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NH Marathon celebrates 25 years of success

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BRISTOL — Courtesy of the Homestead Restaurant in Bristol, the N.H. Marathon Committee held a special reception to celebrate the supporters who made the 25th year of the event a huge success and present checks to the benefactors of the race that attracts people from not only all walks of life, but from all across the country and beyond.

Committee member Carol Hueber was pleased to announce that this year the marathon, held on Sept. 30,



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The N.H. Marathon Committee held a special reception at the Homestead Restaurant in Bristol last Sunday to present proceeds from the race to their benefactors, the Mayhew Program, Circle Program and Tapply-Thompson Community Center. Presenting the checks this year were race co-directors Karen Schaffner and Bob Watson along with Larry Poliquin of Hannaford's Supermarket, their major sponsor.

saw registrants from 61 New Hampshire towns, 32 states and five coun-

tries, including the U.S., Canada, Norway, Japan and the Ukraine. In all 561 of those participants finished one of three races offered that day, the

10K, half marathon or the challenging 26.2 mile marathon. A children's marathon sponsored by Mid-State Health attracted another 50 young participants.

Race co-director Karen Schaffner said that a course record was broken for the 10K race this year and participation in that event included runners from 10 to 77 years old. In the half marathon there were runners ranging from the ages of 11 to 73 years of age, and for the marathon they saw people from the ages of 21 to 81 take part in the competition.

As a result of all those who came out to run the course along Newfound Lake, the 2017 N.H. Marathon raised an impressive amount of money that the organization

Selectmen want details before endorsing Deputy Fire Chief position

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — Fire Chief Ben LaRoche said the time is right to hire a full-time deputy chief, but members of the Bristol Board of Selectmen said they would need to see a more detailed breakdown of hours and costs before saying yes.

"I like the idea, but want to see the math of it," said Chair Rick Alpers.

LaRoche outlined the need on Nov. 2, saying the fire department's number of calls for service has increased from 700 per year a decade ago to 1,100 today.

"We're at the break point for getting things done," he said. "At some point, we will have to add shift staff."

LaRoche said the fire chief's duties have steadily increased, from fire inspection and prevention activities to emergency management and emergency medical services. Training and recruitment of on-call firefighters are difficult on a time management basis, forcing a shift in project management to

the other officers and employees.

Recruitment is especially important, LaRoche said, as the on-call roster has fallen, due to life changes and career demands. Having a deputy chief would allow him to get out into the community to speak with students and other younger people about getting involved.

"In years past, there was not a need for active recruiting, as it

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Friends and colleagues salute retiring Minot-Sleeper Friends president

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BRISTOL — Supporters of the Minot-Sleeper Library gathered at the Homestead Restaurant last Sunday to salute Judy Willson, retiring president and a founder of the Friends of the Minot Sleeper Library,



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(Left) Judy Willson, outgoing president and a founder of the Friends of the Minot-Sleeper Library, shared a moment with her successor Elsa Johnson during a luncheon at the Homestead Restaurant last weekend where Willson was congratulated for her dedication to the Bristol library.

New Hampton School students hope to intrigue audiences with "Snow Angel"

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NEW HAMPTON — A group of talented young actors and actresses from the New Hampton School are offering a public performance of an intriguing yet fun play titled "Snow Angel" on Nov. 11, and they hope the community will come out to join them for a night of great entertainment.

Director Joseph Sampson is once again heading up the production, and said this year's selection

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Director Joseph Sampson and the theater program at New Hampton School look forward to entertaining the public on Nov. 11 with this year's "intriguing, mysterious and funny" production of the play, "Snow Angel," written by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire.

where they thanked her for 15 years of service to not just the library, but the community as well.

Willson helped establish the Friends in 2002 and through her involvement with the organization she has many accomplishments to her credit.

Over the past 15 years, Willson has overseen the implementation of several programs, including the once popular Ladies Brown Bag Auctions, holiday cookie buffets, book sales, yard sales and "the wonderful children's programs," she said.

She was also instrumental in the group's support for the construction of a large addition to the library, which has greatly expanded ser-

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Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

MEREDITH — The offices of the Newfound Landing will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving, meaning that week's edition will arrive on local newsstands a day earlier than usual, Wednesday, Nov. 22.

In order to accommodate this change in our publication schedule, the submission deadline for any press releases, letters to the editor, and obituaries intended for publication that week has also been moved up one business day, to Monday, Nov. 20 at noon. Submissions may be dropped off in person at our offices, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, or

e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

Please note that any submissions received after noon on the 20th will be held for publication on Nov. 29.

For information regarding the Thanksgiving week deadlines for display advertising, please contact Lori Lynch in Sales at 788-4939 or lori@salmonpress.news.

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Police say Tannerite not involved in explosions

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Police say the person charged with felony counts of reckless conduct and riot for his involvement in an explosion on Oct. 28 did not use Tannerite, and did not purchase the explosive locally.

Lt. Kristopher Bean said his investigation leading to the arrest of Kyle Lyford, 22, of New Hampton, revealed that Lyford had purchased the binary explosive material online in 50-pound increments.

Steve Yerger, a representative of Tannerite, had contacted Bean about speculation that

Tannerite had been the cause of the explosion. While many people refer to the explosive material as Tannerite, Yerger says the name is a company trademark and not the product itself, likening it to the brand names Kleenex and Clorox, whose products include tissues and bleach. He also said that, while Tannerite makes Tannerite Brand Binary Rifle Targets, that emit a visible vapor to let the shooter know that the target has been hit, the company does not sell the material in the form of a prepackaged binary explosive.

Many gun stores do sell pre-packaged bi-

nary explosives, and some people make their own with components that usually comprise an oxidizer like ammonium nitrate and a fuel such as aluminum or another metal. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives said that, because the separate products are not explosive until they are combined, they do not meet the federal definition of "explosives" and, therefore, the ATF does not regulate their sale and distribution.

The combined mixture is an explosive material, subject to federal regulations, but those manufacturing their own explosives

for personal use are not required to have a federal explosives license or permit.

The ATF can prosecute felons, those under indictment, fugitives from justice, those addicted to controlled substances, those having been declared mentally defective, and non-citizens for possessing the explosives because such persons are prohibited from possessing them.

Lakes Region residents posting on Facebook reported two explosions originating on Morrison Road on Oct. 7, saying the blasts frightened their children, their pets, and elderly residents. Other

posts defended the explosions as being legal and harmless.

Bean said the Bristol Police Department filed the reckless conduct and riot charges

against Lyford because of the community's concerns, and he said the charges qualify as felonies because they involve a deadly weapon.

Town of Hebron named a Certified Local Government

HEBRON — The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that the National Park Service has designated the Town of Hebron as a Certified Local Government, joining 21 communities in the state to have achieved this distinction.

The Certified Local Government program in New Hampshire promotes the preservation of historic buildings and districts, archaeological sites, structures, landscapes and objects by establishing a partnership between local governments, the NHDHR and the National Park Service.

A municipality wishing to become a Certified Local Government must fulfill certain requirements indicating its commitment to local preservation, including establishing either a historic district commission or a heritage commission with historic district responsibilities.

First settled in 1765 and incorporated in 1792, Hebron remains an iconic small New Hampshire town. Its Historic Village District was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985; seven of those properties were listed to the

New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in 2016.

Created by the 1980 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Certified Local Government program requires the NHDHR to designate at least 10 percent of its annual federal Historic Preservation Funds to support Certified Local Governments. These grants can be used to fund community preservation activities such as historic survey and inventory of buildings and archaeological sites, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, preservation planning, heritage education, historic structures reports and other pre-development work, and brick and mortar projects. Other benefits of the program include technical assistance from the NHDHR on local planning issues, special training opportunities, and a role in commenting on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

New Hampshire's Division of Historical Resources, the "State Historic Preservation Office," was established in 1974. The historical, archaeological, architectural and cultural resources of New Hampshire are among its most important environmental assets. Historic preservation promotes the use, understanding and conservation of such resources for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of New Hampshire's citizens. For more information, visit nh.gov/nhdhr or call 271-3483.

Storm damage keeps Alexandria Highway Department hard at work

These three photos are just one time-lined example of how hard the Alexandria Highway Department worked over the past week to repair major road damage in their town, one of the hardest hit communities in the Newfound Region. From left to right are photos of one section of Fowler River Road that was washed out when raging floodwaters clogged drainage pipes under the road's surface. The first photo shows what the road looked like on Oct. 30 as the storm moved away, followed by how it appeared at the end of the day on Oct. 31. The third shot shows the freshly paved surface residents found in that same location just a week later. Work continues on several other badly damaged roadways but nearly all were passable within 48 hours of the storm, allowing residents in the north sector of the town to return to work and their children to return to school. "We still have thousands of feet of roadsides to repair but most of the big stuff is done now," said Road Agent Jeff Cantara. "We made the right calls, had the right people and got it all done." Assisting the town in their repair efforts over the past week were crews from Hiltz Construction, Ken Braley and Sons, and Fischer Plowing and Excavation, along with other local contractors and skilled volunteers. In the days immediately following the storm, many local residents also gathered at the town hall to provide meals, coffee and snacks for the crews as they worked long hours to make the town roads safe again.

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Beekeepers from across the state gather to discuss honeybee survival

BRIDGEWATER — Today, the Pemi-Baker Beekeepers Association (PBBA) announced the annual Fall Meeting of the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association, held last month, was a great success with more than 135 local beekeepers from all the state clubs in attendance.

The event hosted by the PBBA on Oct. 21 at the Bridgewater Town Hall included a honey-tasting competition, an observation hive, catering provided by the Inn on Newfound Lake, and vendors such as Spring Fever Farm and Hillside Apiaries selling beekeeping equipment.

Keynote speaker Chris Cripps, a nationally-renowned veterinarian and co-owner of the beekeeping supplier BetterBee, talked about the science and craft of beekeeping. Dr. Cripps offered tips and techniques on how to manage diseases contributing to



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honeybee mortality, and what local beekeeping enthusiasts can do to help their colonies thrive in New Hampshire.

In the afternoon session, author of "Beekeeping for Dummies" Howland Blackiston entertained attendees with "Jeopardy" a television-style trivia game

where two contestants competed for prizes presented by "Vern White" (Vanna's fictional brother).

President of the PBBA Gerard Godville said, "We are fortunate to have a resurgence of interest in beekeeping in the State of New Hampshire, and particularly in the

Lakes Region, where we operate. Last spring, we had a waiting list for our Bee School as did many other bee clubs. More than 53 students graduated from our class -- many of whom went on to keep bees in the 2017 summer. We feel strongly that efforts like these positively influence the

numbers and survival of honeybees in New Hampshire."

To learn more about beekeeping or honey production, to become a member of the Pemi-Baker Beekeepers

Association, or to register for the upcoming Bee School beginning in January 2018, please contact Gerard Godville at 254-7994, gsbeesbrdgh2o@yahoo.com. Or see the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association website www.nhbeekeepers.org for information on local bee clubs near you.

About Pemi-Baker Beekeepers Association (PBBA)

The PBBA is a local nonprofit beekeeping association that provides education, training, and outreach to residents of the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The Pemi-Baker Beekeepers Association meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Ashland Booster Club. For more information, please visit our Website, www.pemibaker-ba.org.

Newfound students bring "Almost, Maine" to the stage

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School presents "Almost, Maine," a romantic comedy, Friday, Nov. 17 & Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Newfound Regional High School Theater. Tickets are \$5 (students) and \$7 (adults).

Newfound Regional High School has a longstanding tradition of producing a full length, fall play. This November the curtain will open on the romantic comedy,

Almost Maine. Most people do not realize that "Almost, Maine," according to Dramatics magazine, "was the most-produced play in North American High Schools for the fifth time in the last six years, topping perennial favorites 'A Mid-summer Night's Dream,' 'Our Town' and 'You Can't Take it With You.'"

The play is set in Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. One night

in the middle of winter, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

This year's production at Newfound will feature actors from the senior, junior, and sophomore classes. The cast includes Lilly Colby, Carter Davis, Duncan Farmer, Emma Lagueux, Deanna Martin, Madison Martin, Mason Martin, Decoda McGee, Adam Nelson,

Makayla Pixley, Ethan Pruett, Vicki Roman, and Mikayla Royea.

The show will run on Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will benefit the senior class.

Please be aware that "Almost, Maine" is a romantic comedy, and some may find the material too mature for younger audience members.



COURTESY

Blazing Star Grange donates scarves to Danbury Community Center

Blazing Star Grange of Danbury, represented by Diane Clay (right), recently donated several homemade scarves to the Danbury Community Center, represented by Kendra Braley (left). The DCC is still accepting donations of hats, scarves and mittens to be given away to Danbury residents from Nov. 1 through Dec. 25. Donations may be dropped off at the DCC Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Call 768-3424 for information.

Veteran & peace activist Will Hopkins to speak at next Plymouth Area Democrats meeting

PLYMOUTH — On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Will Hopkins of the New Hampshire Peace Action Education Fund will be the featured speaker at the Plymouth Area Democrats' monthly meeting at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. He will discuss American foreign policy and current global tension and conflict.

Born and raised in Plymouth, Hopkins served for six years in the New Hampshire National Guard. An Infantryman, he was decorated for valor during a year-long tour in Iraq that included the Fallujah offensive during the fall of 2004. He has served as a national member of the board of directors of Veterans for Peace and on the board of New

Hampshire Peace Action Education Fund, taking over as that organization's executive director in September 2009. He is also a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War. Hopkins now lives in Belmont with his wife and two daughters, and attends Quaker meeting.

Conflicts with Iran or North Korea could seemingly begin at any moment, and at least in the case of North Korea have potential

to cascade into nuclear war. Hopkins will discuss how American foreign policy has been guided for the past few decades and how it has changed under the Trump administration. After updating on the development and status of conflicts with North Korea and Iran, Hopkins will give concrete action steps that he believes can be taken to help prevent senseless wars at this critical juncture in his-

tory.

Come early and join us for the pot luck and socializing, which will start at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a brief business meeting, with Will Hopkins scheduled to speak at 6:45 p.m. The meeting should wrap up by 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, call Joyce Weston at 536-2856.



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Shout out to parents — Nov. 18 event invitation

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

To celebrate parents on National Parent Involvement Day, we are inviting area parents to attend our first annual Shout Out to Parents. This fun, free event for parents/guardians only will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at The Common Man Inn in Plymouth from 6:30-9 p.m. We hope you will get a sitter for the kids and come be part of the celebration to honor parents of all ages (toddlers to teens).

Being a parent means playing a million different roles. You are not only the parent; you are doctor, chef, chauffeur, therapist, teacher, and so much more. Whether your family consists of one child or you are expecting baby #4, one thing is for certain: living life as Mom or Dad is one wild ride.

The CADY Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is hosting the event. The PAC represents the voice of Central NH families who are dedicated to building healthy environments and promising futures for children and youth. The Council fosters empowering interaction among community stakeholders with a focus on giving voice to parent

ideas and concerns, as well as encouraging parent participation and involvement in our community. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to create an engaging, positive environment that encourages healthy behaviors that lead to significantly higher numbers of drug-free young people. This will not only help children succeed in school and life, but will also contribute towards an improvement in the overall quality of life in our community.

Dr. Maria Sanders, an engaging speaker from Plymouth State University, will be speaking on Building Hope and Resilience. Wendy Hills, Life Coach, will be offering stress reduction tips and tools. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be available, as well as an optional cash bar. This is a FUN raiser, not a Fundraiser, so come join us for empowering topics, delicious food, door prizes, and giveaways!

Space is limited, so please RSVP by November 10 to Liz Brochu at 536-9793 or email ebrochu@cadyinc.org. For more information about CADY and the Parent Advisory Council, go to www.cadyinc.org.

PET of the Week Clive



Found in Alton, wandering around on Main Street, as abandoned cats are wont to do, since "Main Street" equates with human activity, a food source, and places to hide from the elements for those surviving by their wits.

How did such a handsome, sweet, long-haired grey cat come be alone, outside and unloved?

Over the Summer we at New Hampshire Humane Society provided the care he needed: neutering, plumping back up to a decent body weight. We know



he is FIV positive but that present virus does not mean we cannot place him in an indoors only home. Once recovered from his life

on the streets, jumping about at the shelter he re-fractured a leg that had been injured at some point in the past, bones had healed

haphazardly and must have been a constant source of pain, an old injury that Clive had adeptly masked for a lengthy period of time. So now Clive is a three legged cat!

Clive has recovered beautifully from his amputation and acts like he still has four legs -such is his unfettered nimbleness. He truly deserves a loving home, one that can assure his person comfort and safety.

Please visit him - witness for yourself, what a stately, wonderful cat he is.

Letters to the Editor

State interference in our elections is one more reason to support community rights bill

To the Editor:

Local elections are deeply connected to local control, and local control is deeply connected to direct democratic decision-making. State election officials are hell-bent on denying local control and therefore direct democracy.

According to a Union Leader article, Bill gives state power to postpone local elections, published on Oct. 30, "A House-Senate committee created to resolve conflicts that surfaced last March unanimously agreed to draft a bill that settles the matter in a way more satisfactory to the secretary of state than to the N.H. Municipal Association."

Where is the voice of local people and the town moderators the people elected? The Secretary of State was not elected by the people, he was elected by the state legislature.

The nor'easter that created blizzard conditions during the 2017 local March elections created more confusion among state elected officials than local. Local election officials from almost 80 towns saw the value of protecting the health, safety and welfare of voters with input from road crews, emergency departments, weather reports and common sense, and postponed local elections. Our elections, our votes, and the legitimacy of our local election officials were cast into doubt by state officials who appeared offended that the central government apparatus didn't get the final say over who made the call to postpone.

In response, a House-Senate committee was created to "resolve conflicts" over who has the authority to decide whether or not local elections get postponed, and what constitutes an acceptable reason to postpone. The state committee decided that the legislative-elected secretary of state now holds authority over citizen-elected town moderators and other local election officials to have final say regarding the health, safety and welfare of voters in local communities. Local election officials can weigh in with their opinion and make a request for postponement, but the state gets final decision-making authority over whether or not it is "safe" for you to vote.

The Union Leader article quoted Sen. Jeff Woodburn as saying, "I cannot imagine the secretary of state saying 'No' if a town has a legitimate reason

for wanting to postpone," and yet that is exactly what happened during the statewide weather emergency on election day. Almost 80 towns expressed a legitimate reason to postpone elections, yet the Secretary of State was opposed, and insisted towns keep the polls open. Pray for good weather forever and always on election day, because you may have to risk your life to vote if Mother Nature sends us another election day storm.

At least the New Hampshire Municipal Association has some common sense and sees the value of local elections being determined locally. Executive Director, Judy Silva was quoted in the article as saying, "Inserting a state official into that decision-making process violates local control, is unnecessary and unwieldy." The NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) wholeheartedly agrees and supports a call to amend the state constitution to recognize the right of local community self-government.

Rep. Ellen Read of Rockingham District 17 has introduced a State Constitutional amendment that would guarantee local communities the authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals, communities and ecosystems.

Rep. Read stated, "I truly hope my colleagues join me in supporting the Community Rights Amendment because it means doing exactly what we came to Concord to do - protect the people and resources of New Hampshire. This Amendment places the power back into the hands of the governed...the very thing our Revolutionary ancestors fought for."

NHCRN is a non-profit, grassroots organization that seeks to empower communities and elected officials with education and authority about our individual and collective right of local self-governance in order to secure and protect the inherent and unalienable rights of all inhabitants of New Hampshire to economic, social and environmental justice. For more information about the NHCRN or the proposed constitutional amendment, contact info@nhcommunityrights.org or visit www.nhcommunityrights.org.

*Michelle Sanborn
NHCRN Board member
Alexandria*

No matter where you stand on gun control, something needs to change

To the Editor:

Unlike our politicians, I still haven't become numb to our regular American mass shootings, and the news from San Antonio brings me deep despair.

Right now, the left and the right are preparing their statements with calculated nods to their constituencies. I don't care. I already know what they'll say. Guns can offer security and they can be dangerous. They facilitate both proud heritage and unthinkable carnage.

Right now, something needs to change. (Taking everyone's guns away is as impractical and impossible as arming everyone.) The solution, I hope, lies somewhere in the realm of common

sense, caution, and respect. No matter what you believe, we need to get to work: background checks, mental health care, and even a hard look at our own culture, which has fostered so much rage and isolation and violence are all steps in the right direction. If you think more regulation is the answer, then you first need to understand hundreds of thousands of responsible armed men and women in our country. If you object to any regulation, you need to first understand how guns fall into the wrong hands, and that a culture of immense violence exists in our country.

*Eric Oliver
Hebron*

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Patricia Ann Eckert, 86

NEW HAMPTON — Patricia Ann (Kelso) Eckert, 86, of Dana Hill Road died peacefully at home on Oct. 27, 2017 after a brief illness, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Norristown, Pa. on Aug. 4, 1931, to Samuel and Mary (Weinsteiger) Kelso, she was a graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy, Chestnut Hill, Pa., and Peirce School of Business Administration, Philadelphia, Pa. She worked as a secretary until she married James H. Eckert in 1955, and they settled in Collingswood, N.J., where she stayed at home to raise their three children. In 1971, after living briefly in Holland, she encouraged her family to move to the place she loved best, New Hampshire, and spent the rest of her life in New Hampton. She enjoyed working as an administrative assistant at Rockywold Deephaven Camps in Holderness, and volunteering at Speare Hospital and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Her faith was strong, and she greatly valued her friends and the support of the Catholic community of St. Agnes in Ashland.

Over the years, she balanced countless demands with grace and with a laugh that lifted

our spirits and carried near and far. She was funny, warm, and caring; loved her family, especially her grandchildren; and offered respect and an open heart to everyone she met. She loved to read, knit, paint, quilt, sew, garden, have her house in order, and visit with her family, extended family, friends, and neighbors. She had a remarkable capacity to make everyone who showed up feel welcome and accepted. Most often, you could find her in her hammock on the front porch, reading and watching the birds, ready to offer anyone who stopped by a glass of her delicious iced tea, a chance to talk about everything under the sun, and lots and lots of laughter.

She was predeceased by her husband, James H. Eckert, and is survived by her brother, Rev. Francis E. Kelso of New Hampton; her children, Mary Kae and husband Michael Brown of Concord, Clare and husband Chris Woods of Plymouth, and Jim Jr. and wife Debby Hearne of New Hampton; grandsons Nick Brown and fiancée Lucienne Dubois of Wolfboro, Sam Brown of Concord, and Caleb, Noah, Toby and Gabe Eckert of New Hampton; and finally,

great-granddaughter Genevieve Patricia Brown, who brightened her day.

There are also countless nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends whom she loved. We will miss her warmth, advice, wisdom and kindness.

The family is grateful to the Newfound Area Nursing Association and the devoted friends and neighbors who helped care for Pat during her last few weeks in the peace and comfort of her home - we truly could not have done it without their help.

Calling hours will be held at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 11 Hill Ave., Ashland, Friday, Nov. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. A mass of Christian burial will take place at Holy Trinity Parish St. Agnes Catholic Church, 19 Hill Ave., Ashland, on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Newfound Area Nursing Association at NANA, 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222, www.nanainc.org; or to Catholic Charities, 215 Myrtle St., Manchester, NH 03104.

For more information, go to dupuisfuneralhome.com.

Josephine Ida Elliott, 85



PLYMOUTH — Josephine Ida (Dowling) Elliott, 85, of Plymouth passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 2, 1932 in Plymouth, daughter of Joseph Dowling and Lucetta (Pike) Dowling.

In her current job as a homemaker, that she held for 28 years, she was honored in Washington, D.C. as New Hampshire's Outstanding Older Workers Award in 2008. But Homemaking was not her first career, she was a machine operator in a factory for fifteen years. She left the factory to become a Cumberland Farms Store Manager, a job she recalled as a defining moment in her life. Despite having only two years of high school, she effectively managed two stores and supervised a team of exemplary workers. She retired in 1968, but she missed the social interaction of working so much, so she re-entered the work force as a homemaker.

When she was not caring for friends and family in her spare time, or indulging in her love for crafts such as knitting and rug hooking, she might head off to a local bingo event. She won so often enough that her co-workers called her "Lady Luck." She was as likely to use her winnings to buy a special treat for a friend or client as to keep the winning for herself. She had no plans to retire. As she enjoyed life to the fullest and that meant being there for others, when ever needed.

She inspired her longtime friend Grace Latuch who is 98 years old to pursue her art career by helping arrange to show her art in the local libraries.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 49 years, Malcolm Elliott, and her son, Roger Elliott and a brother, Charles Hobart.

She is survived by her daughter; JoAnn Murphy, and her husband Timothy of Groton; grandchildren James Thompson and wife Jennifer of Warren, Jennifer Edgecomb and husband Dennis of Wentworth, and Joseph Thompson and Jason Vittum of Tamworth; and great grandchildren; Jose Colon, Jr. and fiancé Lindsey Rugg, James Colon, Hannah Thompson, Kailey Thompson, Ariaunna Thompson and Lilian Vittum; great great grandchildren; Lilly, Taryn, Charlotte and Emerson; and many nieces, and nephews and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Nov. 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. at 1736 North Groton Rd., Groton.

The Mayhew Funeral Home and Meredith Bay Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

Letters to the Editor

Bristol's demographics show no need for expanded town facilities

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, the Town of Bristol Space Needs Committee held a public hearing to present its plan for a new Town Office and Police Station. There were several dozen residents in attendance, a number of whom suggested changes that might improve the final plan. The atmosphere was like the day before Christmas; visions of brand new facilities danced in the heads of department managers, town employees, tax and spend advocates and cheerleaders.

In hindsight, I believe the only adult in the room was Ned Gordon, Chairman of the committee. At the beginning of the hearing, Ned repeated the findings of Space Needs Committee that there would be no appreciable growth in the population of Bristol for the next 25 years, and we could very well see a shrinking population. The average age of the Bristol population is older than that of New Hampshire, and the average income level of Bristol residents was half that of the average for New Hampshire citizens. What part of these findings shouts out that we need to expand existing facilities is unclear to me.

Over the past 30 years that I have lived in Bristol, I have paid taxes to support our school system that services six communities, paid to support

our EMS service that services multiple communities, paid to support the TTCC that provides after school and summer programs for multiple communities, paid to expand a library facilities to service multiple communities, payed tens of thousands to upgrade playing fields, tennis courts, town beaches, playgrounds for the school area sports and other organizations.

Some want to justify expanding existing facilities, saying the police department has inadequate space, I say the police department is oversized.

National standards recommend two officers per thousand population. Bristol has a year round population of just over 3,000 and a summer population (Memorial Day to Labor Day, a 90 day pe-

riod) of 6,000. At two officers per thousand for six full time year round officers and six part time officers for the 90 day summer period, we could eliminate the need to expand the police facility. You wouldn't hire lifeguards year round full time for Newfound Lake, would you? Why do we hire police officers full time year round?

After reviewing the Space Needs Report, stagnant population, aging citizens and lagging income levels, I believe the need the report points to is for a Senior Citizens Center, more than an expanded Town Office or Police department. Let's do something for the tax-paying citizens of Bristol for a change.

Paul Simard
Bristol

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Hope everyone survived Mother Nature's little gift to us! Must give all who worked and helped in one way or another to keep folks safe, and fed. Our road crew did a fantastic job, and have worked many, many hours to get our roads passable. Hot meals were provided at the Town Hall for those who were displaced by the flooding, and were prepped and served by Laura Plummer and her crew of helpers. This is what small towns are all about, neighbor helping neighbor.

Town

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Those meeting with the Budget Committee are the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and other line items.

Planning Board Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Conservation Commission reminder that entries for the Photo

Contest are due by Nov. 20.

Alexandria United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Nov. 19 will be Thanksgiving Worship Service. A Thanksgiving breakfast will be served to the Sunday School children. Parents and others are welcome to join us!

We are now taking reservations for Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be served at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Please call AUMC at 744-8104 and leave your name, telephone number and how many will be joining us. Pastor Deb is in her office at the church every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon if you'd like to speak directly with her. The dinner is free for everyone, donations are accepted, but not expected.

Newfound Area Churches (NAC) Advent Services will be held as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Bristol Baptist Church, Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Hebron Church, Wednesday, Dec. 13 at New Hampton Community Church and Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Bristol UCC. All worship

services begin at noon, and are followed by fellowship and luncheon.

Seems like we are getting closer to Old Man Winter coming to stay for a while as the temperatures begin to drop. Although the skies are cloudy and gray at the moment, I have been blessed with beautiful sunrises, clouds ablaze with vibrant colors. Enjoy your week, safe travels where ever you go, stay positive and if you see someone without a smile...give them one of yours!

Danbury

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South Danbury Church

The regular Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church will be at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12. Conversation and refreshments will follow. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Save the date! On Friday, Nov. 17, stop by the South Danbury Christian Church from 3:30 to

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Sundays

9 a.m. — Early Worship Service, followed by coffee/fellowship in the church dining room.

9:25 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade six

Special Needs Ministry-high school-adults

11 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service

11:15 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade 6

11:15 a.m. — Youth Sunday School

“Toddler Zone” is available at both services for infants to age five. Before the contemporary service, please join us for coffee and healthy snacks.

KidZone

Debbie Madden leads the K-sixth grade class. Kids will love the great videos and games that teach someone age appropriate lessons in a loving atmosphere.

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12

Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mill #3 (39 Winter St.), just around the corner from the church. This youth ministry will be meeting every week, and is led by our youth and worship pastor, Aaron Stout, along with our volunteer youth leader staff. This youth group ministry is open to youth

not only from Ashland, but surrounding towns as well. Spread the word and bring your friends.

Mondays

8 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in the Church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace and love. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ernie Madden at (office phone number) 968-9463. You can also e-mail him at accernie@hotmail.com or visit the church Web site, ashlandcommunitychurch.com.

We believe that you will love it at Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior. Our vision is to become a church that un-churched people will love to attend. Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus, and to help others do the same.

Real church. Real people. Real simple.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. And remember, just come as you are! No perfect people allowed!

Ashland Episcopal (St. Mark's Church)

Last Sunday, we were privileged to hear Rev. Kelly Sunberg Seamon, prospective new priest for St. Mark's and Holy Spirit. After the service a very nice and well at-

tended coffee hour and reception was held in Sherrill Hall. Everyone had a chance to meet Kelly and ask any questions they might have. There was a similar reception held at Griswold Hall in Plymouth. The St. Mark's Bishop's Committee and the Vestry of Holy Spirit will soon vote whether or not to call Rev. Kelly to our churches.

The Book group led by Guy Tillson had it's last meeting with a lively discussion on the last chapter of Bishop Hirshfield's new book 'Without Fear or Shame' on Thursday. Randy announced that he will be leading a study group on the Four Gospels beginning on Thursday, Nov. 16. Each meeting will feature a 30-min. recorded lecture by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Nov. 16 will be the Gospel of Mark: Jesus, the suffering Son of God; Nov. 30 is the Gospel of Matthew: Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, Dec. 17 will be the Gospel of Luke: Jesus, the Savior of the World, and lastly on Dec. 14, the Gospel of John: Jesus the Man from Heaven. For further information or to reserve a place, please see Randy. The group will meet in the Community Hall in Plymouth 9:30-11 a.m.

St. Mark's Old Fashioned Ham & Bean supper is coming soon: 5-7 p.m. in Sherrill Hall on Sat. Nov. 11. Baked Ham, home baked beans, Margot's potato salad, cole slaw and homemade pies. Price is \$9 for adults, \$4 for kids, and Veterans are half price.

Entertainment will be provided by Dick Mardin on the fiddle, Tom Seigle on guitar, and Bill Lewis on banjo. What more could you ask? This will be a really fun evening so bring your friends and neighbors!

Sunday Services are 8 a.m. at Griswold Hall, Plymouth and 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's. Church School led by Jean Murphy and Bev Frost meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for the procession and the Children's Message by Ruth Harlow. They then go to Sherrill Hall for their lessons. Jean is reading the children stories of famous bible people who helped carry the Ark of the Covenant (Moses Law) before they reach the Promised Land. All children are welcome. Call Jean for further information at 253-7294.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

The Day Away Program is looking for volunteers. The heart of a volunteer is measured by the depth of the commitment to make a difference. Volunteers are needed. Will you join us? Together we can make our participants' lives brighter. For more information please contact Sandra Coleman BSN, RN at sjrhett@roadrunner.com or 536-6304. For more information on Day Away, visit our Web site at www.respiteforcaregiverday-away.wordpress.com.

Plymouth Knights of Columbus Auction

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus Council No. 10307 annual Auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 beginning at 5 p.m. with a delicious spaghetti dinner. Through the generous donations from our local communities, the Knights have raised several thousand dollars each year to be used locally to help out those who are less fortunate.

Divorce Support Group

Surviving Divorce

is a support group that meets on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln. The program is free and refreshments are provided. You can attend as many sessions as you like.

The Bristol office will be closed for the time being. If you would like to book a Mass intention, or need to book either hall or an event, please call Sandy at 536-4700. For any other issues pertaining to the Bristol campus, please call Chris Chiasson at 724-1825, or email at holytrinitybristol@gmail.com. If you would like to speak with Fr. Leo or Deacon Mike, please call 536-4700 to set up an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Online Quilt Auction to benefit Haven Pregnancy Services Auction begins on Saturday, Oct. 28 and continues through Thursday, Nov. 30. Make your bids at www.quiltauctionnh.com.

Reminder: IRA Distributions

If you are older than 70.5 years old, it is the time of year where required minimum distributions are determined for traditional IRA accounts. Please consider making a charitable distribution to Holy Trinity Parish from your traditional IRA. This will count as your required minimum distribution and is not taxable. Ask your IRA administrator and tax advisor what steps to take, because the procedures will vary and the transfer must be direct.

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Day of Retreat “Anticipating Advent with a Clean Heart” Saturday, Nov. 18, Our Lady of Guadalupe Conference Center St. Andre Bessette Parish, Sacred Heart Campus, 291 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Unbound equips you to get free, stay free, and even help a friend to come into deeper rela-

tionship with God. Come see what true freedom means. Call 524-9609 and leave a message for Jude or e-mail AbbaHealing-Center1@gmail.com for more information.

Ninth Annual Public Square Event Sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester and Catholic Medical Center Pro-Woman, Pro-Family, Pro-Life: Church Teaching on Sex and Birth Control Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 PM NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College. We often hear about a “War on Women” in our society any time access to birth control or abortion is limited. Come to the ninth annual Catholics in the Public Square event and learn why Catholic teaching is authentically pro-woman and how the Church supports men and families too.

Office will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

Do you need some help this Thanksgiving, or know someone who does? Sign up for a free, home-delivered Thanksgiving Basket from the faculty, staff, and students at Plymouth State University. To request a basket, call Kathy Tardif at 535-2673 by Thursday, Nov. 9. The project is coordinated by PSU's Catholic Campus Ministry and United Campus Ministry, with support from the Phi Beta Upsilon alumni group and Sodexo.

Weekly Meetings

Thursday, Nov. 9
Day Away, Simard Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Men's Group, North American Martyrs Oratory, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12

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AA meeting Monday - Saturday 11 a.m., St. Matthew Hall

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Silent film accompanist to perform live score recorded for Gloria Swanson classic "Zaza"

New Hampshire's Jeff Rapsis created music that's featured on Kino-Lorber's newly released "Zaza" DVD

PLYMOUTH — Taking his place to play the score for a classic silent film, there's a reason accompanist Jeff Rapsis has no sheet music on his keyboard. It's because he's making up the music right there on the spot.

But on Wednesday, Nov. 15, he'll have a head start for "Zaza" (1923), a Gloria Swanson romantic melodrama that's playing at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center in Plymouth.

That's because earlier this year, Rapsis created the recorded soundtrack for the much-anticipated release of "Zaza" on DVD/Blu-ray by Kino-Lorber, a New York-based Neocompany that specializes in re-releasing classic films.

"It was a real thrill to create a musical score for this great feature film, which has never been available for home view-

ing before," Rapsis said. "I feel like I've collaborated with Gloria Swanson and the team that made this film."

Showtime for the Flying Monkey screening is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person.

The Kino-Lorber edition of "Zaza," with music by Rapsis, was released this summer to enthusiastic reviews.

"With a DTS-HD MA 2.0 piano score from composer Jeff Rapsis that follows the original 1923 cue sheet, this is a pretty fantastic score for the film," wrote Matthew Hartman of Hi-Def Digest. "The piano work gives the film a nice old-time feel with the right blend of jaunty entertainment and hitting the lower dramatic tones. It never feels overly dramatic or too wild and fits the tone of the film perfectly."

In "Zaza," Swanson stars as a tempermental



COURTESY

Silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis will perform a live musical score to the Gloria Swanson drama "Zaza" (1923) on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 South Main St. in Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com or call 536-2551.

music hall performer in a provincial French theater who falls in love with a high-ranking diplomat played by H.B. Warner.

The film chronicles their romance as it takes unexpected turns both comic and dramatic. The Paramount feature was

regarded as one of the studio's major releases of 1923, helping establish Swanson as a major star of the era.

For the Plymouth screening, Rapsis will recreate the score he created earlier this year for the DVD release.

The music was based on a surviving "cue sheet" from the studio that offered suggested for music to play when the film was in theatres in 1923.

"Some of the suggestions seemed right on, while others didn't," Rapsis said. "Just like musicians of the silent era, I followed some, and in other places created my own material."

"Zaza" contains multiple on-screen references to 'Plaisir d'Amour,' a 19th Century love song with enduring popularity in France. Using it today, however, creates problems, Rapsis said, because the tune is identical to the song "I Can't Help Falling in Love With You" popularized by Elvis Presley.

"If you're not careful, it can sound like you're using a 1950s Elvis hit to accompany Gloria Swanson in post-World War I France," Rapsis said.

He addressed the problem by playing the tune with a classical accompaniment, and also making minor changes to "de-Elvis" the melody.

"I think it worked," Rapsis said. "So far, no one has complained that I used Elvis to accompany 'Zaza.'"

Rapsis has been creating live scores for silent films for the past decade, and currently performs for more than 100 screenings each year.

Besides screenings at the Flying Monkey, among his regular gigs screenings at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre and many other local venues. Rapsis also regularly ap-

pears at more far-flung venues, including the Harvard Film Archive in Cambridge, Mass., the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the Cleveland Cinematheque, and the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum in San Francisco, Calif.

His standard approach to scoring silent films is to improvise the score on the spot, as a movie is screening.

"It's kind of a high wire act to do the music this way. But it provides an energy and excitement that contributes to the experience," Rapsis said. "For a film I don't know, I'll run through it once or twice on DVD prior to the public screening, to make sure I understand the story's arc and any big moments. Any more than that, and I find a movie begins to get too familiar, and I find I start to overthink the film or anticipate things during the screening, and that gets in the way of things flowing in the theater."

Once a film is underway, Rapsis plays continuously, providing music that underscores what's onscreen—not just the action, but emotional shifts and plot twists that can often build to powerful climaxes. He provides full orchestral scores for dramas, westerns, action/adventure films, and horror flicks, all of which first became popular as the silent film era peaked in the 1920s.

Silent film programs can last anywhere from one to three hours in length. Rapsis finds that after the first 10 or 20 minutes, he sinks into a state of mind where he is completely absorbed by the process of scoring the movie, and the music sometimes seems to weave itself as he responds to the film in real

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NH Master Chorale presents music for our contemporary planetary and spiritual condition

CONCORD/PLYMOUTH — The theme of this fall's New Hampshire Master Chorale two-concert series is "The Heart of the Singer."

That's also the title of the concluding section of the concerts' centerpiece, "The Wound in the Water," a new work for chorus and chamber orchestra that laments our damaged environment, humanity's anxious and wounded psyche, and the redemptive power of music.

The work is a collaboration between the rising young Norwegian composer Kim Andre Arnesen and Welsh librettist Euan Tait, premiered just last year. That accounts for its up-to-the-moment sensibility.

The Master Chorale will perform "The Heart of the Singer" on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Concord, and on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

When he first encountered "The Wound in the



COURTESY

The New Hampshire Master Chorale will perform "The Heart of the Singer" on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Concord, and on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Water" last spring, Master Chorale Music Director Dan Perkins was struck by its immediacy.

"The text, in particular, resonated with the general angst I was (and am) feeling about the disastrous human (social/political) and physical (pollution, global warming) condition in which we find our world," Perkins says.

His decision to perform "The Wound in the Water" turned out to be even more timely than Perkins anticipated.

"Since choosing 'The Wound in the Water' last spring," he says, "it

seems to have become even more relevant, considering myriad recent environmental and social disasters – if that is the right term for mass shootings."

The text can certainly be read in a literal way. Some passages plainly allude to climate change: "What now are the seasons? Where will we go to be at home as the ground melts under our feet?" Others mourn the "poisoned" environment, damaged by humankind's headlong pursuit of Mammon – the drive for material gain, the inborn desire to pos-

sess "what we think we want."

Still other passages paint pictures of exiles set adrift on a terrifying sea. They might well be the desperate refugees from current headlines who flee from war-torn Syria, or the persecuted Rohingya Muslims pouring out of Myanmar. The chorus sings of "the strangers who came to us guessing, full of troubled beliefs," only to meet the "unexpected hiss" of hate and rejection. They too are called "victims of mammon."

But at the same time, "The Wound in the Water" is a more abstract and universal metaphor. The polluted seas stand for wounded human souls, "the Mind's Ocean" in the depths of which lurks the monstrous creature Mammon, whose bellow "tears the waters and leaves them wounded, poisoned."

In this less literal reading, we are all refugees exiled from our souls' home and tossed on an "endless sea" of anxiety and unwholesome desire.

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NOVEMBER 14, 2017 • 6:00 P.M.
Land Use Room, Hebron Town Office

You are hereby notified that the Hebron Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will meet in the Land Use Room, Hebron Town Office, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, to address the following:

1. Minutes and other administrative matters
2. Election of Vice Chairman
3. Hearing of the application of James and Gillian Van Schaick for a variance with respect to Article IV, Section P, of the Hebron Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a house, a portion of which to be situated in the shore setback area, on their property at 10 Vista Drive (Tax Map 7, Lot HP.015) (Case #272)
4. Any other business that may come before the Board

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NH Marathon

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was pleased to pass on to their annual benefactors.

“This reception is to thank all of you for your contributions and to celebrate the overall success of this event but the highlight is presenting the proceeds to our three nonprofit local youth-centered organizations that we all support,” Schaffner said.

Those organizations are the Tapply-Thompson Community Center, the Mayhew Program (for boys) and the Circle Program (for girls). Each received a check for more than \$8,000 this year to continue their vital programs with local youth.

Jim Nute of Mayhew said the donation was absolutely amazing and thanked the Marathon committee for their generosity each year. Les Dion of TTCC began her thanks with the word “Wow” as she was handed a check and thanked everyone for the outstanding communi-

ty support she has seen each year. While Kathleen Kearns of the Circle Program was grateful for their donation she took a moment to point out a special connection her organization has with the marathon.

“We’re celebrating our 25th anniversary too, so it seems really appropriate that we were a part of this again this year. Thank you all,” Kearns said.

In addition to the checks, Schaffner and co-director Bob Watson presented a special plaque to Larry Poliquin of Hannaford’s Supermarket in appreciation of their continuing sponsorship for the race, and thanked the Newfound Area Chiefs Association for keeping everyone safe as they ran or walked the lengthy course. They also were grateful to the local C.E.R.T. team who helped with traffic control, the Newfound Regional High School Band for playing the National Anthem and other songs before the starter gun sent everyone off and running, and to Carroll

Brown and his family who provided continuing music and entertainment throughout the long day.

There were two other presentations during the course of the reception this year.

Schaffner and Watson announced a donation of \$500 toward the newly established Mills Blakeley endowment fund at NRHS and paid special recognition to a man who got the whole marathon up and running 25 years ago.

“We would like to take a moment to recognize Everett Begor, one of the original members of the N.H. Marathon Committee, who served as president from 2000 to 2012 and then served as treasurer through this year,” Schaffner said. “Thank you Everett for your support, encouragement and efforts.”

Begor was grateful for the recognition but stressed that over the past 25 years he did it all for just one reason- those who benefit.

“Anything for the kids,” he said.

Deputy Chief

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happened passively,” he said.

Today, he added, “to be effective, recruiting must be an active process.”

He said the time spent handling fire inspection and prevention efforts will exceed 600 hours this year, and the fire chief also has additional planning and preparedness requirements for emergency medical services.

“These functions alone could be the job of one full-time-equivalent, [yet] the fire chief’s primary job is to oversee the administration and operations of the fire department’s equipment, personnel, and their delivery of timely and professional fire, rescue, and EMS response,” he said.

There is an on-call deputy chief now, and LaRoche would retain that person for Saturdays and certain other days when he would not be available. The new

deputy chief would be full-time staffer working Monday through Friday.

He pegged the cost of the position at around \$64,000, but with retirement and other benefits, the full cost would be close to \$100,000, he said. Offsetting that would be about \$10,000 in overtime costs that would not be incurred with another full-timer.

LaRoche suggested filling the position next July, halfway through the fiscal year, to ease into the additional expenditure.

The deputy fire chief would oversee the fire prevention program, serve as training officer for fire and EMS education, coordinate the professional development of the fire department staff, and support the staff in equipment maintenance, inventory, and communications resources. He also would be the one assuming command in emergency situations.

Selectman Paul Manganiello suggested that the position might be paid through the ambu-

lance contract, which shares EMS costs with other participating towns.

Alpers agreed “there is some logic” in having some of the position’s cost going into the ambulance account, saying, “There’s got to be some comfortable number.”

Alpers asked LaRoche to break down the 600 hours he said would go into fire inspection and prevention efforts, as well as “firm numbers of the times of day the calls are coming in and who’s taking them; also what the assignments are, and what the costs would be.”

LaRoche said he would return with those figures at the next selectmen’s meeting, on Nov. 16, when he would hope to get approval to present the idea to the Bristol Budget Committee. Assuming the budget committee agrees to the need, the question would go to the voters at March Town Meeting, allowing the recruitment process to get underway if the proposal clears that hurdle.

Willson

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vices for patrons from the Newfound Region. Among the fund raising efforts for that project was a Buy A Brick program, honoring contributors with personally engraved bricks on the walkway leading into the building.

Above all, she has been pleased with the quality of library directors they’ve been able to attract, especially their newest director Britta Ny Overton.

“She’s very special and we’re very fortunate to have her,” Willson said.

Stepping in to fill her shoes as the new president of the Friends of the Minot-Sleeper Library will be Elsa Johnson who is excited to take over the helm. Johnson said she only hopes she can maintain the momentum and enthusiasm Willson has instilled within the group.

“It won’t be easy, but I look forward to the challenge,” she said on

Sunday.

Willson said she will maintain her membership with the Friends but felt the time had come to let someone else take over leadership within the organization.

“I didn’t want people to think I had to die to give up the presidency,” she joked. “They’re a wonderful group of women and we’ve grown very close over the years so I’m glad I can still be a part of them. They realized they can’t get rid of me and they’re too nice to kick me out.”

Churches

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Restoration Church, Plymouth

Greetings from Restoration Church Plymouth, located at 319 Highland St., Plymouth, NH 03264. If you do not have a home church we invite you to come and join our warm and friendly family here at Restoration Church. Please feel free to contact us at hello@restorationchurch.cc.. Our church phone number is still the same, 536-1966. Our schedule has changed to the following:

Sunday:
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
Monday: First and third Monday of the Month
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry
Friday: Second Friday of the month
6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

On Sunday, Nov. 5, we officially launched as Restoration Church Plymouth. More details about this service will be included in the next article. We also started a new series entitled, Stories. We will be continuing this series this week as well. We have our own worship team during our services in our auditorium and then we watch as a Pastor Nate Gagne preaches via video during our service.

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Sunday, Nov. 12
Nursery and Religious Education – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Contact: Jane Clay, DRE

Service 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Abundance
Betty Ann Trought, Guest Leader
Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director and Choir

This month’s Soul Matters focuses on Abundance. It points out very clearly that when it comes to abundance, our culture and our religion are at odds. Our culture cries, “Accumulate!” Our religion counsels “Appreciate!” The mantras couldn’t be more different. Our commercials and social media say, “Go out and buy what you want!” and the pulpit pleads with us to “learn to want what you have.” So how can we resolve this

dispute?

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Religious Education News - The religious education class in Room 2/3, known as Dumbledore’s Army, is fighting the Hunger Horcrux for the first 2 weeks of November. In Harry Potter’s world, Horcruxes are the “bad things” that Harry and his friends had to fight in the stories. Throughout the stories (and movies) Voldemort is the character creating the various Horcruxes. The real-world Horcruxes are wrongs that need to be righted, thus being the social action piece of this curriculum. The class will be doing a food drive for donations to the local food pantry. They are learning about food insecurities and hunger in our country as well as some statistics for NH. There will be a trunk in the front of the sanctuary that wants to be fed with non-perishable foods, such as canned foods, boxed Macaroni and cheese, soups, Hamburger Helper, pasta and sauces, cereals, and more. It would be wonderful if the trunk couldn’t hold everything at the end of the two weeks!

Our Outreach for November is Plymouth Area Community Closet, the local organization helping folks with financial difficulties in 14 communities. The talk and

Snow Angel

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for their fall performance is a “mythical mystery” that is sure to hold the audience captive and entertained as the storyline unfolds.

“The preview for the school was hilarious. This is a play about something that could have happened to you as a 15-year-old and makes you wonder how you would have handled it,” Sampson said.

“Snow Angel” is a play written in 1999 by David Lindsay-Abair about a

quiet town in Vermont that is hit by the biggest snowstorm they have seen in more than 100 years.

A group of teens are stranded in the storm and in the midst of it all a mysterious girl steps out of the snow and into their lives. She asks the group to help her in a search, but for what, they do not know, and she goes on to “baffle, divide and energize” the teens she meets in Deerpoint, Vermont.

Auditions and practice for the play began in early September, and students said they have worked hard to bring this fun and exciting play to life.

A relative newcomer to New Hampton School, Claire Gardner of Gilford said she has found a real connection with the theater group and made many friends who share her passion for acting. Having participated in many summer theater productions, her role this time is that of the “outcast” in the group of teens stranded in the blizzard.

Gardner said she likes this particular play because it’s an intriguing and fun story, and the crew has put a lot of “blood, sweat and tears” into the quality of the performance.

Senior Mairead Ryan of Ashland is also enjoying her time with the theatre troupe this year and said she loves the sto-

ryline of “Snow Angel.”

She said she sees a lot of similarities in it to other classic tales, such as “Alice in Wonderland,” “The Wizard of Oz,” and even a bit of “Harry Potter.”

“The theme of an underdog and of community in this play is really nice to see,” Ryan said. “I’m the stranger who walks in and it’s actually not even known if I really exist. Everyone who comes to the play will leave with their own opinion as to what or who I really am at the end.”

Sampson said he was attracted to this particular play because the characters were all high school students, making it easy for him to assemble a cast. The New England setting caught his eye as well, along with the fact that the playwright is also a Pulitzer Prize winning author.

“This play is intriguing, mysterious and funny, and I think everyone will love it,” said Sampson.

“Snow Angels” will be presented to the public on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the McEvoy Theater at New Hampton School. Admission is free for students and New Hampton residents, with a donation of \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors of other neighboring communities. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Towns

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6:30 p.m. for a Holiday Happy Hour. Warm up with a cup of mulled cider or cocoa, and an apple donut. Browse the handmade crafts, holiday items, and pies and baked goods. Perhaps take a moment to check out the progress on the historic preservation project, as well. Then head home for the weekend with a container of homemade baked beans or chili, and fresh-baked cornbread. All proceeds will benefit the Church Preservation Fund.

Donations of baked good, crafts, or holiday items will be gratefully accepted! For more information, call 491-3196 or send an email to south-danburychurch@gmail.com.

Blazing Star Grange

At the last meeting of the grange, the group discussed dates and events for the coming year. This winter, the members decided they would meet at the grange hall rather than rotate to member's homes. The business meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The second meeting of the month may be more flexible, possibly being held in conjunction of the third Saturday workshop and pickup market. The next meeting will be Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. The discussion will continue on events, logistics and programming.

Third Saturday Pickup Market

The 1st Saturday Danbury Winter Market is expanding by adding a by order only market on the 3rd Saturday. Customer place orders with the vendors. The vendors bring the items to the grange hall and the customer pick them up there. On Nov. 18, the pickup will be from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. The hours of the December 16th market have yet to be decided. Orders can be placed by calling, sending them an email or ordering from some vendors online at harvestmarket.com/farmers-market/Danbury-Winter-Market. Customer register at the site, pick the Danbury Winter Market as their market and are able to order dairy products from Huckins Farm, wool socks from Margaret Hoyle, Artisan crafts from Pleasant View Arts, Danbury Ameriscape ornaments from Gourmet Garden and beef, turkeys, eggs, prepared items and baked goods from Huntoon Farm.

Ordering closes on the Thursday before the pickup.

The next regular Danbury Winter Market is Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The online site can also be used to order items in advance for the market. For questions, call Donna at 768-5579 or email donnaardena@gmail.com.

Groton

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There was extensive flooding associated with the storm on the Sunday into Monday. Many folks in our Town had damage to property and were without power for a couple of days. I hope you all have services now. The Town garage was flooded and lots of road damage. We are working to get repairs done now. There is much to be thankful for as well that no one lost their life and that the linemen worked hard to get our power back before originally predicted. The Town House was down Monday and Tuesday for most of the day, but all is back up and running now.

Groton resident, John Faucher, recently completed a tree cutting job requiring his crane at the River Road Cemetery. Then at no cost to the Town or the Cemetery Committee, he repaired and improved the culvert at the bottom of the driveway made to access the newly created Annex at River Road. Thank you to John for his generosity and willingness to help.

The Town is looking for a Trustee of the Trust Fund to fill the remaining two year term. If you are interested please submit your name to the Town Office. We are also looking for someone to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) is holding a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 2-3 p.m. at the Bristol United Church of Christ, 15 Church St., Bristol. This is for family, friends and the community to share in an ecumenical celebration of love and remembrance for those who have died in hospice care or home care and those from the community who have died. There will be live music, readings and candle lighting. Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to light a candle for any loved ones they wish to remember. A reception will follow.

We are looking for volunteers for the Annual

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Town House. Please contact the Town Offices if you would like to help in any way. We will also be assembling and delivering Christmas Boxes this year so we are looking for donations and a few volunteers to assemble and deliver these. Some donations have been made, but we will need much more to fill up the boxes this year. Please be willing to step forward to help your community.

Meetings and Closures Coming Up

Select Board meetings are scheduled for the following Tuesdays, Nov. 7, and Nov. 21, and all at the Town House in the front meeting area at 7:00pm.

Select Board Work Sessions at the Town House Tuesday Nov. 7 and 21 at 5 p.m.

Conservation Committee Meeting Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector offices will be closed Nov. 10 for Veteran's Day and Nov. 23 - 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Select Board Office will be closed Nov. 9 for Veteran's Day, Nov. 15 and 16 for the NHMA Conference, and Nov. 22 - 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Town Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Warrant Articles for the March 2018 Town Meeting need to be submitted to the Select Board Office no later than Thursday, Jan. 4.

Election Year 2018

I'm giving this information to that you have some idea of how the election year will run in 2018. Please make note of these dates on your calendar and get out to vote. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerks office at 786-2926. Thank you.

Supervisor of the Checklist meet 7 - 7:30 p.m. for Town Elections - Jan. 23

Town Elections - March 13 (polling place for Groton is 754 N Groton Rd, Groton Town House - polls open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Town Meeting to follow - (date and time to be determined)

Supervisors of the Checklist meet 7-7:30 p.m. (last day for registered voters to change party affiliations before State Primary) - June 5

Filing period for State Representative and delegates to file with Town/City Clerk and all other offices file with the Secretary of State from June

6 through 15 at 5 p.m.

Supervisors will hold session between Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 to be posted and published

State Primary Election Day-Sept. 11 (polling place for Groton is 754 N. Groton Rd., Groton Town House - polls open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

State Parties will hold their conventions between Sept. 18 and Oct. 30

Supervisors must hold session between Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 to be posted and published

State General Election - Nov. 6 (polling place for Groton is 754 N. Groton Rd., Groton Town House - polls open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Zaza

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time.

"At its best, creating music in real time is a grand journey into the subconscious," he said. "Once I get 'in the zone,' I'm not aware of time passing, although part of me is always conscious of what's on screen, what's likely to happen next, and what the audience reaction may be. And I adjust as I go—to help a film 'grab' a restless audience at a big moment,

Hebron

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Hebron Historical Society

On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m., the Hebron Historical Society will sponsor a Veterans Day ceremony on the Hebron Common. The public is invited to attend without charge and afterwards join us for refreshment in the Community Hall (basement of the Union Congregational Church) located directly across North Shore Road. The Community Hall is handicap-accessible by entering the side door of the church to the right of

the main entrance and taking the elevator to the lower level.

Please call 744-3335 for additional information.

Hebron Area Women's Group

The Hebron Area Women's Group will meet on Nov. 16. All are welcome to come to the Union Congregational Church Community Hall at noon. Our guest speaker will be Marion Weber, who will speak on her Roads Scholar Trip to New Zealand. Our Hostesses are Dian West and Doris Riddle. Requested are non-perishable items for the Bristol Food Pantry.

sometimes it helps to stop playing for a bit, which really punctuates the drama."

Rapsis, a newspaper publisher by day, is a lifelong silent film fan who studied classical piano separately.

"Silent film accompaniment is kind of a lost art, but once I tried doing it, I found I could naturally come up with music that helped silent films come to life," Rapsis said. "And I really enjoyed the process because it combined two things I really

loved: silent film and music. For me, it was like putting chocolate and peanut butter together."

"Zaza," starring Gloria Swanson, will be shown on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 South Main St. in Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com or call 536-2551.

For more information on the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

Chorale

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But where is that home from which 21st-century humans are exiled? "The Wound in the Water" points to it in a concluding section called "The heart of the singer" - the phrase Perkins has chosen as the theme of the entire concert. That longed-for home is located in the shared desire of connection, of love and empathy for our fellow human travelers in a broken world.

Music is the grand metaphor for that yearned-for connection, the piece tells us - and specifically the experience of a shared song: "... We know we are helplessly singing," the lyrics say, "and seeking whatever

in us we cannot stop, the song ceaseless, leaping, our utter yes."

Perkins hopes audiences will hear "The Wound in the Water" in this metaphorical way, not as merely topical.

"I prefer to allow the entire piece to serve as an acknowledgement, a call to action and, as the composer notes, 'a journey towards healing,'" he says.

Arnesen's musical setting of the troubling themes of "The Wound in the Water" is unexpectedly lush and lyrical.

Perkins says he's "drawn to the accessibility and direct beauty of his harmonic language. Considering the darkness of the text, I think the musical language helps to balance the experience for both singers

and the audience."

Also on the program are uplifting movements from "Sunrise Mass" for chorus and strings by Ola Gjeilo, another contemporary Norwegian composer; and "Cells Planets," a playful a cappella song about the unity of the universe, from the microscopic to the cosmic, by Erika Lloyd, in a bubbly arrangement by Vince Peterson known from a recording by the singing group Chanticleer.

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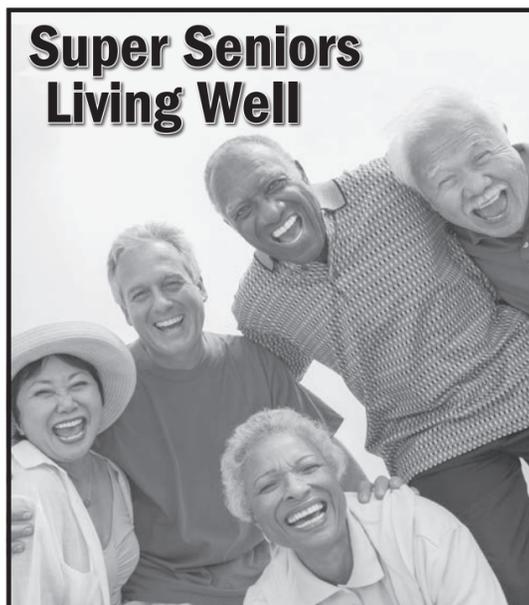
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JOE SOUZA

Members of the Newfound Regional field hockey team pose for pictures after completing the program's first-ever perfect season with the Division III state championship. The Bears (17-0) captured the title with a 2-0 win over No. 10 Mascoma.



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Newfound Regional captain Kyle MacDonald (8) celebrates with teammates Kaylan Santamaria, Savanna Bony and Caroline Marchand (1) after scoring the first goal in the Division III championship game at Bedford High School Oct. 29.



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Newfound Regional senior captain Julianne Marchand moves the ball between two Mascoma players in the Division III field hockey championship game at Bedford High School.

Perfection achieved

Newfound field hockey caps off undefeated season with Division III title

BY JOE SOUZA

Contributing Writer

BEDFORD — Entering the season, Newfound Regional field hockey coach Karri Peterson knew the potential was there. The question: Would the Bears put it all together?

The answer: Yes.

Make that, YES!

Newfound Regional opened its season with a solid 3-0 win over Mascoma and capped the program's first-ever perfect season (17-0) with another blanking of the Royals, defeating the 10th seed 2-0 in the Division III champion-

ship game on the rain-soaked turf at Bedford High School Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29.

"I'm not saying I expected us to go undefeated," Peterson said following the win. "I said at the beginning of the season we could go undefeated or go 7-7 be-

cause I knew we played seven tough teams. I said before the season started that this group would be selling themselves short if they're not sitting in the state title game. I didn't say win it, but playing in it."

And the Bears did just that, and won it in



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Newfound Regional's Katy Drapeau and Mascoma's Kaitlyn Pushee battle for control of the ball during the Division III field hockey championship game at Bedford High School.

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dominating fashion.

Newfound outscored its opponents 75-6, recording 11 shutouts among the 17 victories including Sunday's blanking of a hot Mascoma squad to bring home the program's fourth state title – first since the second of back-to-back titles in 2009. The

Royals (11-7) came into the title game riding a seven-game winning streak, including tournament upset wins over No. 7 Stevens, No. 2 Pelham, and No. 3 Monadnock.

Peterson gave a lot of the credit to the seven of the seniors, who were

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jordan Docen leaps to try and pull in a pass during playoff action Saturday.



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Garrett Macomber dives for the end zone during action against Souhegan on Saturday.



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Steven Schute gets a hand from coach Chris Sanborn after he had an interception return for a touchdown.



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DANNY CAREY boots an extra point during playoff action Saturday afternoon.

Bobcats roll on to Division II semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth football team has bigger goals than the first round of the Division II tournament.

But to reach those goals, the Bobcats had to win that first round game on Saturday on George Zoulias Field.

When on the first play from scrimmage, Nolan Farina carried 65 yards for the touchdown, the Bobcats were well on their way to the win, rolling past Souhegan by a 49-21 score.

“You want to start fast you want to get out and get ahead,” said coach Chris Sanborn. “We had a bigger goal, playing for next week.

“I was happy to get up 35-0 in the first half,” the Bobcat coach said. “It was nice to set the tone early.”

The Bobcats got out to the 7-0 lead just 17 seconds into the game as Farina took the first

handoff from quarterback Ben Olmstead and ran 65 yards through the Souhegan defense and to the end zone. Danny Carey booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Bobcats then held Souhegan to three and out and got the ball back. Garrett Macomber took the ball twice and Jordan Docen recovered a fumble to keep the Bobcats in possession. However, after the next first down, the Bobcats were unable to pick up seven yards on the fourth and seven and Souhegan took over.

Good defense from Colby Moore and Wes Lambert kept the Sabers to three and out again and on the next drive, Plymouth got back in the end zone. Macomber, Owen Brickley and Farina moved the ball down the field and on third and six from the 26, Olmstead found Jordan Docen in the end zone and Carey’s extra point made it 14-0.

The Sabers were

pushed way back by a series of penalties and then a sack from Isaiah Crane and Macomber forced a punt and Plymouth got the ball back to close out the first quarter.

Just more than two minutes into the third quarter, the Bobcats were back in the end zone. Macomber, Farina, Brickley and Connor Magowan each had a carry and then Macomber went in from four yards out for the score. Carey’s extra point made it 21-0 with 9:51 to go in the first half.

The next Saber drive was again hit with penalties and on third and long, the Saber quarterback tried to get rid of the ball and lineman Steven Schute grabbed the ball and walked into the end zone for the touchdown. Carey’s extra point made it 28-0.

The Sabers bounced back and worked the ball down the field, getting all the way in-

side the five-yard line but Brickley stepped in front of the pass and got the Bobcats the ball back. Olmstead then hit Brickley with a pair of passes and then hit Moore with a pass. However, the 35-yard field goal attempt missed and the score remained 28-0. The Sabers got the ball back but just six plays later, Farina came down with Plymouth’s second interception of the game to give the Bobcats the ball back.

Farina and Lambert each caught passes and then Macomber and Magowan each ran the ball to get the ball to the one-

yard line as time ticked away in the half. Sanborn noted he wanted to go for a pass play but the team talked him into handing the ball to Macomber and he carried in for the touchdown as time expired. Farina carried in the conversion and the lead was 35-0 at the break.

Souhegan used up almost seven minutes of the clock to open the third quarter, running the ball down the field and carried in from three yards out and the extra point made it 36-7.

The Bobcats bounced right back on the next drive. On fourth and six, Olmstead hit Docen with a 36-yard touchdown pass with 2:07 to go in the quarter for a 42-7 lead as the third quarter came to a close.

The Sabers came back down the field and ate up more than three and a half minutes of the clock on the way to a touchdown to make it 42-14.

Farina once again took the first play from scrimmage and ran it 61 yards up the middle for the touchdown and a 49-14 lead. The Sabers finished out the game with a touchdown in the

final 30 seconds to make it 49-21.

“The defense was just stellar,” Sanborn said. “They had a rough week last week and we really challenged them.

“The defensive coverage was tremendous today,” the Bobcat coach added. “The defensive backs and linebackers did a nice job.”

Sanborn noted there has been a lot of talk about how the southern conference in Division II is pretty strong but he was pleased with how his team performed.

“Everybody talked of how strong the southern conference was, so we knew it was going to be a battle,” Sanborn said. “But we challenged the kids.

“It was a tough week with no school two days,” Sanborn said. “It was tough missing all the time, but we’ve got a bigger goal.”

The Bobcats will now host St. Thomas in the Division II semifinals on Saturday at 1 p.m. with a trip to the Division II finals on the line.

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Trout Unlimited to hear about wilderness rescue

PLYMOUTH — The Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited November meeting will feature a special guest speaker discussing wilderness rescues. Lt. Brad Morse is an 11-year veteran of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. He is headquartered in District 2 New Hampton and supervises conservation officers patrolling from the Lakes Region to the Maine border. Morse, after completing 21 years in the U.S.

COURTESY PHOTOS (Right) Brad Morse will be speaking about wilderness rescues at the Trout Unlimited meeting on Nov. 21.

Army, is a member of the Search and Rescue Dive Team and the Fish and Game Honor Guard, a defensive tactics instructor and a chief firearms instructor. He also holds certifications as an EMT-Paramedic and was Conservation Officer of the Year.

Come early to the Pemigewasset Chapter



of Trout Unlimited, Nov. 21, meeting, 7 p.m. at the Common Man Inn,



in Plymouth and meet Morse and fellow fishermen. There will be a raffle with the proceeds

going toward sending a lucky boy or girl to the Barry Fishing Camp.

Trout Unlimited is a non-profit organization with a mission dedicated to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. Membership is open to all; meetings are free and open to the public. Visit www.pemigewasset.tu.org and like the group on Facebook.

Another landmark in the Olympic odyssey

The middle of last week marked 100 days until the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang. I marked the occasion by putting one of the biggest pieces of the Olympics puzzle in place.

As I've mentioned in the past, when I went to Sochi in 2014, I used a travel agent to book my flight, simply because I expected it to be pretty complex. The woman at Wolfeboro Travel was incredible and came through with a solid flight plan that got me there and back, flying through Moscow and Paris. My intention was to use the same agency again, but it turns out that the agency is closed so I decided I'd give it a go myself and see what I could find.

I sat down at my computer in the office on Wednesday and looked around for flights that took me from Boston to Incheon (Seoul) South Korea. And as it turns out, the best deal without making really long layovers, was to use Air Canada.

My flight will leave Boston on Thursday, Feb. 8, and will take me to Toronto for a short layover. From there, we will fly over the North Pole to South Korea on a flight that will take almost 14 hours. The trip to Russia had nothing that long, with the overnight flight from Boston to Paris being the longest flight. The return flight will come back the same way, with the flight from Seoul to Toronto taking an hour

less. The funniest thing I noticed about the flights when booking was that I leave South Korea at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, and land in Boston at 7:30 on Sunday, Feb. 25. So, the 16-plus-hour trip is actually, in many ways, only taking me two hours.

Either way, I am sure these lengthy flights will involve lots of sleeping on my part. While I struggle to sleep on shorter flights, I've found on longer flights that I can sleep pretty easily. Additionally, since I started my second job a month or so ago, I've found I can sleep pretty much anywhere, since working late nights and getting up early don't always mix.

So, with the flight in place, the major pieces of the Olympics puzzle have been completed. The fundraising account I set up for the trip paid for the accommodations and the technology I need while I am there. However, I did put the flight to Korea on my credit card, so I will be paying that off at some point.

The first Olympic trip in 2014 was a dream come true in many ways, including such an elite event with some of the best athletes in the world, including many locals. When I applied for my credentials for Sochi, I didn't really think I'd get accepted, but figured it didn't hurt to put my name out there. When it was ap-

proved, it became something that a lot of people in the community got behind and I am forever grateful. I didn't expect that the second time around people would be as supportive, but I have again been humbled by the support I've received.

In that vein, if you feel you want to help, an Olympics account in my name is set up at TD Bank or you can send any donations to Joshua Spaulding, Salmon Press Newspapers, PO Box 279, Meredith, NH.

Finally, have a great day Mike and Mary Boyle.

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full day lift pass, racing, awards, and lunch provided by Flatbread Company. To register and for more information please go to www.HOTNH.org or call Kathy Metz, American Cancer Society, Community Executive at 512-490-8787 or Kathy.metz@cancer.org. Volunteers interested in serving on the planning committee are needed now. Join other area residents to help organize this fun and meaningful event.

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Stampeding Bull Market May Slow Down ... So Be Prepared

As you know, we've been enjoying a long period of steadily rising stock prices. Of course, this bull market won't last forever – and when it does start losing steam, you, as an investor, need to be prepared.

Before we look at how you can ready yourself for a new phase in the investment environment, let's consider some facts about the current situation:

Length – This bull market, which began in 2009, is the second-oldest in the past 100 years – and it's about twice as long as the average bull market.

Strength – Since the start of this long rally, the stock market has produced an average annualized gain of 15.5% per year.

While these figures are impressive, they aren't necessarily predictive – so how much longer can this bull market continue to "stampede"? No one can say for sure, but there's no mandatory expiration date for bull markets – in fact, they don't generally die of old age, but typically expire either because of a recession or the bursting of a bubble, such as the "dot.com" bubble of 2000 or the housing bubble of 2007. And right now, most market experts don't see either event on the near-term horizon.

Still, this doesn't mean you should necessarily expect an uninterrupted streak of big gains. Some signs point to greater market volatility and lower returns. To navigate this changing landscape, think about these suggestions:

Consider rebalancing your portfolio. If appropriate, you may want to rebalance your investment mix to ensure you have a reasonable percentage of stocks – to help provide the growth you need to achieve your goals – and enough fixed-income

vehicles, such as bonds, to help reduce your portfolio's vulnerability to market volatility and potential short-term downturns.

Look beyond U.S. borders. At any given time, U.S. stocks may be doing well, while international stocks are slumping – and vice versa. So, when volatility hits the U.S. markets – as it surely will, at some time – you can help reduce the impact on your portfolio if you also own some international equities. Keep in mind, though, that international investments bring some specific risks, such as currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

Develop a strategy. You may want to work with a financial professional to identify a strategy to cope with a more turbulent investment atmosphere. Such a strategy can keep you from overreacting to market downturns and possibly even help you capitalize on short-term pullbacks. You could invest systematically by putting the same amount of money in the same investments each month. When prices go up, your investment dollars will buy fewer shares, and when prices drop, you'll buy more shares. And the more shares you own, the greater your potential for accumulation. However, this strategy, sometimes known as dollar cost averaging, won't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses, and you need to be willing to keep investing when share prices are declining.

During a raging bull market, it's not all that hard for anyone to invest successfully. But it becomes more challenging when the inevitable volatility and market downturns appear. Making the moves described above can help you keep moving toward your goals – even when the "bull" has taken a breather.

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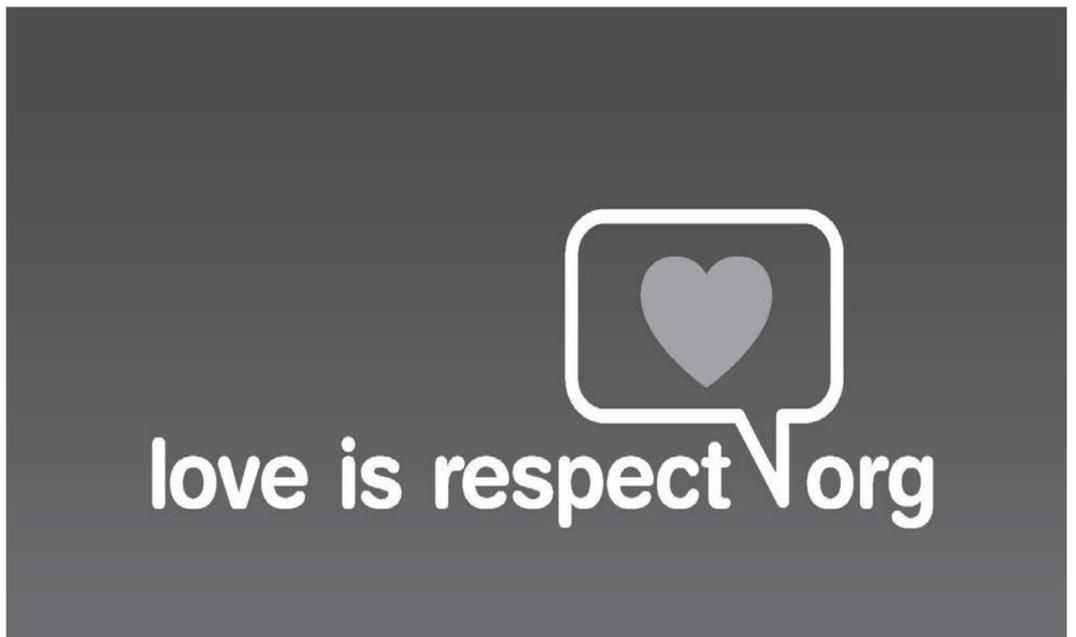
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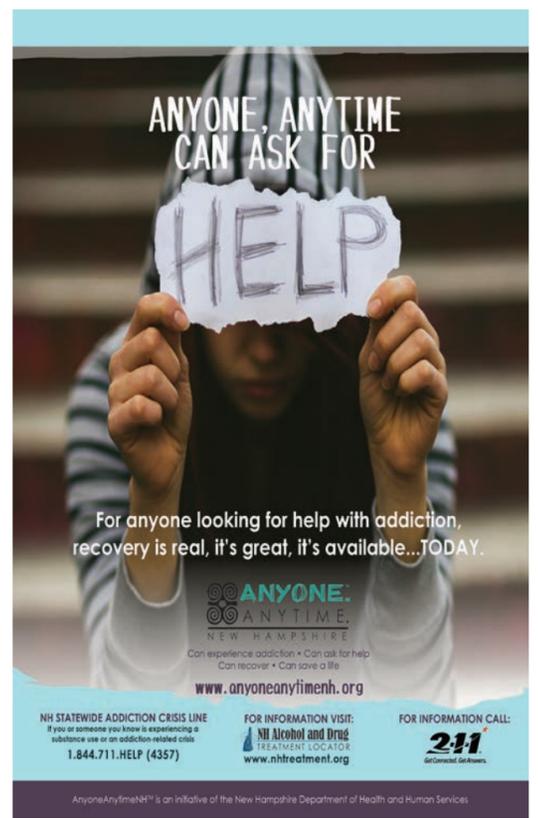


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Ashlee Dukette gets to a ball in the back row in semifinal action in Plymouth last week.



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The Newfound volleyball team made the Division III semifinals for the first time in school history.



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Bailey Fairbank pushes the ball over the net in action in Plymouth last week.

Bears fall to Lakers in semifinal tilt

BY BOB MARTIN

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PLYMOUTH — It was the first time in Newfound Regional High School history that the volleyball team made it to the semifinals in the state tournament, but the road to the finals was a tough one as the Bears faced undefeated Inter-Lakes, who knocked off the Bears 3-1 on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Newfound started off with a big 26-24 win in set one before falling to the Lakers in the last three sets by scores of 25-14, 25-17 and 26-24.

In the first set, Inter-Lakes jumped out to an 11-6 lead and it looked like the number one seed Lakers were going to have no trouble with Newfound. The Bears took a timeout, however, and came out of it a new

team and went on an 7-0 run and took the lead 13-12. After Inter-Lakes scored a point, the Bears went on a 5-0 run and had a commanding 18-13 lead. Inter-Lakes battled with strong play by sophomore middle hitter Emma Wheeler who had a key block to make it 18-16 and eventually tied the game at 20-20.

Inter-Lakes took a 22-20 lead, but Newfound

had plenty of fight and ended up winning the close match 26-24.

Newfound was clearly excited with the win in the first set over the undefeated Lakers, but that would all change when Inter-Lakes found its game in set two. Inter-Lakes jumped out to another early 7-2 lead in this set and never looked back with a convincing 25-14 win in set two.

Set three was tight early, with the teams tied up at 6-6. Newfound looked strong, but could not keep up with the spikes by Wheeler and Jordan Durand. Inter-Lakes ended up winning the set 25-17.

Set four was a back and forth battle between the top-seeded Lakers and fifth-ranked Newfound, with both teams exchanging leads throughout the game before Inter-Lakes squeezed out a 26-24 win.

Newfound was led by the strong play of Ashlee Dukette and Bailey Fairbank, who had 14 and six kills respectively. Megan Stafford had four kills and Aryn Prescott had a great all around game with 14 assists to go along with a pair of kills.

The Lakers came away with the win that sent the team to the finals thanks to Jessalyn Brown, who led the way with 10 service points and a career high 37 assists. Wheeler had 16 kills and 14 service points; Durand had 12 kills; Morgan White had nine kills and Madysyn Wilson had eight service points.

While it was a tough way to end what was a great season for Newfound, coach Amy Fairbank said she couldn't be more proud of the team's effort.

"Their goal was to make final four and they made their goal, so you can't take anything away from that," said Fairbank.

Fairbank said the team played hard the whole time, but there were some moments where the Bears let up a bit. She said the team didn't hit nearly as much

as they normally do, and there were service errors that contributed to the loss.

"We just didn't hit against them," Fairbank said. "With Emma we have to hit point for point with her and we just didn't."

Fairbank said Dukette had a great game with some powerful hits, and added Bailey Fairbank played very well.

Inter-Lakes was a team that Fairbank felt the Bears could beat if they were firing on all cylinders, especially after going five sets in a loss earlier in the season. She said coming into the game the players weren't stressed, and after winning set one their confidence was high. However, this momentum simply would not carry over to the rest of the match.

Overall, Fairbank said the season was a success and she has high hopes for the squad next year.

Inter-Lakes coach Randy Mattson breathed a sigh of relief after the tough match, saying "a win is a win."

"Glad we were able to hold on," said Mattson. "The girls did a good job. Kudos to Newfound. It was the best they played all year."

The win propelled the Lakers into the finals for the first time since 2004, where Inter-Lakes. Inter-Lakes faced Winnisquam in the final game, a battle of the top teams in Division 3.

The Division III semifinals were moved from Plymouth State University's field house up the road to Plymouth Regional High School due to flooding.

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forced to learn the hard way how to win in the postseason. They lost in the first round as freshmen, the second round as sophomores, and the semifinal round a year ago.

And this year, they (goalie Montana Bassett, forward Kylee MacDonald, midfielder Savanna Bony, forward Julianne Marchand, back Kaylan Santamaria, back Mackenzie Ryan, and back Hayleigh LeTourneau) would not be denied.

"It was the leadership of our seven seniors," Peterson said. "As freshmen, they lost in the first round, sophomores in the second, and juniors in the third. Their time was now."

"My seven seniors are strong," added Peterson. "They had the ability to turn it on and have the younger kids follow their lead."

And they delivered in the big game.

Following an up and down start, senior captain Kylee MacDonald gave the Bears the only goal it would need on a penalty corner with 21:28 on the first half

clock.

Senior captain Julianne Marchand started the corner play, pushing a pass out to freshman Jasmine Peterson at the top of the circle. Peterson's hard drive was deflected in the air. MacDonald, showing off her hand-eye coordination, swatted the ball that was still above her head into the right corner of the goal for the 1-0 lead.

The goal gave the Bears an initial spark, but they could not add to their lead before the action went back to up and down the field. Mascoma had its rushes but could not get a solid opportunity against Newfound goalie Bassett, who received plenty of support on the defensive side from senior captains LeTourneau and Santamaria, classmate Ryan, and junior Hannah Eastman.

Mascoma midfielder Nicole Williams kept it a one-goal game with 6:19 left in the first half, knocking a ball wide of the goal that had slipped behind Royals goalie Abby Duhaime.

The Bears would add an insurance goal late in the opening half with

a sweet transition goal they have cashed in on all season.

Sophomore Caroline Marchand started the play near midfield, beating three Mascoma players and sending a pass up to MacDonald. The senior slipped the ball between a Mascoma defender's legs, and sent a perfect pass to Julianne Marchand. The senior captain fired the shot past Duhaime with 2:45 left in the first, and the Bears were in control with a 2-0 lead.

Despite the lead, Peterson felt her Bears weren't on their game.

"I wish we played as well as we did in the semifinals (5-1 win over Gilford)," Peterson said. "I don't know if it was the different style of play or having to get up for a second straight game after beating Gilford or what, but it seemed like it was choppy while in the semifinal it was fluid."

"I actually said to them at halftime to go out there and have fun for the last 30 minutes of the season," pointed out Peterson. "Why do you guys seem so tense? This is the state title game, go out there and

have fun. I was still trying to motivate them at halftime."

As they have all season, the Bears stepped it up and controlled play for much of the second half. They had a number of opportunities to add an insurance goal or two. A Peterson drive off a penalty corner play with just over 15 minutes left found the back of the Mascoma goal, but it was ruled that the freshman was just outside the offensive circle.

Meanwhile, the Bears — led by defensive standouts LeTourneau, Ryan, Santamaria and Eastman — took care of the few rushes Mascoma had to prove they were the top team in Division III one final time.

"They felt we had to prove a lot of people wrong," Peterson said. "We weren't picked to be in the state championship game. We were picked to be the third seed and to be beaten by Gilford. All season long, the girls felt they had something to program. It motivated them more than anything else."

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