday June 12th: AMA Gypsy Tour Charity Motorcycle Ride

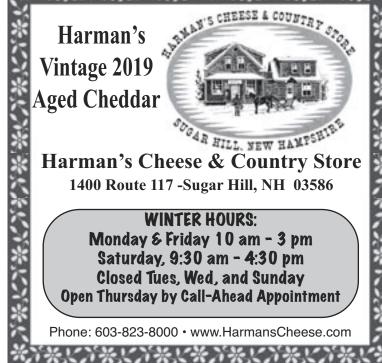
Saturday June 25th: NH Muscle Cars Car Show

Saturday August 27th: Hot Rods, Muscle and More Car Show

Saturday September 24th: Nor'Eastern Pontiac Club, Pontiac Day Car Show

About the North East Motor Sports Museum

The museum is owned by the Racing History Preservation Group, a 501-c-3 educational non-profit organization that seeks to discover, preserve and share the history of motorsports in New England. The 10,000 square foot museum opened in 2017 on the grounds of the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH. Call 603-783-0183 or visit nemsmuseum.com to learn more.



## **Historical Society Celebrates** Women's History Month

The Waterford Historical Society celebrates Women's History Month with a free presentation Wednesday, March 16, at 4:30 p.m. in the Davies Memorial Library in Lower Waterford, VT.

Donna Rae Heath will explain how Waterford residents helped, or not. Ver-19th mont ratify the Amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote.

Roberta Smith will provide tasting samples from a tea room cookbook of "suffragist" recipes. In the early 20th century, tea rooms often run by women, sometimes in their parlors – started to cater to female travelers. Tea rooms, plus cafes, rooms that served only lunch, and a few restaurants, also attracted female residents who could go out

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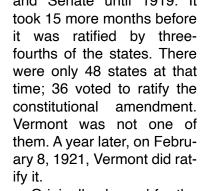
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in public without fear of being socially censored. Many venues became gathering places for suffragists to meet and strategize how to get the 19th Amendment passed.

First proposed in Congress in 1878, the amendment didn't pass the House and Senate until 1919. It

Originally planned for the 100th anniversary of Vermont giving women the right to vote in 2021, this program was rescheduled because of







## **Cribbage Tournament**

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## Ski, Shoe, and Fatbike to the Clouds **Sees Record Participation**

Pinkham Notch, NH - A record number of racers battled blustery winds and blowing snow on Mt. Washington at the annual Ski, Shoe and Fatbike to the Clouds event on Sunday, February 27th.

A sold-out three hundred participants registered for the event: 26 Nordic skiers, 93 snowshoers and a staggering 181 in the fatbike category.

Conditions of the trails and Auto Road were near perfect for the race, thanks to the goods from a timely snowstorm on Friday, Feb 25. Great Glen Trails grooming staff worked hard to pack the snow to create a solid packed powder base for all participants.

This event has truly become one of New Hampshire's most iconic winter sporting events. First held in 1997 as Ski to the Clouds, the race became regarded as "North America's Toughest 10K" as the final six kilometers on the Mt. Washington Auto Road gain 2,200 vertical feet.

Race organizers at Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center added snowshoe and fatbike categories in the past decade, which rejuvenated the race and demonstrated the burgeoning popularity of fatbiking and snowshoe run-

Fatbikers in particular are thrilled at the challenge, but not only for the climbthere's no other day in the calendar year that bikers are allowed to ride down the Mt. Washington Auto Road. One rider remarked, "that's the reward for the incredible work it takes to get up!"

The fastest time was recorded by fatbiker Brett Danderson of State 9 Racing from Lee, NH, who covered the course in a blazing time of 47 minutes and 39 seconds.





Tristan Williams had the second fastest time of 50 minutes and 33 seconds and placed first in the Nordic skiing category. Tristan participates in many other events at Great Glen including the weekly running series and Nordic Meister series.

The fastest snowshoe time was 56 minutes and 36 seconds put up by Jacob Wormald, a Gate City Strider from Nashua who bested his first place finish time from last year's race by over six minutes.

Other local racers included Theo Castonguay. who had the lead in the Nordic skiing division after the first four kilometers on the Great Glen trail system, and came in a close second behind Williams; Eric Nelson, fatbiker from Intervale, NH; Colin Pogue, Ford Sayer Nordic from Bartlett; and Madeline Ryan, snowshoe racer from Glen, NH.

After racers tackled the infamously steep course, they were able to retrieve a warm clothes bag transported to the finish line by the Mt. Washington Snow-Coaches. After skiing, snowshoeing or fatbiking down the Auto Road, participants were welcomed by warm soup or macaroni and cheese provided by The Butcher's Daughter food truck. The Butcher's Daughter owners also operate a store in Gorham, NH.

Whether on skis, snow- bike shoes or fatbikes, this year's race lived up to its reputa-

tion, testing the athletes as only Mount Washington can. Congratulations racers, but particularly to the winners of each division:

Women's Nordic - Alice Hotopp (Orono, ME) 1:09:56 Men's Nordic- Tristan Williams (Chocorua, NH) 50:33 Women's Fatbike-Angie Defilippi (Colchester, 1:13:02

Men's Fatbike - Brett Danderson (Lee, NH) 47:39 Women's Snowshoe-Amanda Quinlan (Manchester, NH) 1:05:27 Men's Snowshoe-Jacob Wormald (Goffstown, NH)

Results are posted on the Bart Timing website.

Racers can browse and purchase official event photos on Joe Viger's website.

A big "thank you" goes out to all the event volunteers who also had to brave the wind and cold during parking, bib pick-up, and at the finish line.

Thank you to all the spon-  $\frac{2}{5}$ sors, who helped to make ∞ this annual event such a 802 success! For 2021, those 80sponsors include the Glen House Hotel, Dion Snowshoes. Mountain Moat Brewing Company, Swix, Salomon, Friends of Tuckerman Ravine, and the Mount Washington Observatory.

More race details and information on the Great Glen Trails website: https://greatglentrails.com/ski-shoe-fat-



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## Haverhill Library Association Celebrates Completion of \$108,173 LCHIP-Funded Phase 1 Project

The Board of Directors of the Haverhill Library Association (HLA) is pleased to announce completion of the Phase 1 project to rehabilitate our historic 1840 building. The work was financed in part by a \$46,305 grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which requires grantees to finance at least half the cost of projects from other sources. HLA was delighted to receive generous supplemental grants from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation (\$25,000), and Samuel Hunt Foundation (\$7,000). In addition, a grant of \$2,500 from the Eversource Energy Foundation helped finance a renovation of our Adult Vault Room. The Library itself spent \$25,413 from its reserves on the project. In addition, several of the contractors and HLA added donated services valued at over \$4,000.

The Haverhill Library Association, Haverhill's oldest library, has finished Phase 1 of the rehabilitation of our historic building in Haverhill Corner. This phase focused on repairing the first floor framing and foundations, adding a moisture barrier and insulation in the crawl-space and a functional drip edge around the perimeter of the building. While this work was a priority to correct

a sagging floor and tilting bookshelves, its improvements are largely invisible, with the exception of the Library's Adult Vault Room where shelves and lighting were replaced and upgraded. Library patrons are delighted with the renovated Vault Room and the library encourages the public to come by and see for themselves. (LCHIP, denied funding for the shelf replacement, but other grants made it possible.)



HLA thanks the local contractors for their excellent Phase 1 work:

- American Barn and Building, LLC, contractor for most of the Phase 1 work;
- Schaefers Woodworking, LLC, who donated assistance in project planning and preparation;
- J.A. Mauchly Quality Workmanship, contractor for shelf replacement in the Adult Vault Room, and
- Black Hill Electric, contractor for rewiring and indirect LED lighting in the Adult Vault Room.

This spring, the Library will apply for a Phase 2 grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program to repair our slate roof, clean and repoint our external walls, and repair and replace the distinctive shutters and external woodwork. We hope to begin work by the summer of 2023. Contractors interested in all or portions of that new work should contact the library at mail@haverhillibrary.org.

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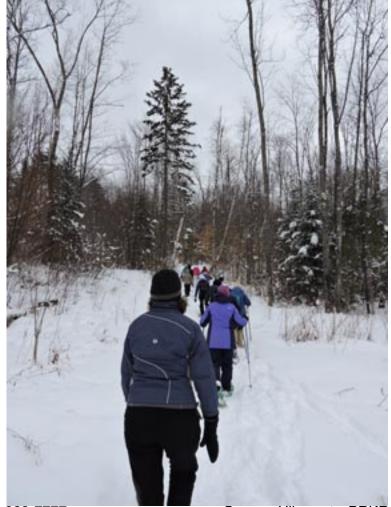
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This event is free and open to the public; if you're able, there is a \$5 suggested donation to support ACT's programming and conservation efforts in the region. Registration is required to attend. To sign up today go to act-nh.org/education-events or call the office at (603) 823-7777.

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### **Letter to the Editor:** Command of the English Language

To the Editor,

One of the highest signs of intelligence in the U.S. is having command of the English language.

However, it appears that Elise Drake is lacking drastically in this area. Each time she has responded to one of my Letters to the Editor, she continually misspells my last name. Hmmm....? I have been spelling my name correctly since I was old enough to write. I haven't petitioned a judge or a court to legally change my name. In all my writings to this, and other newspapers, I have always written my name consistently. Elise Drake is not a judge! She cannot arbitrarily change my name....it is a legal matter as well as a matter of my heritage and ancestry. I am not Hispanic. I wonder....maybe she's a racist?

Is this intentional, or does she really lack the ability to spell, or visually transfer information from one place to another? My last name is spelled "De Mayo." The "D" and the "M" are capitalized. However, Ms. Drake insists, and continually spells my last name "de Mayo" with a lower case "d."

The ability to spell, and the ability to visually transfer information from one printed page to another is a skill that hopefully is still taught in the elementary grades! Perhaps, Ms. Drake was absent from class on those days in which this skill was taught? Children, ages 6 -13, and older, should know the rules of capitalization and proper spelling. But, a lack of intelligence could be responsible for this repetitious (or intentional?) oversight on the part of Ms. Drake (not to mention that continuous, incorrect repetition of the spelling of one's name is disrespectful).

I would highly recommend, Elise, that you write my name COR-RECTLY 10 times each, or 20 times each if you really need to do so, and then have someone verbally ask you to spell or write my last emphasizing the lower and upper case letters in response. If you are successful, then you should have them place a "Sticky Star" on your forehead. Do try to spell my name correctly the next time vou address me personally, or respond to one of my writings, otherwise you look rather foolish.

Nick De Mayo Sugar Hill, NH

Nick De Mayo,

I have also had issues on occasion with the misspelling of my last name. And I may well be accused of playing ostrich, but I refuse to take it personally. We all make mistakes and sometimes we simply need to tell someone how they are wrong, not just that they are wrong." If you point out a problem, also be willing to point out a solution" is a saying I firmly believe in. Gary Scruton, Editor



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#### **Letter to the Editor:**

To the Editor,

There's an epidemic of stupidity happening in North Haverhill: people doing stupid things for stupid reasons. Millions of Americans refuse vaccinations and to follow simple protocols to protect themselves, their families, communities, and country from virulent disease and thus avoid illness. deaths, disability, and the spread of contagion and destruction of society's health systems. They chose to spend their time and energy demonstrating angrily against such measures, rudely assaulting neighbors at school board meetings and other public forums. Mass stupidity was recently displayed in the "freedom demonstrations" of truckers in Canada, praised by American Republicans and now being planned to resume in Washington D.C. on March 1, timed to disrupt President Biden's State of the Union Address.

These people claim to be acting on their personal freedom to do whatever they want. Most are followers of the Republican party's cult of Donald Trump, the former president and criminal sociopath who modeled corrupt behavior of breaking social rules and laws his whole life and got away with it because he was bailed out by his equally criminal wealthy father and other enablers and toadies and, possibly, by corrupt (bribed) public officials.

One example of the stupidity of this "freedom" reasoning lies in comparison of COVID-19 deaths in New Hampshire (with its asinine motto "live free or die") and Vermont: New Hampshire with twice the population of Vermont, has four times as many deaths because of the refusal of its Republicandominated legislature and

many of its Republican citizens to get vaccinated and follow public health proto-

Vermont's state motto, "Freedom and Unity," emphasizes the importance of community as well as individual freedom. I think the over-emphasis on "freedom" in America stems from its origins in a revolution from the autocracy of being ruled by a king; how ironic that the freedom-fighting Trump followers seek to replace our presidency with an autocratic king figure.

Complete freedom never exists. From childhood, individuals learn to follow rules to live within groups: family, community, country. I wish these deluded freedomfighters had to live within freedom-restricted truly countries (North Korea, Russia, China, Burma) and learn how stupid they are. Alice Morrison

Newbury, VT

Alice,

I have said before and I will say again that having freedom is a very important aspect of life. I am proud of the fact that not only do I have the freedom to answer your letter (and print it here), but you have the freedom to write it in the first place.

I will agree that some meetings have gotten

more contentious that need be in the past couple of years. Some can certainly be attributed to political views. But in the end, as the saying goes, "it takes two to tango". I strongly believe that staying civil and being willing to consider someone else's point of view are major components to any discussion worth having.

Gary Scruton, Editor

### **Letter to the Editor:** NH GOP Chair Stepanek Skirts Bylaws

To the Editor,

As a GOP State Party member and Chair of the Colebrook Area Committee it's been unfortunate to observe a convoy of continued anti-leadership and unethical actions by Mr. Stepanek. As an example, for the past four months he has actively encouraged Elliot Gualt to remain both the Executive Director and Assistant Secretary for the NH GOP. The Executive Director is a paid non-voting position, and the Assistant Secretary is a non-compensated voting position. NH GOP State By-

(Compensation) and (Conflict of Interest) are clear as the sky is blue: whoever is paid cannot vote, and vice versa.

During this week's Executive Council meeting, instead of leading integrity by immediately asking Elliot to resign as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Stepanek recited his interpretation of the "intents of the Bylaws." Doing so is neither his right nor his role. When the interpretation was challenged by a majority of the group, Mr. Stepanek stated he would ask his best friend and busilaws Article IV Section 3 ness partner to forge a legal Colebrook, NH

opinion. This person is not the official council for the NH GOP nor is he an appropriate choice.

Why does Mr. Stepanek want to entrench his grip on power so badly? Why did he lobby for a doubling of his salary? Why does he refuse to retain official legal counsel? Any reasonable, rational and Bylaw abiding Republican should deeply worried by the arrogance and fundamental disrespect exhibited by Mr. Stepanek.

Gary Whitehill

Thank you for speaking up and pointing out the questionable action of a leader. It matters not whether that leader has an R or a D after his or her name when it comes to politics. What matters is that rules are made for a reason. They then should be followed for that same reason. And when the time comes that someone does not

follow the rules, then they should be brought to task for that action or inaction.

Obviously this is something that will be decided within this particular group. It is not something that the general public can change. I can only wish you the best in your attempts to make everyone play by the agreed upon rules. Gary Scruton, Editor



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· Look past the headlines - Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections - there's always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct

The long-running coronavirus a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

 Avoid emotional decisions – Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

 Work toward multiple goals – At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be

investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you

can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

 Prepare for the unexpected – Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

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#### **Letter to the Editor:**

To the Editor:

I had the great pleasure to live in Ukraine from 2010 to 2014, serving as country director for the Peace Corps. I oversaw the work of some 1000 Americans of all ages who served across that nation, teaching English, developing communities, and supporting youth. I traveled throughout the country and found the Ukrainians to be warm, welcoming, and ready to embrace a better future after so many years of Soviet and Russian domination.

In my last year, we evacuated all the American volunteers just before the Russians invaded Crimea and areas of eastern Ukraine. I cannot begin to describe how heartbroken our Americans were to depart this nation they had come to leagues.

I returned to Ukraine in 2019 as part of an international election observer team organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The

election of President Zelensky was free and fair and totally consistent with the will of the Ukrainian people.

Now the Russian government has attacked again, and this time it is much worse. I want Americans to know that Ukraine is a beautiful country with so many warm and dedicated people. They want to embrace the key values of the Western world: democratic governance, a free press, and rule of law. This Russian invasion is in total opposition to these principles. a troubling effort to dominate by force another country that has done nothing to deserve this treatment.

I am heartened, but not surprised, to see so many Ukrainians putting their lives on the line to defend their country. Please extend love, leaving behind so prayers to Ukraine and supmany friends and col- port whatever our government can do to end this war and sustain a free Ukraine.

> Thank you very much. Sincerely, **Douglass Teschner** Pike, NH

Doug,

Thank you for writing this letter and therefore bringing the people of Ukraine into a better focus for those of us who have not had the opportunity to travel to that country or to interact with its citizens. It is one thing to watch on TV what is happening. It must be something entirely different when you know some of those people being shown, or are familiar with the towns or cities that are being destroyed.

As I believe most other Americans are also doing, I hope that peace with soon return, not only to Ukraine, but to all people around the world.

Gary Scruton, Editor

#### **Deborah Ann Williams: OBITUARY**

Deborah Ann (Hall) Williams, Lisbon, NH and Delco, NC, passed away on Thursday, February 3 after a brief illness. The youngest of three, she was born on November 8, 1954 to Katherine (Moore) and Gordon Hall in Pawtucket, RI. After graduating from Littleton High School, Deborah married the love of her life, Steven R. Williams. Raising two children and running a successful business they relocated to Delco, North Carolina for several years, continuing the business and celebrating the birth of 5 grandchildren, to whom she was "the best Grammy ever".

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Sheila and brother-in-law John (Foster). She is survived by her husband Steven R. Williams, her brother Richard (Lavon) Hall (Lacey, WA), and her sons Adam (Becki) Williams, Belville, NC and Kevin (Miranda) Williams, Delco, NC, grandchildren Hannah, Noah, Ethan, Kaya and Lela, as well as many nieces



and nephews including greats and great-greats.

Although family always came first, Deborah also enjoyed gardening, nature, puzzles and animals; she started each day with Yahtzee and coffee and rarely turned down a card game. Christmas was her favorite holiday and the Thanksqiving meal she made with love really just meant that it was time to put up the Christmas tree.

An afternoon Celebration of Life will be held at the home they shared in Lisbon, NH on June 29, 2022.

## **Choosing A Target**

by Maggie Anderson

The past several days have been nothing short of a nightmare, the kind you try to wake from, though you know escape is impossible. Sadly the world is wide awake for this insanity. It is so unthinkable we are left to wonder how much one person can hate another, how greed and blind hatred can lead someone to prove his worth and power by trying to crush the powerless. Only a coward targets women and children, or blows up quiet neighborhoods.

evening The news flashed back to a confrontation on the activity bus when I was a freshman in high school. Two upper class men were picking on a boy who was seated in front of me. He was a sweet boy, he had Downs syndrome and most of the kids in school looked after him, the two bullies were not among them.

I told them to leave him alone, to which they sneered and answered they were only teasing him. I told them they should try teasing someone better able to see what they were doing and better able to stand up to them.

I made it clear that if they didn't leave him alone they would have to deal with me. I was 4 feet 10 inches tall and weighed around 115

pounds at the time, so of course the two of them laughed in my face and went back to tormenting the little guy. They didn't realize their mistake until they made him

I jumped up, slugged the first one in the face only to find out later I'd broken his nose. When the grabbed me from behind I gave him an elbow up under his ribs, not sure what the noise was, but I'm sure he found out later.

The bus driver stopped the bus beside the highway and told them to get off and to find another way to school and back for the rest of the semester. The funny thing is they left the little guy alone after that, they kept clear of me for the rest of the year

Perhaps they should have more carefully chosen their victim that day, or maybe they should have more carefully sized up his protector. I lived with a houseful of brothers and I could bench press 200 pounds by the time I was fourteen.

A bully has to be sure he can crush his intended victim before he makes a move. I only wish Ukraine's protectors were able to land a punch or crack a few ribs before the world watches their country crushed by such a coward.

## "Outplayed"

Op. Ed. by Nick De Mayo, M. Ed. Sugar Hill, NH

Joe Biden, who claimed in his campaign for President that he would "...go toe-to-toe with Putin" was right...only Putin is the lead partner in this dance! Biden has been outplayed! Where does the blame for the invasion of Ukraine rightfully belong?

In the short run, the weakness projected by the current occupant in the White House is certainly a major factor. Knowing that Putin was cunningly and gradually surrounding Ukraine with his vast military apparatus from troops to tanks to missiles to ships to air power should have alerted the Biden Administration to "shore up" the defenses of the Ukrainian people long before this current incursion. The preparedness of Ukrainian defenses by the United States should have taken place months, if not, years ago when Putin stole the Crimea portion of Ukraine during the Obama Administration. Little was done.

Over the years, the Ukrainian government gave up its nuclear weapons as a sign of peace with Russia, while securing guaranties of protection from the West, primarily the United States. The Ukrainian government looked to join the NATO Alliance, but myths about a "pledge made by US Secretary of State James Baker to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 that NATO would not move east if the USSR allowed reunification of East and West Germany" promoted by Russia kept the West from accepting Ukraine's petitions.

Isn't it strange that the fall of Crimea to Russia occurred during the administration of Democrat Barak Obama, and the fall of the rest of Ukraine now occurs during the administration of Democrat Joe Biden. What did Putin see in both of these "leaders"?

As a former KGB operative, Putin was trained, and keenly aware of "sizing up" his opposition. Putin has a obsession with great "Mother Russia," and felt it was disastrous when the Soviet Empire known as the Soviet Union disbanded, and fell in 1989. He vowed to put it back together again. Little by little, he has accomplished his goal, right under the noses of the "leaders" of the West.

As we in the West change leaders under our democratic system every 4 years or so, Putin managed to stay in power eliminating his opponents through dreadful and treacherous means, including poisoning, and internment in Russian prisons. Even though he carries the title of President of Russia, and claims to be duly "elected," he, in fact, is a dictator much like Chairman Xi Jinping in China. It is said that the Kremlin is a barbaric, criminal enterprise! By remaining in that position consistently over the years. Putin gets to deal with different Western "leaders" some who project "strength," some projecting "weakness." I believe Putin "sized up" Biden when he met him in Switzerland in 2020, and found him to be "weak."

Why didn't Putin invade Ukraine while President Trump was in office? I believe Putin "sized up" President Trump, and intuitively sensed Trump's "projecting" strength as a deterrent to any move on the status quo. Trump's "tough talk" and "America First" policies "projected" strength, and Putin knew he would pay "a heavy price" if he challenged the power of the United States under Trump. With Trump in office, it must have occurred to Putin that his guy. Trump. was a lot like President Teddy Roosevelt whose slogan in office was: "Speak

softly and carry a big stick." Trump's "big stick" was his straightforwardness in his manner of speaking! He didn't "mince words." The message was clear to Putin, "Don't mess with the US with Trump in office!" "Now's not the time!" "Wait for a weakling." Along comes Biden, with his "Whisper, and wave a wet noodle!" mantra, and whom Putin knew while Biden was Vice President under another weak President, Barak Obama. It's from Obama whom Putin stole Crimea in 2014. Biden was well-suited for this "weakling" role for as Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense during the Obama Administration, said, "...Biden has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades."

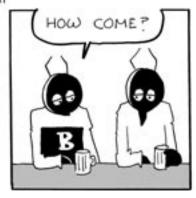
The Clinton / Democrat fiasco known as The Russia Collusion charging Trump with shady deals with Russia tied President Trump's hands to deal more openly with Putin. Trump seemed to have a smooth rapport with Putin, and could have easily, and delicately worked out difficulties between the two great powers (so that a situation like the invasion of Ukraine would never have happened!). Perhaps, this fake scandal created by Hillary Clinton and the Democrats set the tone for the current Ukraine situation?

According to Mike Rogers, Former House Intelligence Chairman and now,  $\tilde{s}$ Cyber Security Specialist, Cyber Security Specialist,  $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$  ... the same team in with the Biden Administration are the same individuals who were in with the Obama Adminis-"same people, tration." same solutions." "Putin calculated it was a good time to move (on Ukraine)."



BEEZWAX By John Martin









Recently, in a "letter to the editor", a seasonal visitor wrote about their dismay at the amount of sad and negative news they found on the radio, television and newspapers of the region. It is hard to deny the confusing reports about the Pandemic, the financial news for the region has not been encouraging and there does seem to be a great deal of loss. However, there are things and people and events that can restore our joy and happi-

The Christmas decor has been put away and most of us have sent our thank you notes. Now we are in a cold snap with lots of snow. Time to get your winter wear out and find those sleds! There are many mountain resorts and public parks that have sledding, iceskating and skiing opportunities. Now is the time to enjoy our winter wonderland. Free ice skating at Elizabeth Park in Bradford, VT. State parks with snow shoe trails and numerous opportunities for sledding and skiing.

Whether you wish to tube down a mountainside or spend the day skiing the slopes, we are surrounded by resorts that have made "fun" their business. Starting with

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Nestled in the inspiring beauty of New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Gunstock's summit offers breathtaking views of Lake Winnipesaukee." More opportunities for Snow tubing and skiing can be found--such as Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center, 783 Townshend Road Grafton, VT Phone: 802-843-2350, Mount Snow Ski Area, Pisgah Road West Dover, VT, Magic Mountain Ski Area, 495 Magic Mountain Access Road Londonderry, VT, 05148 Phone: 802-824-5645, Okemo Mountain Resort / Jackson Gore, 77 Okemo Ridge Road Ludlow, VT, 05149 Phone: 802-228-1600, and Killington Tubing Park, Across from Killington Grand Resort Hotel, 228 E Mountain Road Killington, VT, 05751 Phone: 800-621-MTN are a few of the places that offer both "snow tubing" "skiing". **Planning** ahead, calling for reserva-

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tions and dressing for the weather are always good ideas. There are many more resorts and parks available to give you access to the best snow fun, those mentioned here have been working very hard for many years to provide good experiences.

There is a whole map of

New Hampshire that tells you about snowmobile trails in the State parks, what an opportunity to experience adventure. Per www. nhstateparks.org, "There are more than 7,000+ miles of well-maintained snowmobile trails in New Hampshire for your riding pleasure. Our trail system exists because of the partnerships between the landowners, the local snowmobile clubs, the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, The Bureau of Trails, and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept. The snowmobile club's volunteers are responsible for the majority of the trail maintenance on our trail system. Portions of the snowmobile registration fees support trail maintenance. grooming purchases. equipment safety education, and law enforcement efforts on the trail system. The private landowners throughout the state who have generously allowed their property to be used for this great winter sport is why you have the expansive trail system for the sport that you love. Stay on marked trails and respect the landowner's property and propertyrights, pay attention to warning signs, watch for groomers, and...Enjoy the Ride!" Do your research and look

for the activities that you enjoy. There are fees involved with some activities, while others are free. What I am saying, there is something for everyone and if you are budget minded, you can check online for the best deal for your sport and budget. Happiness abounds for those that play in the

Happy snow season. Let the fun begin and let joy fill your days.



#### **Letter to the Editor: Littleton Voters**

To the Editor,

Littleton Voters ...vote NO to all Warrant Articles on March 8th

The town of Littleton is in peril! Why? Big spending. Why should you care? Your taxes are on the rise...big time!

What is the root cause? Evidently our local leaders think Littleton is a "tourist town", that we have waves of tourists descending upon us from all over the country. Of course this tidal wave of outsiders will bring boat loads of cash and foot our Select board's expensive tastes. This is simply a pipedream. Sure we get a large number of tourists and they enjoy our town and do spend lots of money, but that is no reason for us to become spendthrifts! I have no doubt that the cash in our coffers will be quickly eroded by the higher cost of living brought on by liberal fiscal policies trickling down from DC. Higher energy costs, expenses for capital improvements as we convert to more efficient alternatives and of course the big hidden tax; inflation. We should be hunkering down...financially that is. Biden's War on domestic oil and gas will have a significant impact on our lives and on Littleton's budget. I imagine the taxpayers of Littleton thinking, "while we live on a beer budget" our Select Board spends to satisfy their "champagne tastes"!

With the ongoing higher and higher gas prices, as oil hits \$112.00 per barrel (with

no end in sight) has anyone thought that this may dampen tourist travel? Of course our liberal quartet in DC Hassan, Shaheen, Pappas and Kuster all go along with these destructive policies. The more prudent thinkers among us will anticipate a decline in tourism as higher costs spread across the entire country.

I would much prefer a Select Board who put the Littleton taxpayer at the top of the list and ensures our spending is more oriented towards needs vs. wants, and to do all they can to spare Littleton taxpayers.

On behalf of all Littleton town residents and homeowners, I have consistently spoken out against higher expenses. I've debated our Select Board asking they re-consider tax increases, to find reasonable solutions and do all they can to avoid increased expenses.

Unfortunately my requests have fallen on deaf ears. Littleton's Select Board seems steadfast in passing these higher costs on to all Littleton residents, homeowners, and payers.

hittina With inflation 7.5%, the highest it has been in 40 years, and the concurrent high cost of living being imposed on to Littleton citizens, my earnest recommendation to all Littleton voters is to: "Vote No for all Warrant Articles on Tuesday, March 8th.

Thank you Rudy Gelsi Littleton, N.H.

Rudy,

I will note here that voting on all articles on the Littleton Warrant will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 8 from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Littleton Public Works Building. A deliberative session was held in February for voters to discuss the warrant articles and for the Selectboard to make any changes.

As I have written many times, this is your opportunity to voice your opinion on what your elected officials have put forth. Do not take your responsibility lightly. Do not throw away your chance to be heard. One vote can, and has, made a difference. Don't let your lack of voting be the reason an article did, or did not, pass. Gary Scruton, Editor





by Eli Heath Paige Computer Services

Most people while on their desktop computer log into their e-mail account on the web going to Gmail or Outlook.com. Others like the convenience of down loading their e-mail to their computer using an e-mail client, with Windows 10 it has a built in Mail app that some people find confusing to configure and use. Here are other e-mail clients that may be what you need.

eM Client

The best email client, with support for a huge range of email providers, integrated chat, smart translation, and simple migration

Easy migration tools Integrated chat Smart, accessible design to only supports two email accounts

eM Client has been around for nearly 10 years now, and throughout that long development it's evolved into the best free email client for Windows.

eM Client makes it easy to migrate your messages from Gmail, Exchange, iCloud and Outlook.com – just enter your email address and the client will adjust the appropriate settings for you. eM Client can also import your contacts and calendar, and it's easy to deselect these options if you'd prefer to manage them separately.

There's an integrated chat app too, with support for common platforms including Jabber and Google Chat, and the search function is far superior to those you'll find in webmail inter-

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faces.

Unlike most free email clients, eM Client is also packed with advanced options like automatic translation, delayed send and encryption. It's a remarkable set of tools, and for managing two email accounts, its ideal.

If you have more accounts, it's well worth considering upgrading to eM Client Pro for a one-off fee. This lets you connect an unlimited number of accounts, access VIP support (in the unlikely event that you need it), and use the email client commercially. You can get it at www.emclient.com/download.

Mailbird Lite

A great-looking client packet that connects all your social apps.

Integrates with social apps. Very easy setup. Only supports one email account.

Mailbird Lite isn't just an email app – it's a whole communication platform to which you can add apps for scheduling, chatting, file syncing and teamworking.

Free users miss out on features such as speed reading, email snoozing and quick previews of attachments, but Mailbird Lite is still an excellent choice. The Lite version only lets you connect one email account but it is optimized for speed, and looks great to boot.

Setup is simple; enter your email details and Mailbird Lite will find the necessary POP or IMAP settings automatically, then get to work importing your messages. It offers to connect with your Facebook account, so it can liven up your inbox with your contacts' profile photos, and can also link with Whatsapp, Google Calendar, free task manager Moo.do, and team working app

Asana. You can download at www.getmailbird.com.

Mozilla Thunderbird

Plenty of features and extensions – as you would expect from Mozilla.

Supports unlimited accounts Expandable via plugins Interface still a little cluttered.

Thunderbird, from Firefox developer Mozilla, has just undergone a total overhaul that brings it right up to date. Not only does it look smarter, it also works much better. You no longer need to download and configure an extension to make full use of your calendar, and cutting, copying and deleting events is effortless.

You can connect as many email addresses as you like to Thunderbird, and it's totally free, with no ads or prompts to upgrade. It's also very flexible, with a wealth of customizable options — and if you can't see a particular feature, you can expand Thunderbird with third-party extensions.

Thunderbird still takes a little getting used to (there are so many options, the interface is a little confusing at first), but it's a superb email client that'll serve you well – particularly if you have lots of accounts to manage.

These are a few suggestion's there are many more on the internet just do a search and you will find them. Myself I prefer Mozilla Thunderbird that is what I recommend to my customers it is easy to setup and your Gmail will import into it. You can get it at www.thunderbird.net

Any suggestions email them to me at paigecs@gmail.com call (603)747-2201 or visit my website at www.paigecomputerservices.com.

#### **Letter to the Editor:**

To the Editor,

Haverhill Heritage Inc. (HHI) is once again asking the voters of Haverhill to help support Court Street Arts for the upcoming year with a request of \$7,500. This money goes towards helping our organization with operational costs. We are an organization run almost entirely by volunteers, so money raised goes towards our programming and events to bring people from the community in to share the arts.

As you know, last year none of the nonprofit requests were voted on by the town due to the nature of how the town meeting played out. Although we were only able to provide a limited schedule of events last year, we had to do so at 50% occupancy, thus re-

ducing the revenues brought in. This greatly impacted our cash flow (since performer's fees, lodging, advertising, etc. were at full cost)

The requested dollars will help us to promote a wide range of events to Court Street Arts as we continue to strive to enrich the lives of the Haverhill community. We look forward to opening up again in April and presenting a variety of events for people to come and enjoy. We hope you will vote to approve our request of \$7500 and we look forward to seeing you at a future event. Please follow along at our website: www.courtstreetarts.org to find out what events will be coming. Pat Buchanan, President HHI

at,

As with so many non-profit groups the residents of Haverhill should be very thankful for all the time and efforts you and your other volunteers put into the workings of Haverhill Heritage Inc and Court Street Arts. I have always had a soft spot for this particular endeavor as I still remember using Alumni Hall as the gymnasium while a freshman at Haverhill Academy.

Let me fill in a bit more detail in regards to Haverhill Town Meeting. It will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 12 at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. The doors will open at 8:00 am. All those attending will need to check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist before being seated in order to receive ballots for a number of expected ballot votes.

Also remember that the Haverhill Co-operative School Meeting will begin at 1:00 pm, hopefully following a lunch break. It is expected that lunch and beverages will be available on site. Gary Scruton, Editor

## **Letter to the Editor: Voters and Residents of Bethlehem**

To the Editor,

I met Cathy and her husband, Eddie around 2 years ago. I was immediately impressed with her heart for this area and how she spoke of Bethlehem and the beauty of our North Country. Her heart for people and her fire for helping her fellow neighbors of Bethlehem was obvious from the beginning.

I had no idea of her business savvy, until I recently read an article about her and her background, experience and work history.

This (she) is what we need in Bethlehem....a person with down to earth values and dreams for our town.

One who sees the bigger picture and is willing to work sensibly toward that goal.

Meeting the needs of long term residents who own property and have raised their families here and hopefully will be able to afford to retire here is one of her concerns!

Let's elect Cathy Qi to the Selectwoman position and start re-growing our town with reasonable decisions, frugal spending,, and a watchful eye over all concerns of this town. Vote for HOPE for Bethlehem.

Vote for Cathy Qi for Bethlehem Selectwoman on March 8th!! Marsha Dickerman Bethlehem, NH

Marsha,

Thank you for writing a letter of support for a candidate that does not include any bashing of other candidates or issues of any sort. I am of the mind that I would much prefer to vote "for" a candidate, than to vote "against" someone.

For Bethlehem residents I will pass along this information for your annual town meeting. The polls will be open from 8:00am-7:00pm at the Town Hall meeting room, 2155 Main Street, Bethlehem.

As is true with other towns as well, the leadership of your Selectboard is a very important aspect of how the town moves forward. It is your opportunity to vote. Don't throw that chance away. Gary Scruton, Editor



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## Hamburger Beef Wellington

Hello hello my fellow chefs. How are you all doing today? I'm doing good now but picked up a stomach bug last week. There is something going around because my friend Jane had it and my son and grandchildren in Rhode Island had it too. Everyone is better now.

Today's recipe is "Delicioso" and is a very different way to use Hamburger. It was also my first time using puff pastry. My friend Mike and I and Jane really enjoyed it. My picture shows one on the plate with broccoli but we all ate two! The recipe makes 8 and I was a bit worried I made too much but they come light and fluffy and so tasty. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients
2 eggs beaten plus 1
egg beaten to brush on top

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground hamburger (I used 90% lean 10% fat). You don't want fatty beef.

1/3 cup crushed saltine crackers (12 crackers)

- 2 Tbsp dried parsley
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp milk or cream (I used milk)
  - 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 medium onion chopped small
- 4 cloves of garlic minced
- 8 oz. Portobello mushrooms sliced
  - 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
  - 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 cup red wine (I used Barefoot Cabernet Sauvignon).
  - 1 tsp dried basil
  - 1 cup Mozzarella

cheese, shredded

2 sheets of Puff Pastry thawed (I used frozen Pepperidge Farm in the ice cream aisle)

Brown gravy - your

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Mix eggs, ground beef, saltine crackers, parsley, salt and milk until combined, put aside. In large frying pan over medium heat melt butter, add onion then mushrooms and garlic, salt and pepper and basil. Cook 5-8 minutes until onions are translucent and mushrooms start to get brown. Add red wine and sauté about 10 minutes to reduce liquid. Set aside. Carefully unfold puff pastry and on floured surface cut each sheet into 4 squares making 8 pieces. On a square, spoon a little mushroom mixture, put a pinch of shredded mozzarella then get 1/3 cup mixed beef form a ball and flatten a little place on top of cheese, fold and pull 4 corners and pinch together to close. It's a little tricky but the dough stretches a bit, then pinch. On lightly greased cookie sheet place seam side down. Cut a cross slit on top and brush with beaten egg. You can fit all 8 on one sheet. They do puff up a bit. Bake top shelf for 35-40 minutes or when nice and brown. Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes. Heat brown gravy



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and add any mushrooms left over to it. Oh so good!

You will be a star with this wonderful meal. That's it. Serve with the bottle of wine you used, it really compliments the meal. Remember to drink responsibly. Enjoy!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. If you have any questions please contact Gary and I can help you out. I'd like to give a shout out to Jeanne M. for loving last edition's recipe for Portuguese soup. Your picture looked delicious.

Until next time I am signing off.
Sincerely,
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