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# Sports returning to Prospect Mountain

*Teams can start official practices Sept. 8*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain JMA Board met last week and gave its approval for sports to start up at the school in the coming weeks.

“We’re doing all that we can on this end following the guidelines,” said Athletics Director Corey Roux. “Soccer players have been training, but everybody else has been waiting.”

Under the return to play guidelines set up by Governor Chris Sununu, athletes were allowed to start playing again earlier in the summer as long as guidelines were followed.

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association also set up its three-phase plan to help schools return to action and the JMA board went forward with going to phase three of summer and fall training.

In phase three, someone must be on site to monitor social distancing and compliance with protective actions. Common areas are to remain closed and commonly



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The soccer field at Prospect Mountain was quiet last week, but high school sports are expected to return on Sept. 8.

ing and compliance with protective actions. Common areas are to remain closed and commonly

touched areas must be frequently cleaned and disinfected at the end of each event. In this

phase, there should also be six feet of distance between athletes, volunteers, coaches and staff

where possible and if not possible, face coverings should be worn. Parents and guardians will have

to remain outside of the “in play” areas and  
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## Rotary hears from CASA advocate

ALTON — It goes without saying that one of the most heinous of all crimes is when adults hurt, neglect or abandon an innocent child. There are many reasons this happens, and to deal with ‘saving a child’ often falls into the state of New Hampshire’s hands to resolve.

One of the ways this is accomplished is through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization of individual volunteers serving as advocates appointed by a judge to represent the best interest of an abused or neglected child.

The Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Rotary club’s Guest Speaker, John Wallace, a CASA volunteer and an attorney, spoke to members at its weekly Zoom meeting last Thursday about the careful and legal process involved in getting children out of harm’s way and into a safe and loving environment after all else has failed to keep the child from suffering irreparable harm. Drug abuse, uncontrolled anger or mental health issues, alcohol abuse, or the parents inability to deal with their child in a responsible manner all too often resulting in cruel punishment, food deprivation, etc. are reasons a child may be removed from their home when recommended by CASA. Next It’ll then be approved by a judge for a child to be placed into Foster Care or with a family member who cares. Sometimes, a child taken away from its parents will result in a legal adoption of the child. Wallace went on to say that “far too many children are living in a home with adults who just don’t care about the child, have no money, abuse and neglect them, and the child’s only hope for rescue is when a teacher, neighbor or a family member calls the state (anonymously) and reports on what they know.”

These notifications will prompt the Department for Child Protection into action.

“Please, if you are aware of a child or children living in a dangerous and neglectful situation, please let us know. You can do so without worry of being found out, we’ll protect your identity,” Wallace concluded.

John Wallace was introduced by Rotarian and fellow classmate from Tulane University of Law in 1965,

Hunter Taylor. To learn more about CASA, or to serve as a volunteer, contact:

Diane@casaNH.org. The Alton Centennial Rotary club is dedicated to saving and improving lives both locally and globally. For information on joining Rotary, contact:

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## Caution the name of the game for Kingswood sports



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alumni Field has been playing host to skills and drills over the last few months and the hope is to have games as the fall season moves along.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The approach to sports at Kingswood as a new school year gets under way is going to be a cautious one, according to Director of Athletics Aaron House.

“We’re being cautious,” said House, noting that a proposal he was bringing to the school board on Monday night was 71 pages, using recommendations from governing bodies such as the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and the National Federation of High Schools. “We’re giving them (the board) all the information.”

House said that the

plan that the athletics department has put together is based on the recommendations of the governing bodies and has also used the knowledge of advice of soccer coach Erik Nelson, who is a doctor, and trainer Alex Dria.

“We all worked on this together,” House said. “Hopefully, they’ll look at what we have and see we have done what it takes to get it done.”

When Gov. Chris Sununu announced his return to play plan over the summer, a number of the Kingswood athletic teams took advantage of the opportunity to work on skills and drills, essentially practices in

small groups with no physical contact.

The Knight football team was the first one back and cross country and volleyball followed shortly after. Field hockey, golf, cheer, boys’ soccer and boys’ lacrosse have also been working out as the summer has rolled along.

“They’ve been socially distancing, doing line drills and strength and conditioning,” House said, noting that the weight room has not been used as of yet, but there is hope it will be available sometime soon.

“The coaches have been great, the kids have been awesome,” House

noted. “Everyone understands we’re in a different situation.”

He noted that the kids seem excited to be back on campus and working with their friends, even if the situation is a bit different than normal.

“Everybody is ready; they’ve missed it,” House said.

House has been looking forward to the season and making plans if there are games and competitions. For instance, he’s making sure that each field has one way in and one way out.

“We have to think of everything,” he said.

Another aspect that

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OBITUARY

Curt G. Ehler, 60



ALTON— Curt Gerard Ehler of Alton, NH passed away on Tuesday August 18, 2020 at home. He was 60 years old.

Curt was born on October 17, 1959 in New Haven, CT the son of Peter A and Margaret M. (McCarthy) Ehler. He is survived by his son Ethan of Alton, NH, his mother Margaret (Peg) of Weston, CT, his sister Barbara and husband Chuck Andrukonis of Shrewsbury MA, his sister Susan and husband Joseph Picciotti of Newark, DE, and sister, Karen Ehler of Weston, CT. Curt will be missed by several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his former wife and Ethan's mother, Sandy Woehr-Blouin. He was predeceased by his father Peter who passed away in 2005.

Curt graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in New York and Middlebury College in Vermont. Upon graduation

Curt entered the Automotive Parts industry and later changed his profession to enjoy a long career in Financial Services working in the retirement 401k sector. Later in life Curt returned to the Automotive Parts industry.

In Curt's leisure time he treasured his time outdoors and had a special affection and devotion for New Hampshire. Curt was very active with Camp Kabeyun in Alton, NH where he attended camp in his youth, then passed that experience on as a camp instructor. Curt had a love of dogs, always having one or two of man's best friend at his side. With his passion for automobile racing, family members knew not to disturb Curt when he was watching a big race. He also had a passion for crossword puzzles and completed the New York Times puzzle on a daily basis. As an avid reader, Curt was very knowledgeable and enjoyed conversing and expressing his opinion on a wide range of topics.

Private services and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit: [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com)



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

This week, we're going from fisher (cats) to fishermen, and from mountain lions to cat-amounts, panthers, painters, cougars, and wildcats, all of which are among the many words used for the same creature.

One of my recurring nightmares could be made into a movie titled "Revenge of the Finger-Waggers." In it, innocent camp-dwellers would be advanced upon by a phalanx of finger-wagging wildlife experts, scolding them for using "fisher cat" and "partridge," not to mention "hedgehog" (vs. "porcupine").

In the dream I would also get a million bucks for every time I've written about non-scientific terms that over the course of history have crept into regional vernacular and local lexicon, and the legend and lore behind them.

When the first European colonists stepped ashore near Cape Cod and the Gulf of Maine, they didn't know how to feed themselves from the land or the sea. Neither did they know much about the many new species of wildlife they encountered. Hence every feline-looking creature--fisher, bobcat, lynx, cougar--was called "wildcat." When naturalists like John Josselyn, Thomas Morton, and William Wood arrived, they began trying to sort it all out. This process continues today (witness "coydog").

For a long time, my book-reading scope of interest was first contact, coming after binge-reading on the Arctic, the conquest of South America, Antarctica, Siberia and the like), and in a way, it still is. When a new book comes out even only partially dealing with accounts of Europeans' first experiences with native people, I'll drop whatever I'm reading in a hot second to pick it up.

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At one point during my wandering reading, I bumped into an article dealing with the etymology (origins of a word) of "fisher cat."

Now, one of the brickbats the finger-waggers are always throwing at people who use "fisher cats" (okay, just once in a while, just out of tradition) is that fishers don't catch fish.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Finger-waggers vs. vernacular, as a ghost cat leaves its marks



COURTESY  
This image garnered wide circulation after it was posted by Pittsburg's Lopstick Lodge & Cabins. It was dated June 5, and was said to have come from a trail-cam near Fish Pond Road in Columbia. (Courtesy Gerry Allen)

But according to at least one branch of the Abenaki nation, they do. Early on, soon after the arrival of the first Europeans, an Abenaki hunter--most probably a Penobscot--told of watching the animal in question--the fisher, prized for its thick and glossy coat--trying to trap fish with its big, wide paws in tiny feeder-streams.

I wish I'd preserved the precise information on this little vignette, but at least I have it in my head.

Whatever the reason, "fisher cat" apparently crept into the early settlers' vernacular, or general use. And as more precise terms were affixed to the various animals, the species were gradually sorted out. So now we know that we have the fisher (cat), mink, skunk, martin, and weasel. Only the top dog in the family--the wolverine, which probably was here 14,000 years ago when he last glacier began melting--is missing.

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Earlier this month, a friend sent me an image said to have come from someone's game camera set up along a well-used wildlife trail near Fish Pond Road in the town of Columbia. For the benefit of readers to the south, this is a town just south of Colebrook.

The image is fuzzy, but definitely shows a cat-like animal with the other key feature, a very long tail. In fact, a close look can discern what looks like a black tip on the tail, a mountain lion characteristic.

Because the animal doesn't look big enough in comparison to the yellow birch trees in the background, most people voted "housecat."

Then, in early August, Albert Alix of Fremont sent me a photo his wife Jackie took when they and daughter Megan were coming out of the woods after fishing Simms' Stream. The track was in the very same town of Columbia,



On Sunday, Aug. 9, Jackie Alix took this photo near Fish Pond Road in Columbia, as she and husband Albert and daughter Megan, of Fremont, were on the way out after fishing Simms' Stream. A cat walks with its claws retracted. The track was the size of a fist, or about four and a half inches wide. But what was it? (Courtesy Albert Alix)



This image of a rare coincidence--a cougar track (left) next to a black bear track--came from a trail-cam far to the west, in the Rockies. (Courtesy Reddit)

not far from where the trail-camera was set up.

"My wife, daughter and I stayed in an RV on Jackson Road in Columbia for a few days of R&R this past weekend," Albert wrote. "Simms Stream looked good on the topo map, so we made our way there on Sunday morning and parked at the Route 3 bridge. We fished our way upstream for a couple hours and caught a lot of trout. I would guess we traveled half to one mile."

Albert and family found out what many people discover (or already know) when they fish a brook that's seemingly under everybody's nose--that it has fish, and lots of them.

In fact, I'd bet that many readers have similar stories to tell, about wanting to catch a bunch of fish for a late breakfast or supper, disappearing into the swamp grass and alders for a while, and heading home with enough fish to fill a frying pan.

"When we had enough trout for supper, we climbed up to the gravel

road and walked back to the truck," Albert wrote. "We spotted the track in a mud puddle in the middle of the gravel road. It was a good print so my wife snapped a picture. I wish I had put a tape measure in the photo, but the print was at least as big as my hand."

When I first saw the photo, I immediately thought "Cougar." But I fully admit my bias. And here is the note I got back from Pat Tate, who's pretty much the clearing house at Fish and Game for all things cougar:

"The track has the heel pad and toe orientation of black bear. I have received pictures in the past where black bear claws did not register."

Readers, please feel free to send in your trail-cam photos. They often have interesting and unusual stories to tell.

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# LPC reports on loon numbers, plans, and pandemic response

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**MOULTONBOROUGH** — The year 2020 has had some challenges for the loon population as well as the human population, with the Loon Preservation Committee taking measures to help loons despite limitations from the pandemic.

The LPC held its annual meeting on Thursday via Zoom where LPC Executive Director Harry Vogel gave the annual “State of the Loon” report on loons as well as an update on the organization.

The LPC monitors 375 lakes across the state. He said while not all these lakes have loons, all have the potential to have them.

Work of LPC staff and volunteers has included banding loons and taking blood and feather samples, examining failed eggs, doing necropsies on dead loons, and others.

The LPC also has a number of initiatives to help protect loons and their nests. They have collected over 15,000 pieces of lead tackle in a buyback program. LPC volunteers and biologists have put out nesting rafts to help loons who have lost their nesting sites, floated signs warning boaters of loon nests and chicks and will work with dam owners to make sure water levels remain stable to protect loon nests. Vogel said nine out of every 10

chicks that hatched this year benefitted from LPC interventions.

Usually the LPC has a number of events and activities over the year to raise awareness of loons and money for the organization but COVID-19 put a stop to many of them this year.

“Most of our talks, our Summer Gala, our Loon Festival, our golf tournament all canceled this year, but we carried on and we changed our tactics to reach people in different ways,” Vogel said.

Volunteer and Outreach Biologist Caroline Hughes worked with volunteer Bill Gassman to redo the organization’s website and volunteers have maintained a social media presence for the LPC.

The LPC’s Thursday night nature talks have also been available online.

The Loon Census still went on this year with 501 people counting 568 loons across the state.

The collected data from over the summer was compiled into a preliminary report on the state of the loon population in the state.

This year, there were 320 pairs, which he said was a record number. The numbers of nests and chicks, however, was slightly down this year. Around two thirds of all territorial pairs nested, which Vogel said was a little low. On average, 0.9 chicks hatch per

pair, which he said is up this year, and is on par with data from the past 10 years.

Vogel said research has indicated that there is a baseline goal of .48 surviving chicks in a year to keep the loon population stable. While that number in 2020 fell below that line, Vogel said the numbers have been on or above for six of the past 10 years.

Overall, 56 percent of nests were successful. Around a third failed for unknown reasons. Vogel said there are a number of reasons for nest failure that have human factors. The presence of humans around the lake can lead to an increase in predators such as raccoons and gulls.

With more people boating this year, large wakes can flood nests and potentially wash eggs away.

For the past few years, the LPC has been investigating the reason for low numbers of loons on Squam Lake, including high levels of contaminants. Fortunately, the numbers on Squam were better this year.

“Squam actually had a good year this year, and that’s very gratifying because we’ve been working for almost 15 years to understand and reverse the declines of loons on Squam Lake,” Vogel said.

This year was also a hot year, meaning loons in parts of the state fared better than others. While



Loon Preservation Committee Executive Director Harry Vogel reports on activities by the organization in 2020, including the release of a rescued loon.

loons in the Sunapee and Monadnock Highlands fared well, loons on the Seacoast did not have a good year. Vogel said climate plays a big role in the state of loons. Overall temperatures in New Hampshire were five degrees above average, placing the temperatures closer to southern Massachusetts.

“When you get the temperatures typical of southern Massachusetts loons don’t fare well and that should not come as a surprise to any of us,” Vogel said. “Loons are a northern species, they are close to the southern edge of their breeding grounds in New Hampshire.”

The LPC is now in the beginning of a capital campaign to raise money for an expansion of the Loon Center and the construction of a second-



The LPC is embarking on a capital campaign to expand the Loon Center and construct an operations building.

ary building. Since the building was constructed in 1993 the staff, exhibits, and various pieces of equipment have grown exponentially. Vogel showed a photo of a few staff members packed into a small space with equipment and paperwork.

The LPC plans to expand the main building and construct a second building for rafts, boats, signs, and housing and

facilities for staff. The new building will be the Kittie Wilson Field Operations Center named after ardent volunteer Kittie Wilson who passed away in 2018.

The campaign’s goal is \$2 million, so far thanks to a quiet phase of the campaign they have already raised over \$1.75 million. They still have around \$230,000 left to raise and will continue with their campaign.

## Joanne Pearce promoted to Chief Digital Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp



Joanne Pearce

**MEREDITH** — Joanne Pearce will be the first Chief Digital Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB). In her new role, Pearce will create and implement NHMB’s digital transformation strategies, enhancing the customer experience for sister companies Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack), Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB), Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) and NHTrust.

Pearce will also ensure that the organizations are maximizing the benefits of their existing digital applications, while she also researches, designs and recommends new solutions for the future.

“Joanne’s extensive background in technology combined with her expertise in risk management, make her the ideal candidate for Chief Digital Officer,” said Gregg Tewksbury, President and CEO of NHMB. “The benefits of ensuring long-term strategic planning plus a dedicated focus on new and emerging technologies provide the significant impact necessary for our success. Joanne’s leadership will help us to grow to new heights under NHMB’s unique mutual model.”

Pearce joined Meredith Village Savings Bank in 2002 as a Data Security Specialist. She was promoted in 2006 to Vice President of Risk. In 2009, she was promoted again to Senior Vice President, Risk Man-

agement Officer. Upon NHMB’s formation in 2013, Pearce was named SVP, Risk Management Officer for the full organization.

Pearce received graduate level certifications in Digital Transformation from MIT, in Banking from the American Bankers’ Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking and in Leadership from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the Kogod School of Business at American University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Trinity College.

Pearce is the current Chair for the Risk Committee at the NH Bankers’ Association. Active in her local community, she is a member of the School Board in Holderness. She is a member of the advisory board for the Salvation Army and has regularly volunteered at the Salvation

Army’s Turkey Plunge. Pearce resides in Holderness with her family.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a shared services organization, was formed in 2013 when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated

– the first relationship of its kind in the state. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other’s strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third

affiliate in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSB and the Merrimack Savings Bank of Walpole joined NHMB in 2018. In 2020, MillRiver Wealth Management affiliated with the New Hampshire

Trust Company and Savings Bank of Walpole Wealth Management to become NHTrust. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.6 billion. For more information, visit nhmutual.com.

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## A hard-fought right

Women acquired the right to vote on Aug. 18, 1920. It's amazing to think that there are individuals born during that time are still with us today, bringing into light that it wasn't long ago that women were given the right to take part in the democratic process.

The 19th Amendment stated that citizens could not be denied the right to vote based on sex. Because of loopholes, many African American men and women were not permitted to vote pending literacy tests and the inability to pay poll taxes leaving the group disenfranchised. That same year some states, such as Georgia, had a law requiring people to register to vote six months in advance, which meant that many were turned away from the polls. In states such as California, New York and Illinois, women were permitted to vote before the 19th Amendment was ratified.

In 1915, a group of 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote. During that time, the New York Times printed an article against the women's cause, stating, "If women vote, they will play havoc for themselves and society and that if granted suffrage they would demand all the rights that implies. It is not possible to think of women as soldiers and sailors, police patrolmen or firemen, heavens think of the chaos!" The National Women's Party began to picket the White House in 1917, for the entire year despite weather. Some women were arrested and sent to work camps as punishment.

This month, National Women's Suffrage Month, commemorates the turning point in American history as well as the founding of the League of Women Voters. Women began requesting the right to vote in the 1600's. Second lady Abigail Adams wrote to her husband in 1776, "Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember, all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or Representation." Adams would never cast a ballot.

In 1848, the cause picked up, after a women's rights convention in New York with Elizabeth Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone spearheading the group of 300 women. Supporting Stanton, was abolitionist Frederick Douglas. After 70 years, with the last 20 packing a powerful punch, public sentiment changed and women were eventually heard and supported.

This year, when at the polls, let us remember the women who were imprisoned, marched in treacherous weather, went on hunger strikes and dedicated their lives so that the women of the future could have a voice.

Congress designated August 26 'Women's Equality Day' in 1973.

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## STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

### Life after death?

BY LARRY SCOTT

John passed away last evening. After a long, lingering illness, John and his family knew death was imminent and the inevitable happened; John (and I write of no "John" in particular) was gone.

Everything he has done now lies behind him. The principles he lived by, his standards of ethics and morality, the objectives that drove him as he developed his life's meaning, the high, the low and the ugly are all a matter of the past. Forgotten are those special moments in his life ... the day he and the love of his life dedicated themselves to share life's good days and bad days together ... the first time he held his new daughter in his hands ... the battles he won and those he lost ... all now lay behind him.

The time had finally come, and he was now in no position to influence the outcome. The die was cast during those many years he had the opportunity to choose what was right and, indeed, what was wrong. It was time to "pay the piper" and face the consequences of the life he had lived. One would think, with death imminent, religious issues would have surely been a part of the conversation, but not so. John had given little thought to God, and Jesus Christ was but a historical figure in whom he had no interest. He was always too busy, and life was too good to worry about all of that. Live and be happy! That was his motto!

I am always amazed at how easy it is to ignore the God Who has given us a simple set of guidelines and offered

His help to make each of us the best that we can be. The New Testament book of Hebrews tells us that God "is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Our God is no man's debtor; He never takes more than He gives in return. And yet for many, God does not factor in any way in the issues of their life – and death. They leave all of that to "those religious types," but as for them, they don't need God. Thank you very much!

That, however, does not change reality. There is life after death. If we walk with God in this life, we shall enjoy His presence in eternity, and that is heaven no matter how you picture it; if we live without God in this life, we are going to spend eternity apart from him, and that is hell.

And to think that our "John" would willingly turn his back on God is to me unbelievable. Life as a Christian is no downer. I am nearing the end of my journey and my life has left me profoundly satisfied. I am at peace, content with my station in life. And, as if that were not enough, there is light at the end of my tunnel, a future of unimaginable happiness! And, please, don't misunderstand. I am neither bragging nor complaining; I am just profoundly grateful! The Bible has become my guide and Jesus Christ has been invited to be the Lord of my life, and I rest confident: heaven awaits!

For more thoughts like this, follow me at [in-defenseoftruth.net](http://in-defenseoftruth.net).

## Letters to the Editor

### We need leadership, resolve and unity to beat COVID-19

were asked to keep within their own "bubble" of immediate family or others with whom they shared residence. The Prime Minister held daily press conferences to reinforce the importance of these measures and clarify the specific conditions which would need to be met in order to ease the lockdown restrictions. Contact tracing systems and an efficient testing program supported the efforts of front-line medical and public health professionals.

There were a few, minor rumblings that the measures were too extreme and economically damaging, but there was a national resolve to rid the country of Covid-19. There was no politicization of the pandemic, but there was a united view that long term community health and safety were far more important than temporary personal inconveniences.

Through this combination of leadership, resolve and unity, New Zealand met their goal of eliminating community spread of the virus, allowing the country to return to normalcy in

under ten weeks. There have recently been a few isolated cases, but for the most part New Zealand has now been free of the virus for over three months. My friends there refer to their lockdown using the past tense.

Meanwhile, here in the States, seven months after this all started, we are struggling with questions about re-opening our schools, continuing to work from home, or the safety of our front-line and essential workers. We debate whether it is safe to eat indoors at a restaurant, attend sporting events, go to the hairdresser, or visit our relatives. I wish the US could learn from New Zealand's example or from the actions other countries have taken to beat this thing.

We need a nationally coordinated strategy based on medical science and we need strong government leadership – at all levels - based on facts and human compassion. We need to dedicate resources for testing and for tracking the virus. And we need a campaign to encourage public resolve to under-

take the efforts necessary to eliminate the disease from within the bubble we call home.

At the local level, I am pleased to see Jeff Allard running for State Representative (Strafford and New Durham). He is a trained immunologist and biochemist and has worked on laboratory testing for over 30 years. Allard understands the science behind this pandemic and how it can be beaten here in New Hampshire. He knows exactly how we can apply what we know to achieve the most important goals of 2020 – safely reopening schools so our kids can socialize and learn and reopening businesses so we can all make a living and pay our bills. This is the most important issue in America and in New Hampshire right now. We need people like Jeff Allard who will use valid scientific data and facts to open our schools and our economy – and do it safely.

DAVE WESSEL  
NEW DURHAM



Letters to the Editor

Attacks against Larson were unwarranted

To the Editor:

Two things struck me on first reading of Chris Wittmann’s recent letter to the editor attacking Ruth Larson. The first was the absolutely vicious tone, especially when contrasted with the letter from Ruth Larson announcing her candidacy for NH Representative for Alton, Barnstead, and Gilman-

ton. The second thing that struck me was the ludicrous nature of her assertions. Only one sentence in the letter rang true, and that was the assertion that if you repeat a lie often enough, eventually the uninformed will believe it. Ms. Wittmann is living proof of that asser-

tion, as she has apparently swallowed the Trump team talking points whole, no matter how unconnected they might be to reality. The letter praises Mr. Trump for “lifting minorities out of poverty” and freeing them from dependency “on government and the nanny state.” Unfortunately for people who believe this myth, it is a myth not shared by people of color, with recent polls showing black voters preferring Biden over Trump by around 90-10 percent. The black community is obviously the best judge of who its friends are. Ms. Wittmann’s next claim is that it is the Democrats, not Trump. Who are the party of “slavery, Jim

Crow, and the KKK”, and who have been “dividing the country by pitting ethnic groups against each other”. All evidence points to the contrary, and any connection between the GOP and Abraham Lincoln has long since disappeared. KKK leader David Duke endorsed Trumpin2016,andhehas enthusiastically endorsed Trump for re-election. As this outspoken white supremacist stated, “We’re going to take our country back. We’re going to fulfill the promises of Donald Trump.” The loyal support of the KKK has gone not to the party of Biden and Harris, but rather to Mr. Trump and the G O P . The primary attack

on Ruth Larson is based on her support of Black Lives Matter (BLM) following the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers. Ms. Wittmann mentions that she has photos to prove Ruth’s involvement, which is hardly a surprise, as everyone attending the Alton BLM event saw Ruth’s opponent snapping photos of Ruth, as if her participation were a secret. On the contrary, Ruth herself referenced her support of BLM in her announcement letter. Although Ms. Wittmann sees BLM as bent on destroying the “American way of life”, it is hard to imagine what exactly these peaceful protests are destroying, unless one views racism and bigotry

as fundamental to that way of life. Ruth Larson obviously views our country, our state, and our community differently, and her support of BLM is clearly a stand against racism. A stand supported, by the way, by 60 percent of whites, according to a recent Pew Research poll. When Ruth ran for office in 2018, she announced her can-

didacy in a letter discussing the then recent joint resolution against hate crimes and racism, which her opponent voted against. Ruth would have supported it then, and she would support it now. Don’t you?

STEPHANIE VUOLO  
ALTON

Belknap Mill to host online playwriting workshop

LACONIA —The Belknap Mill’s Theatrical-Artist-in-Residence, Bryan Halperin, will offer a 10-week online Playwriting Workshop for high school students and adults of all ages. The workshop will provide opportunities for writers of all levels of experience to try their hand at writing a 10 - 15-minute short play. With weekly homework assignments, in-class writing exercises and feedback from peers and the instructor, each writer will learn the basic elements of playwriting and will be guided to completion of their own original play by the end of the workshop. According to Bryan, “Having run this workshop several times in the past, I am always amazed

at how much progress a writer can make in 10 weeks – enough to have a coherent and interesting piece ready for a simple production. And having a mix of ages from high school freshman through senior citizens provides the writers with feedback from many different perspectives. I always enjoy the experience.” With so much uncertainty about the im-

mediate future of live performance, the plays may be used for an online ZOOM play festival or a future in-person live performance. The workshop will begin in September and run for 10 weeks. Dates and times to be determined based on interested participants. Those interested should sign up by emailing Tara Shore, Program & Operations Manager at: oper-

ations@belknapmill.org or by calling 524-8813. Please include weeknight availability for online classes. Playwrights do not need to reside in the Lakes Region to participate. Tuition for the workshop is \$150. Some scholarships may be available. Enrollment requires a minimum of eight participants and the class will have a maximum of 12 participants. There is a 10 percent discount for Belknap Mill members. The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c )(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region’s cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

David & Caren Bonisteel

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall case # 2020-012. The hearing is regarding an application and plan submitted by Varney Engineers LLC. on behalf of David and Caren Bonisteel. The applicant is requesting variances from: Article XIV Section C 1(e): Shorefront Conservation Overlay District Dimensional Requirements. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you need assistance using Zoom application please contact Brian Cauler at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or by contacting the Zoning Board.

The property is located at 12 South Shore Road, Map 119 Lot 38.

Posted August 25, 2020

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New Durham Supervisors of Checklist Session  
LAST DAY TO REGISTER BEFORE  
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August 28, 2020 10am to noon  
New Durham Town Hall

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Beverly Grappone

You are hereby notified that a virtual Zoom Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm case # 2020-011. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Samyn D’Elia Architects on behalf of Beverly Grappone for property located at 180 Pine Point Road - Map 103 Lot 021. The applicant is requesting variances to Buildings and Structures Alterations and Expansion of Existing Non-Conforming Uses. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom application please contact Brian Cauler at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or the Zoning Board.

The property is located at 180 Pine Point Road, Map 103 Lot 021.

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TOWN OF BARNSTEAD  
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 7 pm-7:30pm at the Barnstead Town Office, for additions and corrections to the voter checklist.

No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Election Day. Please provide proper ID—drivers license and a utility bill. You may register with the Town Clerk during their office hours prior September 1, 2020.

This is for the State Primary Election to be held on Sept. 8, 2020

Supervisors of the Checklist

Judith L Forsyth  
Marjorie J Terry  
Priscilla Tiede



# OBITUARY

Curt G. Ehler, 60



ALTON—Mr. Curt Gerard Ehler of Alton, NH passed away on Tuesday August 18, 2020 at home. He was 60 years old.

Curt was born on October 17, 1959 in New Haven, CT the son of Peter A and Margaret M. (McCarthy) Ehler. He is survived by his son Ethan of Alton, NH, his mother Margaret (Peg) of Weston, CT, his sister Barbara and husband Chuck Andrukonis of Shrewsbury MA, his sister Susan and husband Joseph Picciotti of Newark, DE, and sister, Karen Ehler of Weston, CT. Curt will be missed by several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his former wife and Ethan's mother, Sandy Woehr-Blouin. He was predeceased by his father Peter who passed away in 2005.

Curt graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in New York and Middlebury College in Vermont. Upon graduation

Curt entered the Automotive Parts industry and later changed his profession to enjoy a long career in Financial Services working in the retirement 401k sector. Later in life Curt returned to the Automotive Parts industry.

In Curt's leisure time he treasured his time outdoors and had a special affection and devotion for New Hampshire. Curt was very active with Camp Kabeyun in Alton, NH where he attended camp in his youth, then passed that experience on as a camp instructor. Curt had a love of dogs, always having one or two of man's best friend at his side. With his passion for automobile racing, family members knew not to disturb Curt when he was watching a big race. He also had a passion for crossword puzzles and completed the New York Times puzzle on a daily basis. As an avid reader, Curt was very knowledgeable and enjoyed conversing and expressing his opinion on a wide range of topics.

Private services and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit: [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com)



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

This week, we're going from fisher (cats) to fishermen, and from mountain lions to cat-amounts, panthers, painters, cougars, and wildcats, all of which are among the many words used for the same creature.

One of my recurring nightmares could be made into a movie titled "Revenge of the Finger-Waggers." In it, innocent camp-dwellers would be advanced upon by a phalanx of finger-wagging wildlife experts, scolding them for using "fisher cat" and "partridge," not to mention "hedgehog" (vs. "porcupine").

In the dream I would also get a million bucks for every time I've written about non-scientific terms that over the course of history have crept into regional vernacular and local lexicon, and the legend and lore behind them.

When the first European colonists stepped ashore near Cape Cod and the Gulf of Maine, they didn't know how to feed themselves from the land or the sea. Neither did they know much about the many new species of wildlife they encountered. Hence every feline-looking creature--fisher, bobcat, lynx, cougar--was called "wildcat." When naturalists like John Josselyn, Thomas Morton, and William Wood arrived, they began trying to sort it all out. This process continues today (witness "coydog").

For a long time, my book-reading scope of interest was first contact, coming after binge-reading on the Arctic, the conquest of South America, Antarctica, Siberia and the like), and in a way, it still is. When a new book comes out even only partially dealing with accounts of Europeans' first experiences with native people, I'll drop whatever I'm reading in a hot second to pick it up.

## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

*Finger-waggers vs. vernacular, as a ghost cat leaves its marks*



COURTESY  
This image garnered wide circulation after it was posted by Pittsburg's Lopstick Lodge & Cabins. It was dated June 5, and was said to have come from a trail-cam near Fish Pond Road in Columbia. (Courtesy Gerry Allen)

But according to at least one branch of the Abenaki nation, they do. Early on, soon after the arrival of the first Europeans, an Abenaki hunter--most probably a Penobscot--told of watching the animal in question--the fisher, prized for its thick and glossy coat--trying to trap fish with its big, wide paws in tiny feeder-streams.

I wish I'd preserved the precise information on this little vignette, but at least I have it in my head.

Whatever the reason, "fisher cat" apparently crept into the early settlers' vernacular, or general use. And as more precise terms were affixed to the various animals, the species were gradually sorted out. So now we know that we have the fisher (cat), mink, skunk, martin, and weasel. Only the top dog in the family--the wolverine, which probably was here 14,000 years ago when he last glacier began melting--is missing.

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Earlier this month, a friend sent me an image said to have come from someone's game camera set up along a well-used wildlife trail near Fish Pond Road in the town of Columbia. For the benefit of readers to the south, this is a town just south of Colebrook.

The image is fuzzy, but definitely shows a cat-like animal with the other key feature, a very long tail. In fact, a close look can discern what looks like a black tip on the tail, a mountain lion characteristic.

Because the animal doesn't look big enough in comparison to the yellow birch trees in the background, most people voted "housecat."

Then, in early August, Albert Alix of Fremont sent me a photo his wife Jackie took when they and daughter Megan were coming out of the woods after fishing Simms' Stream. The track was in the very same town of Columbia,



On Sunday, Aug. 9, Jackie Alix took this photo near Fish Pond Road in Columbia, as she and husband Albert and daughter Megan, of Fremont, were on the way out after fishing Simms' Stream. A cat walks with its claws retracted. The track was the size of a fist, or about four and a half inches wide. But what was it? (Courtesy Albert Alix)



This image of a rare coincidence--a cougar track (left) next to a black bear track--came from a trail-cam far to the west, in the Rockies. (Courtesy Reddit)

not far from where the trail-camera was set up.

"My wife, daughter and I stayed in an RV on Jackson Road in Columbia for a few days of R&R this past weekend," Albert wrote. "Simms Stream looked good on the topo map, so we made our way there on Sunday morning and parked at the Route 3 bridge. We fished our way upstream for a couple hours and caught a lot of trout. I would guess we traveled half to one mile."

Albert and family found out what many people discover (or already know) when they fish a brook that's seemingly under everybody's nose--that it has fish, and lots of them.

In fact, I'd bet that many readers have similar stories to tell, about wanting to catch a bunch of fish for a late breakfast or supper, disappearing into the swamp grass and alders for a while, and heading home with enough fish to fill a frying pan.

"When we had enough trout for supper, we climbed up to the gravel

road and walked back to the truck," Albert wrote. "We spotted the track in a mud puddle in the middle of the gravel road. It was a good print so my wife snapped a picture. I wish I had put a tape measure in the photo, but the print was at least as big as my hand."

When I first saw the photo, I immediately thought "Cougar." But I fully admit my bias. And here is the note I got back from Pat Tate, who's pretty much the clearing house at Fish and Game for all things cougar:

"The track has the heel pad and toe orientation of black bear. I have received pictures in the past where black bear claws did not register."

Readers, please feel free to send in your trail-cam photos. They often have interesting and unusual stories to tell.

(Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to [campguyhooligan@gmail.com](mailto:campguyhooligan@gmail.com) or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

### Church Service SCHEDULE

**ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH**  
Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union.  
Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914.  
For more information, please visit [abundantharvestnh.org](http://abundantharvestnh.org) or e-mail [ahf6@faith.com](mailto:ahf6@faith.com).

**ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER**  
Sundays throughout the summer 10 am & 7 pm; Tues-Thurs 9 am; 875-6161.

**BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON**  
Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Sam Huggard, [www.befreechurch.net](http://www.befreechurch.net).

**CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Morning Service 10:00 am.  
Adult and Teen Bible Study 11:15 am.  
Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am.  
Rte. 126 next to Tavern Hall.  
Pastor Brian Gonter, 269-8831.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON**  
Prayer Meeting 9:00 am  
Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hodo, 875-5561.  
Bay service 8:30 am Alton Bay Gazebo, Alton, NH 10 am Worship Service  
20 Church Street, Alton  
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**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD UCC**  
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Reverend Nancy Talbot, 776-1820  
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More info at: [ccnorthbarnstead.com](http://ccnorthbarnstead.com)

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON**  
Worship Services 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
400 Main Street  
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Pastor Kent Schneider 755-4816  
[www.farmingtonucc.org](http://www.farmingtonucc.org)

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sun. School 9:45 am; Church 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason.

**PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H.**  
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# Still hanging around after 80 years

## Art Association/Gallery Annual Members show opens Sept. 3

TILTON — This play on words best describes the history of the Lakes Region Art Association, when 80 years ago, a small group of lakes region area artists gathered together and established the Laconia Art Association. Their objective was to find ways for them to display (hang) their art for the public to see and buy, to learn from each other, critique and teach art. The tradition lives on, and today, after 79 years of hosting its Annual Mem-

bers Show and growing from just a few member artists to now well over 100, Lakes Region Art Association will hold its 80th Annual Members Show at their gallery, 120 Laconia Rd., Tanger Outlets, Suite 132, in Tilton, from Sept. 3 until Sept. 27.

On Saturday, Sept. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m., Lakes Region Art Association will host an ice cream social at the opening reception, free to the public and sponsored by Irwin Motors.

Chairperson for the annual show, artist

Pat Edsall reports “We have a fantastic show planned, and some really great art entered to be judged as the ‘best of the best’ by three independent and highly respected professional artists. There are 10 different mediums to be judged: oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, digital artwork, photography, ink, sculpture, drawing and mixed media with cash prizes awarded in each category. They’ll also be a first, second, and third, cash awards for ‘Best of Show.’ We invite everyone to attend the show

any Thursday thru Sunday in September and vote for the People’s Choice Award.’ The Gallery requires all who attend to maintain social distancing and wear a mask.”

President of the LRAA/Gallery, Thomas Hitchcock, likes to remind people... “All art and photography on display in the gallery, for sale, is priced well below market value because you are buying directly from the artist. There are no mark-ups, or any in-

crease in pricing to cover sale commissions, or fees for framing because all wall art is ready to be hung. We are unlike any other gallery around, in fact, we’ve just been chosen as the ‘Best Art Gallery in the Lakes Region. Another reason we’re so unique is, we are a teaching gallery. No matter your age, or what you believe is your level of talent, we offer lessons to anyone who wants to learn to draw, paint and take great photographs. Come to the Gallery and sign-up to

take our (low cost) classes and workshops.”

The Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery is a non-profit, 501-c3 organization dedicated to promoting the cultural importance of art, giving artists the chance to display and sell their art, and to teach art for a life-long fun and rewarding activity. The LRAA Gallery is open Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. For information on membership and/or a Business Sponsorship, contact: Tom Hitchcock at 496-6768.

# THE REAL REPORT

## RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	Baker Road	N/A	\$168,000	Peter A. and Judith C. Tofuri	Michele A. and Donald E. Hunt
Alton	40 Frohock Brook Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$230,000	Kyle W. Bousquet and Stephanie C. Faiella	Tara Funk-Folger
Alton	6 Legal Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$935,000	George Fiscal Trust and Peter J. George	Ian and Shawna Evans
Alton	104 Railroad Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,289,000	C&G RT and Guy V. Faretra	Meb 2017 Trust and Mark E. Blanchard
Alton	Stockbridge Corner Road	N/A	\$250,000	Rines Fiscal Trust and Sheri L. York	Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC
Alton	Trask Court, Lot 11	N/A	\$266,533	David C. and Cheryl M. Bloser	Thomas Wilson and Dorothy Twaddle
Alton	N/A (Lot 28)	N/A	\$50,000	John P. Cunliffe	Kenneth R. and Kim E. Hussey
Barnstead	70 Damsite Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$184,933	Kennetha nd Jolene Morrison	Kayla Fisher
Barnstead	64 Hemlock Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$205,000	Ryan W. and Rachel E. Turgeon	Duncan G. Caddel and Sandra D. Allen
Barnstead	4 Mont Vernon Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$242,933	Daniel F. Aversa	Matthew and Sarah Ladieu
Barnstead	43 Nutter Circle	Single-Family Residence	\$221,533	Kaleigh J. Olivera and Michael J. Gerding	Matthew R. Darezzo
Barnstead	27 Winchester Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$275,000	Susan L. Bergeron and Jonathan J. Hall	Darren Correnti
Barnstead	97 Winwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$286,000	Ronald L. and Jodi L. Gornick	Maura K. Beck
New Durham	N/A (Lot 25)	N/A	\$525,000	Justin C. Santos 2012 RET	Shane Garrett
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	David Spengler	Scott and Ellen Arrigoni
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$207,000	USA HUD	Alex Adrian

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve

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## MARK ON THE MARKETS

# Mutual fund expense



BY MARK PATTERSON

On a very regular basis, I will sit down with a potential new client who brings their account statements into the meeting, which typically are full of managed mutual funds. These mutual funds have an assort-

ment of fees attached to them that we can see, but sometimes they are disguised hidden deep in something called “statement of additional information,” which is a document mutual fund companies make available upon request but don’t generally distribute to investors.

The most obvious fee attached to a mutual fund is the expense ratio. The expense ratio is typically not hard to find and ranges from about .07 to 2.65 percent, which sounds very high, and it is! I did not realize that there were still mutual funds that had that kind of expense ratio, but I witnessed one yesterday

in a new client account that his “investment representative” from a local bank brokerage placed in his account. Brokerage and wealth management arrangements inside of banks are a topic for another article, just be aware in many cases the brokers are not bank employees. They often just have commission splitting arrangements with the bank. Selling product is their goal, not advice delivered in a fiduciary capacity.

So why is it that it seems the client rarely makes money in these mutual funds? Another key statistic to look at regarding your mutual fund is the turnover ra-

tio. The turnover ratio is simply the amount of times that stock, or bonds are bought and sold which leads to increased operating costs and tax ramifications if this fund is not in a tax qualified account. These transaction costs lead to roughly 1.44% additional expense in the typical mutual fund. Cash drag is simply a term used to explain an additional .83% of expense per year in a mutual fund according to Ty Bernicke, CFP. This cash is not used for tactical purposes, but only for liquidity in funds that must carry adequate cash for investor outflows.

All mutual funds car-

ry these additional hidden expenses to some degree, however low-cost index funds fees are typically much lower.

Broker sold funds may also carry a load or commission that you must consider as well. Usually “A” shares have an upfront commission somewhere around 5 percent, so only 95 percent of your money is invested and is subject to these additional ongoing fees. C shares usually don’t have an upfront commission but have a very high expense ratio of which approximately 1 percent annually goes back to the broker as a trail commission.

I don’t know many

circumstances when you would not do better for yourself and your money to use low-cost mutual or exchange traded funds. If you wanted help you can hire an advisor on a fee basis to manage these funds. Make sure that the advisor you hire is working for you with a fiduciary duty and makes their fee structure very transparent.

If you would like to discuss this topic or anything else, give my office a call or send me an email.

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# Bike Week kicks off amid changing times

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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LACONIA — Motorcycle Week will look a bit different this year, but organizers say this could be a successful week with people making safe decisions and embracing the spirit of riding.

Laconia Motorcycle Week officially kicked off on Saturday, and will last through this coming Sunday, Aug. 30. A number of Motorcycle Week stakeholders took part in a press conference on Thursday at the Northeast Motorsports Museum to kick off the week.

The event was rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a number of changes have been made to ensure social distancing. The city of Laconia announced it would not issue any vendor permits on Lakeside Avenue except for a few community organizations. This means there will not be any retail or food vendors and live music will only take place at just a few privately managed locations.

“I’ve heard several people say it’s different this year for Motorcycle Week,” said Laconia Motorcycle Week Executive Director Charlie St. Clair. “It’s different when I go to the supermarket; it’s different when I do anything, or try to do anything.”

St. Clair said this has been a rough year overall for the board of directors, but everyone in the association has gone above and beyond this year.

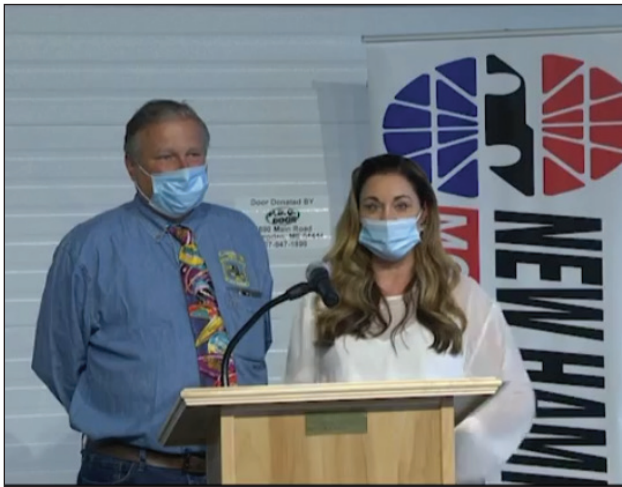
“We’re all dealing with and that’s with regards to getting things sanitized up there and doing everything we can for everybody else,” St. Clair said.

St. Clair talked about the concerns with the city’s decision not to have vendors on Lakeside Avenue this year. He said he likes to remind people that back in the 1930’s there were no vendors and business was done from local stores.

“To be fair to the city of Laconia, I think they did the right thing,” St. Clair said. “They tried to keep people from congregating. That was their call, and the board supports that, and so we’re good with that.”

Motorcycle Week Association Deputy Director Anderson said a collaborative effort has taken place over the past few weeks to help market safety at the rally.

Posters by the Partnership for Public Health were posted around the Weirs advising people to socially distance, wear masks, and wash and



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlie St. Clair and Jennifer Anderson of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association speak at the kick off press conference for this year’s Bike Week.

sanitize hands as well as get out and ride.

A 30-foot long banner was also put up over Lakeside Avenue reading “Keep New Hampshire Safe.”

“I think this kind of joint effort is just one more way that we can help instill confidence in folks for their own personal wellness,” Anderson said.

At the same time Nano Coating Technologies will be working to sanitize and put in a germ inhibiting system around Weirs Beach, especially on frequently touched surfaces like parking meters, railings, and others.

“There is a lot different but there is a lot that is the same,” Anderson said. “Our number one goal is always safety. It’s usually focused around motorcycle safety and it still remains that now. We have this additional layer of reminding people for their personal safety, not just on the motorcycle but for health related to the current pandemic.”

A common sentiment from speakers was that one of the big priorities of Bike Week is encouraging people to get out and ride and explore the state’s scenic byways. New Hampshire Motor Speedway General Manager Dave McGrath said there are so many different areas to explore around the state on a motorcycle, a sentiment echoed by Anderson and St. Clair.

Chief Mark Armaganian of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission said they have taken a “proactive approach” for this year’s event and have worked with their licensed partners and local officials to educate people of the liquor laws and the Safer At Home guidelines. He encouraged people to speak with their inspectors in case they had any questions or saw any potential problems and violations.

“Our investigators will be high profile during this week,” Armaganian said. “They will be actively visiting

each one of our 65 licensed establishments prior to this week coming.”

He said the work of the Liquor Commission hasn’t changed since the pandemic and he foresees a successful event with everyone taking the necessary safety and health precautions.

Capt. Bill Haynes of the New Hampshire State Police advised people to expect an elevated police visibility over the week.

“The intent of that is to provide safe roadways (and) highways for you to come into our state and operate freely and get home safely, that’s the sole intent,” Haynes said.

McGrath talked about the different events and races that would be going on during the week. The week would start with Vintage Motorcycle Racing on Saturday and Sunday with the Loudon Road Racing Series over the second weekend. Bike Week will end on Sunday with the 97th annual Loudon Classic.

“Things are going to be a little different this year at the speedway, but we’re focused on making sure that riders are here having a good time, and if they want to see some great speed, they should do it at the speedway,” McGrath said.

Anderson said there will be some new activities this year, including one and two-hour tours on the Hobo Railroad between the Weirs and Meredith.



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Bikes cruise through Lakeside Avenue on Sunday afternoon after the start of Bike Week.



Posters from the Partnership for Public Health reminding visitors of precautions against coronavirus are posted around the Weirs.



The Hobo Railroad pulls into the Weirs. The railway is offering one- and two-hour rides between the Weirs and Meredith during the week.



Motorcycles line parts of Lakeside Avenue after the start of Bike Week in a year that looks a lot different because of the pandemic.



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# Live theatre returns to the Lakes Region

MEREDITH — When the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly shut down operations at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse in March, it was anyone's guess when live performances would return to the Meredith campus. Initially the administrative team was hopeful to postpone spring shows for a few weeks and then resume. Plans for the summer season were still underway. Of course, all that changed quickly and spring and summer seasons were regrettably postponed indefinitely. Now, using the strict guidelines set out by the State of New Hampshire's Reopening Task Force, the Playhouse is excited to announce a small season of three professional productions in September and October.

The first two productions of the season will take place at the Playhouse's outdoor amphitheatre which was constructed along with the Playhouse's mainstage in 2013 but has been underutilized in the past few years. Producing Artistic Director, Neil Pankhurst says, "in our first few years in Meredith the outdoor stage was used frequently for our summer camp but when we moved our camp off-campus we didn't have as much use for it. Though this isn't the season we initially planned, in some ways it's nice to have an excuse to give the outdoor stage a new lease on life. The technical team is currently hard at work extending the stage and building seating platforms for the audience so nobody will

have to sit on the grass like in the old days."

The two productions that will take place outdoors are "Or," by Liz Duffy Adams and "The Mountaintop" by Katori Hall. "Or," was always scheduled to be in the 2020 season. The three-person comedy easily lent itself to an outdoor performance and having two of the three actors, Nicholas Wilder and Rebecca Tucker, as an off-stage couple (they met at the Playhouse in 2014 and, in non-COVID times, would have been married at the Playhouse this summer) made on-stage interactions easier. The third performer, Haley Jones, is quarantined with Wilder and Tucker. All Playhouse cast and staff undergo multiple COVID tests

and are strictly regulated to avoid any activity considered high risk.

"The Mountaintop" is a new addition to the season. In this Olivier Award-winning play, author Katori Hall imagines what may have taken place in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN on the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968.

Pankhurst says, "In most years, we choose our show titles well in advance to give plenty of time to plan and advertise them. That does not give us much flexibility to react to current events with our programming. Of course, 2020 is the year when all of that got turned on its head. Suddenly flexibility is the key word and the ever-evolving nature

of this year gave us the ability to add in programming to allow us to explore what's on this nation's mind. Obviously, the murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement is a topic that people are interested in exploring and we are grateful we are able to add a production that speaks to that."

The final show of the season, which will take place on the Playhouse's indoor mainstage, will be a new play called "No Wake" by Erica Berman. Set in Moultonborough on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, the play explores the burgeoning friendship between a cynical local teenager and an irascible snowbird with a penchant for screaming at the jet skiers who disrupt his treasured loons. Pankhurst says, "I

loved the local connection to this show. On top of that, it was practically written for social distancing! The setting is two neighbors' porches and 99 percent of the play involves them talking to each other from their own porch! That alone seems to sum up summer 2020 on Lake Winnepesaukee!"

All three productions will follow or exceed the CDC and State of New Hampshire guidelines for social distancing, mask wearing, and other pandemic precautions. Patrons are encouraged to visit [www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org](http://www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org) prior to booking tickets to read the COVID-19 protocols for attending. Tickets can then be purchased by calling the box office at 279-0333.

## LRPA continues to celebrate Alfred in August with "The 39 Steps"

LACONIA— Alfred Hitchcock is recognized as one of cinema's most intriguing and successful directors, and with good reason. LRPA After Dark is celebrating "The Master of Suspense" during his birthday month of August with a festival of some of his early works Join us each Friday and Saturday night at our new showtime of 10 p.m. for a thrilling good time. This weekend (Aug. 28 & 29), we close our Hitchcock festival with the 1935 romantic crime thriller "The 39 Steps," starring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll.

On vacation in London, Richard Hannay (Donat), a Canadian tourist, is enjoying a music hall performance when a man is murdered – and young woman, Miss Smith, confesses the murder to Hannay,

begging him to give her sanctuary. Back at his flat, she explains that she is a double-agent trying to keep a group of spies from stealing a valuable military secret. That night, Miss Smith is stabbed in Hannay's flat. She manages to warn Hannay to run before she succumbs to her wounds. Immediately, Hannay becomes a fugitive, both from the police, who accuse him of murder, and from the spies, who need to kill him for what he knows. He takes a train to Scotland, where he hides from the police in the compartment of an attractive blonde named Pamela (Carroll). Pamela wants nothing to do with Hannay and alerts the police, but he manages to escape to the Scottish countryside. The next few days include many harrowing (and sometimes humorous)

run-ins for Hannay, and he once again comes into contact with Pamela. Will she believe his innocence and help him clear his name?

"The 39 Steps" is often considered to be Hitchcock's first great international masterpiece, and was both a critical and box office success. The New York Times reviewer Andre Senwald described "The 39 Steps" as having "sinister delicacy and urbane understatement," while Variety wrote, "International spy stories are most always good, and this in one of the best." The film employs two of Hitchcock's notable trademarks: the innocent man (Hannay) wrongly accused of a terrible crime that he didn't commit, who must go on the run and work to clear his good name; and the use of a "MacGuffin," a

plot point or device that is important to the story, but really irrelevant to the viewing audience. Film critics have noted that "The 39 Steps" really laid the groundwork for every thriller with "the man on the run" that has ever been made since that time.

It was a favorite film of Orson Welles, who commented to an interviewer, "Oh my God, what a masterpiece." Join us after dark for this Thirties thriller.

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### KINGSWOOD

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has been discussed amongst Lakes Region schools is the possibility of playing a regional schedule, which would have the Knights competing against traditional rivals like Plymouth and Kingswood, but also neighboring schools like

Prospect Mountain, Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough and Gilford.

"With the open tournament, this is a great option," House said,

The open tournament comes from the NHIAA, which is allowing all schools who participate in a sport to make the tournament. In the past, if a Division II school

like Kingswood played a Division III or IV school, they would receive less credit in the playoff race than if they defeated a fellow Division II school.

The NHIAA has set the first day for any school to practice as Sept. 8 while low risk sports bass fishing and golf can play their first match on Sept. 10.

Moderate risk sports are set to follow with the first day of competition on Sept. 18. This includes cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball while high risk sports football and spirit will be able to start on Sept. 25.

While House hopes that the teams will be able to practice when the

NHIAA allows, his plan heading into the year is to have the kids in a "Kingswood bubble" for the first few weeks. This would mean the Knights would have practices and intrasquad games in the weeks leading up to the first week in October and then start games with other teams after Oct. 1.

"It allows the school board to breathe a little," House said of the plan. "It gives us a couple of weeks to make sure everything is safe."

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### PMHS

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group size is limited to 50 percent of the facility capacity.

Prospect Mountain will also be joining other schools in the state in following the dates set up to begin official practices and games.

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Additionally, the NHIAA has set up an open tournament, which will allow flexibility for schools to schedule games and contests against teams in their region whether or not they are in the same division, without penalty.

"We're going to be playing regionally,"

Roux said, noting that the official scheduling meeting with his fellow Division III ADs was expected to take place after deadline on Wednesday.

"We're looking at trying to play two games per week for soccer and volleyball," Roux said. "Cross country and golf are different.

"Hopefully we're able to get off one cross

country run per week and golf will depend on what the courses can do," the PMHS AD added.

He pointed out that he was hoping that the golf team's two scheduled home matches would remain on the schedule at Farmington Country Club.

Roux stressed that it would be good to get

things back to normal for everyone, but also noted things needed to be kept safe for everyone involved as well.

"The saying is, 'something is better than nothing,'" Roux said. "We're going to do our best and go from there.

"Hopefully we can get through it," he added.

Prospect Mountain will be heading back to

school in the middle of September, going back in phases to slowly increase face-to-face learning.

*Sports Editor Joshua*



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NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

A trip down east

BY VIVIAN LEE DION  
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Since January, I've used one tank of gas in

my 11 year old Buick Lucerne. My mechanic, Mark Dame, says, "That's not good." Guess I'll go for a ride every

now and then to keep the fluids flowing, and brakes in tip top shape. With only 56,000 miles on the odometer, perhaps you can say, "I'm a Sunday driver."

However, after being cooped up since late March, Ray and I decided to take an overnight trip using his vehicle. We headed for Wiscasset, Maine and beyond. I love the little town of Wiscasset which is known as "The prettiest village in Maine." It truly is a village of yesteryear with historic homes, beautiful flower gardens, and a view of the Sheepscot River. In researching the village name, I've learned that Wiscasset is an Abenaki name meaning; "coming out from the harbor but you don't see where." That's quite interesting.

During our trip, we passed many roadside stands selling native blueberries. I have a feeling that the blueberry harvests are a good supplement to family incomes. In fact, while growing up our family picked berries, and sold them at a table at the end of our driveway. You do what you have to do to help one another. My freezer is full of freshly frozen blueberries, and I'm planning on making a homemade blueberry pie for my son and his family who will be here for Labor Day weekend.

Our stay at East Boothbay Harbor was relaxing. The two days of watching sailboats, schooners, and vacationers helped even our keel. I was enamored with the pine and evergreen trees growing along the rocky coastline. They enhanced the landscape. One homeowner planted a little blue spruce in a

hollowed-out stump, and it appeared to be doing quite well. Lots of homes had window boxes filled with blooming begonias, petunias and trailing ivy. Yellow and white daisies seemed to do well in the ocean mist. We wore our face masks while walking around, and kept the 6 ft. distancing, but I noticed people kept to themselves, and did little talking. It's the new normal and we have to accept that.

We decided to have a full breakfast at the resort before heading home. The waitstaff was polite, and explained the various specialties. She said blueberry muffins were available. Ray decided on his meal with a side treat of a blueberry muffin. Because the serving was more than he could eat, he asked me if I wanted his muffin. I said yes, and wrapped it in a napkin to eat as a snack on the way home. After going near-

ly one hundred miles, we went to a drive thru and settled down with a drink, and a little food. I was ready for the muffin. You can imagine my surprise when we split the muffin in half and realized it was a chocolate chip muffin instead of blueberry. Oh well, people do make mistakes, and it was good just the same. I know what I'm going to make with the other blueberries in the freezer. I'll put extra blueberries in the batter that will make up for the fathom blueberry muffin I brought home, and I'll laugh.

"Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on." — Robert Ne-  
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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Following directions

Last week, when the weather was so hot, I found myself regularly detouring my homeward bound trip to a local lake for a swim. Yesterday, it wasn't terribly hot, but I was so dusty from what I had been doing that I jumped in just to clean off.

One day, while I was out in the middle of the lake, I met a woman swimming diagonal to me. Believe me, this is an incredible rarity, meeting someone swimming in the middle of a lake that is. So we chatted a bit and ended up talking about what we were doing. She referred to it as "open swimming." Now I finally have a term with which to qualify my type of swimming. While we spoke, we were above the deepest part of the lake. It's all the same once you can no longer touch bottom. My mother would never swim out beyond the safety of where she could touch bottom. So limiting.

Sometimes I work at summer houses that are on lakes. It's always cooler to be on the water so I usually enjoy working there on the hot days. There have been a number of days this summer where my customers instructed me to go for a swim. One place is in this cove that has a natural sandy beach that

faces south. Lots of fish come there and make nests in the spring. This time of year, the water there gets so warm that it's no longer very refreshing. So I had to go twice.

Today was a random Friday, my first two stops were not home, so I continued to work down my list of small projects. I punched the address into my GPS and followed her directions. Soon I came to the realization that I was driving through this school complex. I hadn't seen any signs, but I wondered if they were ignorant enough to incorporate a gun free zone here. The reason being that I had my prized semi-automatic rifle hanging up in the back.

You may remember me speaking of my friend who had critter problems? Well it has multiplied, the Have-A-Heart trap has been unsuccessful, and she asked me try and help alleviate her problem. I stop by every now and then when I'm in her neighborhood to check for any varmints.

I really like this gun, it puts the bullet where I tell it to. Ever since I sighted it in and practiced a bit, it's been spot on. Every critter I've terminated with one shot. It is a fine tool to have. It's like using a driver drill compared to a screw driver. I feel that I could even drive a nail with it, but I haven't tried that one yet.

Now I didn't expect that I would ever get "found out," but it occurred to me that I could instantly become a criminal. That I could carry a tool that I use for my work. A tool that

the US Constitution says I am allowed to have. It's been shown many times over that it's better to have good guys with guns around when some loony tries to act up.

When I got to the job, I had to open some boxes to get out the lawn furniture that I was hired to assemble. So I got out my utility knife. Do you remember what tool they used to assault the people on the 9/11 planes with? Yes, utility knives, a/k/a box cutters. Just about anything can be used to assault peaceful, calm, unsuspecting victims.

After finishing, I retraced my tracks and still did not notice a sign so I was probably alright. There is always the possibility though, that anywhere I go, that I could find myself in the wrong. Since I was so stressed out, NOT, and roasted from building furniture in the hot afternoon sun. I made tracks back home and forsaking any other jobs, headed to my regular swimming hole and was soon open swimming.


Last week, following another customer's instructions and enjoying her water, I saw this large bird coming straight down the lake towards me. It didn't look like the eagle, the wings weren't right. I guessed osprey, which it was, another adolescent. Then as soon as it went overhead, the eagle with its big white head, took off across the lake and perched in a tree on the other side. I haven't seen either of them catch a fish yet, but I'm keeping my eyes open.

E.Twaste Correspondence welcome at [edwintwaste@gmail.com](mailto:edwintwaste@gmail.com)

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Please contact Sharon Ciampi, Cemetery Trustee at 603-581-9746 or email belcem2015@gmail.com to set up a time to tour the Cemeteries. Final proposals shall be mailed to the Cemetery Trustees at PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220, no bids will be accepted by email, a fax transmission can be sent to 267-8327, no later than the close of business on Tuesday September 1, 2020.



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The Governor's Economic Reopening Taskforce has provided guidance for reopening libraries. The Gilman Library Trustees are adding that to the many items they must

consider in formulating a phased reopening plan. The library team is working hard to reopen our library with a phased approach. The health and safety of our patrons and staff are our top priority as we move towards reopening our building. Please understand that this phase may be reevaluated to adhere to the latest orders from the federal, state, and local level.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the process of providing library services during this chal-

lenging time. As always, if you have questions or concerns please call 875-2550. We hope to see you soon!

PHASE FOUR – Building open to the public on a limited basis for copying, and faxing, computer use, and limited browsing (Aug. 20)

Curbside, digital, and virtual services will continue. We ask that you take advantage of these services as much as possible.

Access will be by appointment only. We will be limited to 10 people at a time with 30-minute appointments. Masks/face

coverings and the use of hand sanitizer will be required to enter the building and social distancing rules must be observed. Public restrooms will not be available. As an alternative, digital and curbside services are available.

Limited access for browsing will be offered, on Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

Curbside, computer use, and copy & fax services are available on Tuesday 3 to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

The Williams Room and The Kayser Room will remain closed. Staff will retrieve materials from each room for check out.

Meeting Room is not available for public use.

Safety Measures in place for PHASE FOUR:

Books will continue to be quarantined

Staff will wear masks

Patrons will be required to wear masks and sanitize hands upon entering building

The circulation desk has plastic screening and a plexiglass sneeze guard

Doors will be locked

and a staff member will let people in at their appointed time

Patrons will enter through the front door. Patrons who require handicap access can notify staff when they schedule their appointment

Surfaces will be sanitized between appointments and cleaned in the evenings according to CDC guidelines

IF YOU FEEL SICK please use library services safely from home.

## New Durham Library expands pick-up days

NEW DURHAM — The Book Drop Box in front of New Durham Public Library is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Quarantining of books is still in effect, resulting in patrons not seeing their returns show up in their ac-

counts for several days, but Library Director Cathy Allyn said this step forward during the corona virus pandemic should prove to be more convenient for people.

“Previously, our folks could return books only during pick-up hours, but this will allow quar-

antined books to get into the hands of other readers quicker,” Allyn said.

The number of pick-up days will expand, also.

Once notified that their reserves are available, people will be able to pick up books Mondays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues-

days 3-7 p.m., Wednesdays 2-6 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturdays 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Jigglein’ Jamboree, a front lawn movement and story program for two to five year olds will run Fridays at 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 11.

Slots are limited in order to maintain social distancing, so parents are asked to reserve a space each week.

Allyn suggested bringing a blanket to sit on, and parents and children should wear masks. “We’ll see how long the weather stays coop-

erative,” she said. “Once it gets chilly, we’ll switch over to Zooming into Storytime, a semi-interactive program for that same age group.”

Parents will be able to call or email for the link.

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

## Jewelry maker opens new shop in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro is pleased to welcome its newest entrepreneur, Zee, formerly of Zee’s Traveling Silver Show. She’s no longer traveling, and has found a permanent space to showcase her beautiful sterling silver jewelry at 94 Center St., Wolfeboro.

Zee’s created a loyal and enthusiastic following after years of traveling on New Hampshire and New England’s art circuit. Now she has put down roots and opened a retail space in the heart

of Wolfeboro’s garden district in order to offer her unique creations to a wider audience.

After debuting at farmers’ markets across New Hampshire, she quickly worked her way up to art venues throughout the state, including Artisans on the Green in Sandwich, hosted by the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, as well as the Christmas in the Village show hosted at the same location. She has been juried by the Sandwich Home Industries, Brownfield Art

Center, Maine Art Association, Concord Art Association, and Castleberry Fairs, among others.

As an artist, Zee dabbled in several mediums, until finding her true passion in metalsmithing. She considers her style to be free-formed and organic, informed by a diverse range of influences from East to West and keenly attuned to the forces of balance and nature.

Zee has scheduled several events throughout the year known as “Silver Soirees” happening

on Friday nights from 5-7 p.m. These celebrations of art are in an effort to promote local artists. The first one is slated for Friday, Aug. 28, featuring Shana Aisenberg, musician. Please join us! For updates on upcoming events email zeehayford@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.

Come in and check out her enchanting little boutique at 94 Center Street - and, who knows? - maybe you’ll leave with your very own originally designed piece of wearable art.



## LRPC TAC Committee meets Wednesday

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission’s Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The TAC will hold an informal discussion of the transportation projects proposed by LRPC member municipalities for consideration for the state’s Ten Year Transportation Plan for 2023-2032. Formal prioritization of project proposals will take place in October.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and

pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Gov. Sununu on March 23 regarding the state of emergency currently extended until Aug. 28, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-016, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom conference.

There are two ways for the public to access the meeting: Online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189774353> or by

telephone: dial 1-929-205-6099 (New York) and enter meeting ID 891 8977 4353. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC Web site at [www.LakesRPC.org](http://www.LakesRPC.org).

Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 279-5334 or email [admin@lakesrpc.org](mailto:admin@lakesrpc.org) for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5340.

## Kolby McKenzie named to Union College Dean’s List

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Kolby McKenzie, of Alton, was named to the 2020 Dean’s List at Union College.

McKenzie is a member of the Class of 2020 majoring in Biology.

Comprised annually, the Union College Dean’s List honors students who have a grade point average of 3.5 for the entire academic year and meet certain other requirements.

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COURTESY

### Tea time with history

Patricia Lord, one of the actors at the Historical Figures Tea planned for Sept. 13 (rain date Sept. 20), at the Clark Museum grounds in Wolfeboro, 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$22, available at Black’s in downtown Wolfeboro.

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# Purple beauty threatens wetlands

REGION — While beautiful, Purple loosestrife is a destructive invader in wetlands. This attractive perennial plant with purple flowers on long spikes can reach over five feet high, blooming from July through September in wet meadows, pastures, cattail marshes and edges of streams and ponds. Purple loosestrife out-competes native wetland species in part because each mature plant has over 2.5 million seeds. By replacing native plants, it adversely affects wildlife and fish habitat.



If Purple loosestrife presence is low, it can be controlled by carefully cutting and bagging the flowering tops, then digging out the plant and disposing of tops and plants in plastic bags. Composting isn't an option as the seed are resilient and can germinate even after several years.

tions in New Hampshire there have been efforts to release two species of leaf-eating beetles as biological controls. Chemical measures have also been used.

There are several native species including blue vervain that look similar to Purple loose-

strife. So it is important to check to make sure you have the right plant. There is good information available on websites including <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/bb/documents/bb-45.pdf>

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Huggins Hospital welcomes Deborah Mueller, MD, to Wolfeboro Women's Health, where she joins Timothy Pinard, MD.

Dr. Mueller is a gynecologist who looks forward to caring for community members of the Eastern Lakes Region and beyond. She has special interest in genetic counseling for cancer-causing genes. She appreciates being able to help families learn more about their risks and help them make more holistic decisions in health care. She also has special interest in transgender health care.

She is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She has received New Hampshire Magazine's "Top Doctor" award for the past four years.

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