



COURTESY

Local realtor recognized as Affiliate of the Year

Congratulations to Lora Piatti of Alton Bay, Business Development and Closing Officer for Cohen Closing & Title, for being selected to receive affiliate of the year for the Strafford County Board of Realtors. The award is given to an affiliate member who provides significant contributions and outstanding service to the realtor community. Recipients are nominated by their peers and elected by past award recipients.

ABA welcomes new members

ALTON — The Alton Business Association would like to welcome several new members!

The Alton Bay General Store is selling generally everything! Historic building in the Bay, coffee bar, bagels and pastries, all convenience store items, in an updated fun environment with Stillwells Ice Cream and Beach Pizza. They are truly a one stop shop.

Located right in Alton Bay at Busy Corner (across from JP China), you can drive there or dock your boat at the public Alton Town docks and walk there!

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Call: 875-0174. Also be sure to give them a like and follow on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Altonbay-generalstore>.

Alton Community Youth Activities is dedicated to organizing positive events and training for youth and families and bringing community together through fun/educational activities. They joined the ABA as a non-profit. Be sure to check out their Facebook page for updates and information! <https://www.facebook.com/altoncya>

Baked, Brewed, and Organically Moo'ed just opened up at 915 Suncook Valley Rd. in Alton, but they've been serving delicious food and ice cream from their food truck in Barnstead for several years. They offer Organic Ice Cream, Locally Roasted Coffee and Nitro Cold Brew Coffee, House-made Waffle Cones, Bubble Waffles, Unique Baked Goods and House-made Sundaes and Ice Cream Sandwiches! They're also available for booking for private events. Make sure to check out their delicious menu online at www.baked-brewed.com and check in on their Facebook page for hours and updates. <https://www.facebook.com/organically-mooed>

Catchpenny Creative is a full-service creative business solutions company located in Alton. They offer digital marketing and brand management services to non-profits and local small businesses. Creative director, Aimee Terravechia, also runs Catchpenny Shop at 5 Monument Sq., and is taking her small business know-how and marketing experience to deliver top-notch services to local organizations hoping to step up their marketing game. Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CatchpennyCreative>.

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They are located right in downtown Alton on Main St, at 5 Monument Square and their hours are Tuesday 3-7 p.m.,

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Harmon family to hold annual ride again



Jenni's Ride was established six years ago by the Harmon family to raise funds for a scholarship which had been established in Jenni Harmon's memory. With the support of many area motorcycle enthusiasts, the family has been able to add scholarship money to the fund every year to award scholarship money in her name. The Jenni Harmon Memorial scholarship is awarded through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Pictured above: (left) Russell Harmon, and on the right Jenni's mom, Jane Harmon and her sister Jamie.

GILFORD — The Harmon family and friends are pleased to announce a special summer event: the Sixth Annual Jenni's Ride Around the Lakes charity motorcycle ride fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund established 14 years ago in memory of Jenni Ann Harmon. Since Jenni's passing, the Harmon family has been helping graduating seniors, in the Lakes Region area, who will be entering the nursing, pre-med or other medical service or fire prevention fields.

Jenni was a 2006 graduate of Gilford High School. She passed away in a tragic automobile accident in December of that same year, while she was on her way to an EMT class in Gilmanton. Jenni spent her high school years playing sports, creating art and volunteering with the Girls Scouts and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

After graduation, she decided to become an EMT, through the Gilmanton Fire Department, as a way to continue to serve her community.

According to her mom, Jane Harmon, "Jenni loved motorcycles from the start. She loved to ride and she really enjoyed summers in the Lakes Region. Each year, close to her birthday (July 31), Jenni would have a great party inviting friends and family to celebrate with her."

Jenni's mom continued "So, we have been honoring her with this event on the weekend of her birthday the past six years."

Jenni's Ride organizers, announced that they are planning "a social distancing" Ride this year. The Ride will be starting at the Gilford Cinema* movie theater parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 1. Registration can be done on

line. Ride Registration is \$15, which includes three raffle tickets. Tickets are available through <https://www.evenbrite.com/e/6th-annual-jennisride-tickets-109042619410> or look for the event on Facebook (Sixth Annual Jenni's Ride page.) Raffle ticket purchases and donations may be made through the site. Unfortunately, there will be NO barbeque this year due to COVID restrictions.

The Jenni Ann Harmon Memorial Scholarship is one of the over 260 donor funds distributed through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship award is given to a GHS graduate each year. Paulette Loughlin, from LRSF added this comment regarding this donor fundraiser: "those unable to attend, but who would like to make a tax deductible donation toward Jenni's scholarship can visit the Lakes Region Scholarship

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Guest speaker explains Covid-19 to Rotarians

ALTON — "The first 30 patients to be tested had 100 percent positive results. Now they're going to test 30,000 more and if the results are the same, I'll enthusiastically take the drug myself as soon as I can without waiting for government approval, which takes a long-time."

Those were the final words by Guest Speaker, Dr. William Barton, Huggins Hospital physician, Wolfeboro, to members of the Alton Centennial Rotary, via Zoom at the club's weekly morning meeting, Thursday, July 16. His talk explained how the Coronavirus works by replicating itself over and over again and attaches itself to the lungs, causing oxygen to be restricted and prevented from entering the blood stream.

"It's particularly dangerous for people who are obese, have other lung problems like asthma, pulmonary disease and diabetes," he added.

Research has shown that the number of people who have contracted the Coronavirus is 24 times greater than reported. That's because some people who get it may never know they had it, but their active immune system was able to handle it and destroy the virus. He couldn't emphasize enough how important it is to wear a good mask all the time you're inside or outside in public, and everyone must get their yearly Flu shot.

"You might survive the Coronavirus, but not likely if you get the flu too," he cautioned.

The Alton Centennial Rotary includes the towns of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham. For info on becoming a member of Rotary, contact Duane Hammond, 569-3745, or E-mail: duane@metrocast.net.

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Lakes Region Chamber announces cancellation of Pumpkin Festival

LACONIA — It's official: Coronavirus concerns have forced the cancellation of the 2020 New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival in Downtown Laconia. Festival organizer Lakes Region Chamber is, however, carving "Safety Orange" into October for a month of fall experiences and to find unique opportunities that boost the economy.

"Hosting a festival is not a socially responsible path forward for New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival due to the uncertainty we face as well as the government-issued guidelines prohibiting large public gatherings for the foreseeable future. It is a heartbreaking decision, but as community leaders the chamber board of directors and staff understand the importance of social responsibility. Safety is our priority, and this is the right decision," shared Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber. "We know full well that this event brings in revenue for Lakes Region businesses beyond downtown Laconia to local attractions, restaurants, retail and lodging."

Planning has already begun for pumpkins to shine brightly in October at local businesses mapped out throughout the region that will reduce large gatherings along with other smaller events and most importantly promote Lakes Region businesses. More information will be released as details are carved out.

The Lakes Region Chamber is a private, non-profit organization striving to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region. For a directory of Lakes Region businesses and a full community calendar of events, go to LakesRegionChamber.org.

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First Church of Christ welcomes new organist

LACONIA — First Church of Christ, Scientist, Laconia, announces a new organist for our 1925 Hook & Hastings organ.

Mr. Edgar Kuklowsky, MMED comes highly recommended from many years as a music director/organist/pianist from Christ the King Parish in Concord. He currently teaches young gifted pianists pipe organ instruction and has had several students receive scholarships through the Young Organists Collaborative (YOC). Mr. Kuklowski is spiritually inspired and brings joy and greater meaning to our services.

All are welcome to attend our services at 136 Pleasant St., Laconia, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. downstairs. As requested by the governor, we do practice social distancing and encourage masks at this time.

Alton resident graduates from UConn

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates Krysten Goossens of Alton for receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health Services at the conclusion of the Spring Semester of 2020.

Goossens was also named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

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In-person Community Connection Programs return to Prescott Farm

LACONIA – Prescott Farm is pleased to announce the return of in-person programming on its White Oaks Road property. In the coming weeks residents and visitors to the Lakes Region can once again expand their understanding of and appreciation for the natural world with the guidance of Prescott Farm staff and guest instructors. Programs will take place outside with appropriate social distancing, masks, and other safety protocols in place.

Upcoming programs include Wild Medicinal and Edible Plant Walk (Saturday, July 18; 9-11 a.m.); Family Fun Night: Fireflies Light the Skies (Wednesday, July 22; 6:30-8 p.m.); Basket Mak-

ing: Leaf Coil Baskets (Saturday, July 25; 9:30 a.m.-noon); Big Tree Tour (Wednesday, July 29; 6-7:30 p.m.); Trail Yoga (Aug. 1; 8-10 am). Additional summer and early-fall programs will be announced soon.

In addition to these educator-led programs, visitors can enjoy the trails, gardens, and natural playscape on the 160-acre property as a free community resource from dawn-to-dusk every day. For program details, a list of health and safety requirements, and to register, please visit prescottfarm.org.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicated to environmental education and preservation. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has

been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on public programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with more than 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape, as well as Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest summer and vacation camps. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and



ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

New Durham Library welcome storyteller Simon Brooks

NEW DURHAM – The New Durham Public Library invites the community to a free outdoor storytelling and book give-away event on Monday, July 27 at 1 p.m. on the New Durham School's athletic grounds.

Made possible by a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation, the program features renowned performer Simon Brooks telling tales related to the library's summer program theme of "Imagine Your Story."

Following the performance, children will be able to choose two free books to take home.

"Everyone always loves the CLiF events," Library Director Cathy Allyn said. "Because we wouldn't have been able to do this in the building, we decided to take it outside. We're so happy the school was on board with the idea, and that Simon was more than willing."

Brooks' storytelling is perfect for all ages and anyone, whether with children or not, is welcome to attend.

"Bring blankets, bring lawn chairs," Allyn said. "We'll be marking the ground to keep family groups and individuals six feet apart."

The library suggests bringing hats, sunscreen, and water bottles. Masks are requested, and will be provided, if necessary.

"After being cooped up, people are hungry for live entertainment, and we're glad to be able to offer them a great show," Allyn said.

If bringing pre-school aged children through sixth grade, let the library know, so that there will be enough CLiF books.

In case of rain, the program will be virtual; the library will supply the link with registration. Call 859-2201 or email newdurhamlibrary@gmail.com.

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Music appreciation

Sometimes, we just need to take a break from the status quo, and talk about those little things in life that bring us joy — in this case, music. With the news ever changing, and so much uncertainty surrounding us, we can always rely on our stereo’s volume buttons to lift us up. Research has proven that music is a mood booster and can shift our thoughts. We thought it would be fun to take a staff poll: What are your three favorite bands, and why?

Our Executive Editor, Brendan Berube, pulled all three of his right out of the 1960’s. “The Rolling Stones, because their reputation isn’t just hype, they really are the greatest rock and roll band in the world and have been for decades; Creedence Clearwater Revival, or CCR to those in the know because “I think they’re the best band America ever produced and John Fogerty is criminally underrated as a musician”; and The Band. “All five of them were such ridiculously talented musicians and their first two albums changed the direction of popular music in America away from psychedelia and toward a more homegrown hybrid sound between rock and country. Not many bands can claim to have been that influential.”

Our North Country Editor, Tara Giles, soon realized being able to choose just three would make for a tough task. First and foremost, though, is The Doors. Lead singer Jim Morrison and his bandmates pushed the envelope — sometimes to a jaw dropping degree — during a time when pushing envelopes was extremely frowned upon. Morrison’s dark poetry and lyrics mixed in with a pop sound for the time, has always been an intriguing hybrid to listen to. Ray Manzarek’s keyboard sweetens the deal. When listening to old interviews, Giles said it is clear that Morrison was, in her father’s words, “extremely intelligent, but not smart.”

Next on the list is Janet Jackson. While this genre is far from that of The Doors, Janet is a triple threat. She can sing, dance and act. Her music offers something for every mood. You need to cheer up? There’s a song for you. You feel down in the dumps? There’s a song. Social injustice? There’s a song. Jackson’s dancing ability however may be her best talent. Her sharp moves and intricate style along with her enormous productions at her shows give her a top spot on this list.

Lastly, we have Led Zeppelin. The English rock band was formed in 1968 out of London. There’s something about Robert Plant’s voice that pulls us in and makes us want to pay attention. He goes from story teller to rock God in a flash. The lyrics of their discography pretty much cover any advice you need in life. There isn’t one Led Zeppelin song you can listen to, where you won’t find your foot tapping the floor, or your hand hitting your steering wheel in rhythm.

Reporter Angel Larcom came back with Tom Waits as her first pick. “He’s a wordsmith and broke musical ground.” Waits has been described as focusing on the underbelly of society, using his gravelly voice, inspired by Bob Dylan and the folk music scene.

Next on Larcom’s list was Australia’s Nick Cave. “He’s a story teller and has evolved his sound with time.”

Last on her list was PJ Harvey. “She is unapologetic with her lyrics,” said Larcom.

Harvey, hailing from England, began her musical career in 1988. Harvey is considered punk blues, indie rock and alternative rock.

Sports Editor Josh Spaulding had Garth Brooks at the top of his list.

“Name one song of his that is bad,” he joked. Next was The Beatles, who “changed the world of music,” said Spaulding.

Last on his list was Taylor Swift. “I know of nobody who has adjusted her career so successfully and continued to be loved by her fans.”



ELISSA PAQUETTE

Aspiring skippers

Youthful skippers operate the controls of model yachts in Back Bay from the NH Boat Museum dock on Saturday, July 11. The newly commissioned “Fearless” and “Merciless” yachts, sponsored by Rick Parent, are among them.

Letters to the Editor

Three political questions

To the Editor:

These three political questions distinguish American patriots from American traitors:

1. Do you support opening America’s borders to illegal immigrants?

2. Do you support giving illegal immigrants the right to vote in American elections?

3. Do you oppose voter ID laws requiring voters to present valid IDs in election sites on election days?

Regards,

BOB KROEPEL
NEW DURHAM

Music on Merrymeeting Lake

To the Editor:

Please join us for an exciting evening of “Music on the Lake” Extravaganza on July 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. (with a rain date of July 26). Enjoy listening to music as you meander along the shores of Merrymeeting Lake while being serenaded by musicians from their docks.

Music on the Lake will connect and re-connect friends and neighbors while maintaining social distancing and having fun.

A map of the lake with the locations of the various performances will be available at Cove Cottages at the junction of Merrymeeting Lake Road and Powder Mill Road.

Please stay tuned for the program closer to the date. We’re sending out a call to all musicians to share your music for our event. All musicians of any ability level are welcome! Do you have an instrument to dust off and have some fun performing? Have a family duet or band, or just want to share your playlist with others down on your dock for our first ever Music on the Lake Extravaganza?

Plan to come early if

you use the state boat launch as parking there is limited.

Interested performers please contact Jen and Stephanie at mmla@mmlake.org with your names, genre of music, and location – or for more information. Help us make this event a success by sharing your music with our community!

JEFF ALLARD
NEW DURHAM

A pro-growth House candidate

To the Editor:

My name is Duane Hammond and I want to use my talents and skills for the well-being of all citizens in Alton, Gilmanton and the State of New Hampshire to include Democrats, Republicans and Independents as a Pro-Growth Democrat by being elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

What is Pro-Growth? Simply stated, I believe in building our New Hampshire economy from the bottom-up, as opposed to our present ‘trickle down’ economy.

For years, large multi-national American based corporations have benefitted from big tax breaks, and favored status in the belief that, if they have more money, they’ll hire more workers. Not true, big breaks have all too often resulted in bonuses for management, and the purchase of equipment and technology resulting in the elimination of well-paying jobs. I can’t hold this against businesses,

after all, they are in business to make money and pay their investors. But, these ‘breaks’ are not available to the middle class citizens or entrepreneurs, the dreamers, innovators, small businesses and/or inventors who want to build their own business.

By adopting a Pro-Growth economy, where public/private investments are used to help build businesses from the bottom-up, it will spur financial growth by creating many well-paying jobs in New Hampshire. My plans are very much in ‘double-harness’ with the same economic plans advocated by Presidential candidate Joe Biden. My ideas on how to achieve a two

to three percent growth in New Hampshire will be explained through the media, and at my “Where there’s a will, there’s a way” talks I’m pleased to offer interested groups or organizations seeking a speaker.

Much of who I am and what I believe in is rooted in the fact that I’m a New Hampshire native, born and bred here, know and understand the New Hampshire way of life, live free or die, and who we really are: hard working, dedicated to what’s right, truth, fairness, honest, willing to help others and love our independence. I’m an environmentalist and strongly support alternative, non-polluting energy such as solar, wind and hydro. I do not support any increase in state taxes. As a hunter I support the Second Amendment but with some exceptions. I support the USSC decision on Roe v. Wade, and the ACA, Medicare and Medicaid. In education, I support taxpayer funding for our public schools only, and for high school students who qualify, two years of junior college or a trade school education to earn an Associate’s Degree. Finally, I strongly support equal pay for equal work regardless of race, color, sex, or sexual orientation.

As a State of New Hampshire Pro Growth Representative, I promise to be hardworking and a dedicated member of the House using my experiences, gained knowledge, capabilities and creative skills to serve the good people in District #5, the best I can.

Best Regards,

DUANE HAMMOND
ALTON

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING
If you doubt, then what?

BY LARRY SCOTT

Following Jesus’ resurrection, Matthew, one of Jesus’ disciples, tells us that “the eleven disciples went to ... the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.” Come again? After all, they had experienced with Jesus, they doubted?

In the words of John Ortberg, writing in “Faith and Doubt,” “This is an amazing picture. They have seen him, listened to him, followed him, studied him, and seen him crucified and resurrected – and the last

thing we read about them is “and some doubted.” ... Then Jesus gives the disciples what is called the Great Commission. ... Jesus looks at these worshipping doubters and says: “You go! You doubters, go. You risk your lives for me. ... And you will find as you go that it is your own doubts that are healed.” Disciples are not people who never doubt. They doubt and worship. They doubt and serve. They doubt and help each other with their doubts (pages 176, 177).”

God, it seems, has called each of us to a life of faith and trust, and there is no other way. Like it or not,

this is the way that it is. God is an Eternal Spirit -- Majestic, Sovereign, Transcendent -- and He has chosen most generally not to communicate to us through our material, human frame of reference.

But, as Ortberg has pointed out, God has not left us without an intelligent, tangible, answer to our doubts, a solution that is provable to anyone with an open mind. His name is Jesus. I believe in God, in His benevolence, His care, and His overwhelming love --

About catamounts and bats, and how long a story lives



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about enjoying a stretch of silence on the porch as the sun went down--and a good while afterward.

There are many types and degrees of silence, one of the definitions being the absence of noise. People who have experienced it or lived the life-style pine for it when it's gone. Those who are able often travel hundreds of miles to seek it out.

I'll never forget going to the site of my future hike-in camp with the woodlands company's Don Tase and Pittsburg's Sandy Young. We had gone in on snowmobiles, the only gas-powered means of reaching the place. Even then, it was off the trail system--today, going off-trail is not sanctioned--and we usually had to wait until early March, when the snowpack had settled.

We were all sitting there, having a bite to eat and enjoying the absolute silence, save for

the occasional chickadee. Someone mentioned this, and the consensus was that the day would soon come when it would be next to impossible to get out of range of the sound of a gasoline engine.

It has just about come to pass. At the log cabin that sits on the spot today, we can usually hear at least one of several sounds: chainsaws, skidders, distant road traffic (when the wind is right), snowmobiles, or ATVs.

There are still places in the high country and wilderness areas of the White Mountains, and places in the North Country, where you can truly get beyond it all--but you have to work mighty hard to get there.

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My notes from that evening on the porch include this one-word one-liner, "Bats." There weren't and aren't any, for the fourth or fifth year now.

The bats would sleep the day away in a little hollow between the chimney and the clapboards on my bedroom wall. I could often hear their scrabbings as they came and went in their nightly forays for insects.

Much has been written on the white-nose

syndrome that has decimated northern New England's bats. The affliction is a type of fungus first noticed only a decade or so ago. It can grow only in the types of places where bats hibernate.

"This fungus grows on the muzzle, ears, wings and tails of bats," explains New Hampshire Fish and Game. "The fungus penetrates the wing membrane, disrupting cells including blood vessels, connecting tissue, and nerves."

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Younger generations tend not to care about history very much, so it's no great surprise when wildlife history takes an even further back seat.

Witness a recent exchange on whether cougars (mountain lions, catamounts, panthers, etc.) exist in New Hampshire. This was brought on by circulation last week of a trail-cam photo of what appeared to be a cougar near Fish Pond Road in Columbia, just south of Colebrook.

The consensus on that one seems to be "housecat," and I agree.

I've been keeping track of such reports for forty years plus, and writing only about the very best of the best. And

after all these years there is one thing I can say to anyone eager to do the point and counter-point thing on cougars: You look these people in the eye and call them liars, because I won't.

Bear in mind, please, that the best-of-best list includes wildlife officials, foresters, hunters, hikers, and farmers. To a trained eye, confusion among species is next to impossible. And this question never seems to occur to anyone: What would anyone have to gain from fabrication?

And really, how can there be any "confusion" regarding bobcats, fishers, coyotes, and cougars? The animals look nothing alike, and there is the matter of size, and then the clincher, the cougar's very long tail. The only other creature out there that's even close to the size of a mountain lion and has a long tail is the coyote--and even that's a stretch.

I'm also amazed at how quickly some wildlife stories disappear. Witness the South Dakota mountain lion with wanderlust that took him 1,400 miles East, only to be killed in the road 35 miles north of New York City.

It was obvious, in this most recent exchange, that many people had never heard of it.



A little brown bat, depicted in sleeping mode. (Courtesy NH Fish and Game)

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We tend to take wild turkeys for granted these days, forgetting that they were extirpated (fancy word for "gone" from here but not necessarily elsewhere) during settlement and expansion times. Fifty years ago, New Hampshire traded live-trapped fishers for wild turkeys from West Virginia, where fishers were extirpated.

Nobody really knows how far north turkeys ranged before the Europeans got here. In New Hampshire, town records put them roughly from the lower end of Winnepesaukee southward, but anything north of that is a mys-

tery.

I've been hanging onto a newspaper clipping of then-11-year-old Derek Hartford of Boscawen, who caught one of the first three fishers swapped with West Virginia so long ago. The Hartford family name is well known in the Lancaster-Jefferson region and beyond.

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

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Color

Some people make such an issue about color. It's conditioned into us. The bad guy always wore the dark hat and the good guy wore a light one. Who manufactured that stereotype? Hollywood I'd say. Personally, I like dark hats, they're easier to keep clean.

I wonder how the girl baby gets pink and the boy baby gets blue got started. I don't think that I was ever involved in any of that. I liked black. Black sneakers, high tops. Black ink pens. I wanted a black English Racer bike like my cousin and the wicked witch had. It might have been a guy thing. I don't know.

Growing up, I used to get a lot of hand me downs. Since I had two older sisters, these items didn't always perfectly fit my desires. When I learned to ride bike, I got my sisters bike that was a girl's model. It was blue. Still, I rode that bike everywhere because it still provided the freedom to go anywhere I cared to

go. And I would go anywhere.

Ice skates were a different story. We were to only have figure skates because hockey was too dangerous. So I not only ended up with figure skates, but they were white. When I complained, my father went and got some black paint.

I also liked orange, and the combination of black and orange. I would buy that color combination on the parachutes for my model rockets. I figure that it has something to do with me being born on Halloween and all my birthday cards, cakes and decorations were all based upon that color theme.

I remember a couple years ago getting a recall notice for my Subaru. As I was waiting to get my car back, I cruised the show room to see what was new. And there it was, a brand new shiny orange Subaru. Yes! I wanted it. Someday I will have one. But seeing as I usu-

ally never get a vehicle until it's been pretested for ten years or so, I'm still waiting for that day to arrive.

When I was a teenager, my aunt wanted to knit me an afghan. She asked me what two colors I'd prefer. I instantly answered, black and orange. I don't believe that she ever expected that answer. A couple of years later, I received my afghan, it was brown and orange. She said that she just couldn't work with those other colors. I still have it up in my closet today.

As you can see, I usually get what I get and not make too big a deal of it. I don't seem to have an aptitude for colors. I remember getting dressed up to go out and walking down stairs and Elisa would take one look and march me back upstairs where we'd find some more appropriate matches.

One day as I was subbing, a student was so bold as to ask me why I was wearing a purple shirt. I explained that

when you shop at used clothing stores like I do, you can usually find some shirts that are in totally new condition, you just have to accept non-typical guy colors. I hope that my explanation was sufficient.

Many years ago, everyone was telling me that I needed to get a cell phone. Since there was no reception at my house I didn't see any reason to. Eventually a friend gave me her old one as she upgraded to a smart phone. I still have and use it, it's a flip phone and it works fine for me. Attached to this phone is a rubbery cushioned protective liner. It's purple.

Also, a number of years ago now, I was looking around to pur-

chase a portable computer type thing. I'm terrible with touch screens and I wanted a keyboard and mouse, and I didn't want one of those large laptops my kids had for college. I found this tablet that has a detachable keyboard that is perfect. I've used it so much that some of the keys are starting to double strike meaning that it may be

nearing replacement time.

After purchasing it, my elder son bought me a protective cover for it. It's purple. Must be my new color. E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

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Our theme this summer is “Imagine Your Story” and we want to invite you to imagine your OWN story! Once you’ve registered for summer reading, stop by the library and pick up your enrollment packet on our shelf at the rear entrance near the parking lot. It will include a notebook, some crayons,

STRATEGIES

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because Jesus did. Sure, it demands faith, but I have chosen to put my trust in Him rather than trust my understanding. The perspectives that have been proposed by other’s who have suggested an approach that keeps God out of the picture don’t square with reality in my world.

None of us can live without faith and trust – in something. The fundamental issues of life – our origin, our purpose, our morality, and our destiny – all demand our attention. We can, of course, “bury our heads in the sand” and simply refuse to think. If that, however, is not an option, then we either place ultimate trust in our feelings or we look for someone else to follow – and let them do our thinking for us.

When life has chal-

a pen and information on how to create your own story. At the end of the program, you can turn in your story to be put on display in the library.

We will also be continuing virtual programs, take-and-make crafts, weekly prize giveaways and we will have our virtual “Oscarwants Academy” for middle school and teen participants. Learn more about our virtual events on our website or follow us on Facebook.

Library Phased Reopening We’ve missed you! The Oscar Foss Memorial Library is moving into the next phase of our re-opening plan on July 14, and we are excited to begin welcoming you back! Patrons will be able to visit the library by appointment only. Library hours will be Tuesday-Friday from noon-6 p.m. Appointments will be scheduled in 20 minute blocks and are for

lenged my faith, when doubts overwhelm me with unanswered questions, I hold steady. To think of this as the only heaven I am ever going to know is simply not acceptable. I will not surrender to my instincts and exploit the physical to my peril; neither will I accept a tomorrow that will not ultimately bring righteousness and justice. And even if I am wrong, my life is still testimony to the fact that ignorance with Jesus has led to a far better life than the wisdom to be found in anything society has to offer.

Faith and trust are a choice, and I have chosen to follow God. I am convinced that I won’t be disappointed, and my proof can be summarized in one name: Jesus!

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

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We care deeply about our patrons and staff and want to keep everyone safe and healthy. Here are some of the safety measures we will be putting into place:

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For more information about our phased reopening plan, visit oscarfoss.org. To schedule an appointment, call 269-3900.

Contactless Curbside Pick-up and Book Delivery The Oscar Foss Memorial Library is offering contactless curbside pick-up! For those who are homebound, we are also offering book delivery service on a limited basis. Browse our online catalog to see what’s available or let one of our librarians assist you. Request a genre specific book bundle, staff picks, or a selection of random reads. Our librarians are always happy to help! Curbside service is offered by appointment only. Pick-up times are between the hours of noon and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and items are limited to 10 per appointment (DVDs, books or audio books). Schedule curbside pick-up by visiting our website oscarfoss.org, or by calling and leaving a message. For more information

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ALTON — If you love discounts that support a greater cause, then the ABA “Covid Comeback Business Discount Card” is for you!

There are 18 local businesses who offer amazing discounts on the card and the card is good for an entire year, until July 31, 2021. Buyer’s purchase the card for only \$10, and present the card to participating businesses in order to receive their discount.

All proceeds go towards the ABA Beautification Fund for beautification projects in our community! (The committee is currently working on a hardscape project for a “Welcome to Alton” sign for the Alton traffic circle.)

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| Alton | Route 28-A | N/A | \$675,000 | Paul G. and Nancy Mackie | Jessie and Jeffrey A. Goebel |
| Barnstead | 7 Pineo Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$219,000 | Tyler R. Hodgdon | Dana M. Perreault |
| New Durham | N/A | N/A | \$119,000 | Joseph H. Picone | Joseph H. Picone |
| New Durham | N/A (Lot 7-2) | N/A | \$329,000 | Kathleen G. Box RET | Aaron and Jaime Eaton |

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL Mom & Pop

Rafting for Wishes teams do their own floats for virtual event



Rudy Beer of The Locals does a cartwheel in front of teammate Isabelle Cole.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

REGION — Even though the traditional event in Hesky Park couldn't happen this year, Rafting for Wishes teams still floated in pools, lakes, even a living room to raise money for Make-A-Wish.

This year, 20 teams took part all over the state and raised funds to grant the wishes of kids facing life-threatening illnesses.

Each team was visited by a volunteer who recorded the teams in their floating locations. Each team was asked its "why" for taking part in the challenge and what Make-A-Wish meant to its members. They were also given a list of dif-

ferent challenges to do including Minute to Win It challenges, doing a flip into the water, doing workouts, flexing muscles, showing fruit, and more.

Each of the videos were live on the Make-A-Wish NH Facebook page.

Teams consisted of companies, organizations, families, and individuals. A number had members who were wish recipients or family members of wish recipients.

One of the event's founders, Jason Drouin, took part in Team Bottoms Up. He said the event is always about helping the kids get their wishes.

"If you never met a wish child, once you do

you never forget them and they forever make an impact in your life," Drouin said.

Team Brick and Barn from Brick and Barn Real Estate Group of Portsmouth was floating on paddleboards in its hometown. Team member Joseph Giordano talked about his family's experience with Make-A-Wish in the event's opening video.

"Being a wish dad, my wife's part of your team, it's very important to us and very important to our lives," Giordano said.

Landlubbers, who has been part of Rafting for Wishes since it came to Meredith, put together their own movie depicting different wishes granted to real life kids only in their own cinematic way.

Team Bank of New Hampshire hung out by a pool.

"I just think that this is such a small easy thing for us to do that makes such a big difference and I love that it stays local," said team member Cindy Dalton.

Dalton said the daughter of a family friend had a wish granted, going to Disney.

"We saw how that impacted her and it meant a lot for myself and to my husband, so we're just so happy to be here participating," she said.

Lakes Region Leaders did their second year as a team.

"It's a way to raise money for kids and their families and everything their going through and get an opportunity to take their mind off things,"

said team captain Mark Cote, "and that idea to me was really important and special even more so this year, so I'm very happy that were able to do it and we're here to raise money. Just want to make sure that everyone has their wishes granted."

Team Lyons Pride from the Lyon's Den Restaurant in Gilford did its second year. Captain Gary Geoffroy said after raising \$11,000 and granting a wish last year he said they thought they would struggle this year but had made \$16,000, "which is absolutely incredible." They also got a corporate sponsor for next year.

This year, The Locals team consisted of Rafting veteran and wish kid Rudy Beer with Isabelle Cole sitting in a floating tent in a living room. Cole said Make-A-Wish helped her cousin, who had brain cancer, and she was inspired to take part.

"Especially during Coronavirus, for all those children who are in hospitals going through therapy and they can't have their teams with them and all those supporting people because of trying to keep their distance because they're at high risk, I think it's really important for us to help get them some money to have something to look forward to," Cole said.

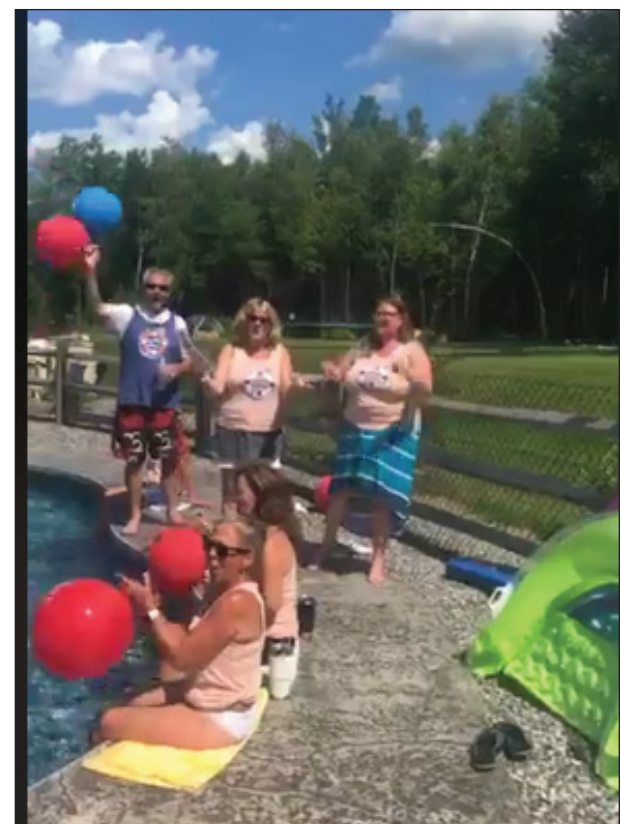
The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club did their float in a pool in Tilton. Heather Bishop said she saw the work of Make-A-Wish first hand while her son was in the hospital.

"We saw firsthand how a lot of children and their families had to spend large numbers of days, months, even years in the hospital or getting treatments and how the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of The Meatballs take the Oreo stacking "unicorn" challenge.



Team Lyon's Pride does a cheer by the pool.



The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club raises money for Make-A-Wish from a pool.

wishes actually helped make the kids better and the families better because it made them feel normal," Bishop said. "It gave them a little bit of family camaraderie, it made them feel like they weren't going through something as horrible as what they were going through."

This was the first year for The Meatballs. Steph Harrington said her son Nick had his wish granted.

"I think one of the best things we can do is donate to Rafting for Wishes to help make more wishes come true," she said.



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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Hannaford is Indeed ‘Greater Than Groceries!’

LACONIA—Larry Poliquin remembers the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction before it was televised, back when bidding was relayed to the community by radio. Poliquin, who was assistant manager at the Franklin branch of Hannaford Supermarket at the time, tuned in early on, and immediately connected with organizers’ goal of improving the lives of local children.

So, after getting promoted to store manager at the Gilford branch, Poliquin took the reins, making donations and sending teams of volunteers—himself included—to work the phone bank and help with checking out items. What originated as a small role eventually

turned into Poliquin taking a week of vacation time to see the Children’s Auction through from beginning to end, as well as becoming a member of the Board of Directors and Disbursement Committee, which reviews all of the applications from local non-profit organizations hoping to receive funds from the auction.

“We work year-round, but we have a big job that week at the auction each December,” he said. “And now, being on the Disbursement Committee, it’s amazing to see the amount of need this one organization fills. It’s great to see the number at the end of the week, and to know that money is going to help children.”

Hannaford has eagerly supported Poliquin

and his efforts over the years. In fact, Sherri Stevens, who manages community relations for the supermarket chain, said supporting the Children’s Auction is a perfect example of Hannaford’s tagline, “Greater Than Groceries.”

“We like to think of ourselves as more than the building down the road that provides groceries,” said Stevens, a Gorham, Maine, resident. “Community is so important to us at Hannaford, and it’s clear that it’s important to our associates, too. Poliquin represents Hannaford so well, and we often look to leaders like him across our 182 stores in five states to help us understand where the community’s needs are the greatest and where our involvement can have

the greatest impact.”

Hannaford, Stevens continues, doesn’t like to just hand organizations checks. Rather, the preference is to understand what’s going on and invest in meaningful ways, whether that’s through providing sponsorship, having volunteers step up to help or donating items to be auctioned off.

“The fact that Larry identified the auction as an area where we could help, and that it’s making such an impact, is so meaningful to us,” Stevens said. “We’re hugely proud of Larry and the other associates who have joined him along the way.”

Likewise, Poliquin, who has been with Hannaford for over 30 years, said the reason so many employees stay with the company for so long is because it supports community involvement and giving back.

“You don’t see that in many chain stores,” he said. “That’s what keeps us strong and keeps us committed to our orga-

nization, and that’s why we’re still here.”

A total of five Hannaford branches take part in making the Children’s Auction a success, with employees volunteering to work the phone bank and help with checking out items, as well as spearheading their own fundraising efforts beyond what Steven’s marketing department provides in sponsorship dollars. One of the key people behind those fundraising efforts is Joe Gentile, manager of the Meredith branch.

Though there’s certainly plenty of work involved leading up to the Children’s Auction and throughout the week itself, it also doesn’t stop once the auction goes off the air, Poliquin said. Then it’s time for Poliquin and the other four members of the Disbursement Committee to review grant applications and present recommendations for funding to the Board of Directors. In 2019, following the 38th auction, a total

of \$600,032 was raised for area nonprofits.

“Our committee spends weeks in the winter reviewing all the grant requests and discussing the best way to distribute the money that’s available,” Poliquin said. “We often visit the organizations we aren’t as familiar with, so we get to see firsthand what each organization is doing to help local children.”

At the end of the day, supporting children who need it most is what the auction is all about.

“Across Hannaford, our employees feel a particular passion when an event supports our kids,” Stevens said. “We know that to help our kids grow and learn and develop, we have to invest in them. We genuinely believe in and understand that they are our future.”

Visit www.ChildrensAuction.com to learn how to sponsor, donate or volunteer.

ABA

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The Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton joined the ABA as non-profit members. This is a private nonprofit that provides a forum for Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton Democrats. To learn more about this organization please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TriTownDemocrats/>

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RIDE

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ship Foundation website at lrscholarship.org and click on the home page. Scroll down to near the bottom of the homepage and click on the green button that says “Donate Now” and in the purpose section of the form, enter the “Jenni Ann Harmon

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Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

Lego Building Challenge

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can be a real animal or a made up animal that you created. Legos that are part of a kit with instructions would not qualify for this program. Show us your creativity, skills and building abilities. All ages are welcome. Submit your final build photo of “Animal” to the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov by Aug. 3, and we will share the photo in an album collection on the Town Web site/Social Media page. Please contact the office at 875-0109 if you have any questions.

2020 Alton Bay August Concerts

The August Concerts are tentatively set for 7-9 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 1- East Bay Jazz; Aug. 6- John Irish (7-8:30 p.m.); Aug. 7- The “Thursday Afternoon Band”; Aug. 8- Blacklite Band; Aug. 13- Bittersweet; Aug. 15- John Irish Duo; Aug. 21-The Visitors; Aug. 22- Chippy and the Ya Yas; Aug. 23- Final Approach; (4-6 p.m.); Aug. 28- Chris Bonoli; Aug. 29- Saxx Roxx.

Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race

Alton Parks and Recreation and Meredith Village Savings Bank are co-sponsoring the first ever “Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race.”


Official time tracking will begin on Aug. 8 at midnight and stay open until 11 p.m. on Aug. 16. The virtual 5K Race will allow participants to run/walk throughout the week, using a mobile device and the app (RaceJoy). Included in the app will be real-time tracking, progress alerts at mile points for current pace and estimated finish, and other interactive features for participants and spectators. The leader board will be updated daily with all participant’s times.

This is a great program to try a race at your own pace; all abilities are welcome. Walkers are invited and encouraged too.

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Descendants of Huggins co-founder organize fundraising yard sale

WOLFEBORO — Many families have the tradition of gathering together for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The descendants of Dr. Nathaniel Scott (one of the founders of Huggins Hospital), however, never miss convening in Wolfeboro for their beloved, annual Huggins Hospital Street Fair!

Every year on the first full weekend in August, Dr. Scott’s grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren gather at their 125 year old lakefront camp. After catching up, reminiscing and getting in some swimming and sunning time on the dock, each family member eagerly plans their street fair strategy. Which tent do we visit first? Two days of browsing in the book tent, clothing tent, fabrics, toys, white elephant, sports, boutiques, art and jewelry tents never fail to yield special street fair treasures. Then it’s lunch at Lydia’s and a return to the fairground for more shopping and even a ride or two!

So, when the news of the cancelled street fair spread through the family, and once the shock and sadness subsided, the family began to ask the question, how can we figure out a way to be together but still give back to our beloved Huggins Hospital? That is when the idea of a town wide yard sale was born. Thoughts became plans, and the yard sale is now set for Friday and Saturday the 7th and 8th of August. The times are set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cheryl Kimball, Manager of Philanthropy at Huggins Hospital, advised the family as to the need for funds at Huggins and a decision was made to address the shortage of nurses by donating to the Huggins Hospital Nursing Education Fund. This fund, which includes a scholarship program, provides financial assistance to nurses pursuing credentialing in certain specialties such as the National Certified Wound Care Nurse Program. Any portion of yard sale proceeds can be donated to Huggins Hospital. Just make your checks out to Huggins Hospital Philanthropy Department, and in the memo line, write Nursing Education Fund.

If you are a Wolfeboro resident (or from a surrounding area) and interested in hosting a yard sale, please visit our Facebook page and fill out the attached form to be registered. You will receive free advertising for your yard sale and your sale will be listed on the online map which will direct customers to you. Additionally, the yard sales will be posted on the Huggins Hospital Facebook page.

This upcoming yard sale effort will be an excellent way to get unwanted items out of your attic, basement, or garage and recycle them! We are encouraging both hosts of the yard sales and yard sale shoppers to follow New Hampshire CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing to keep everyone safe! In the spirit of Dr. Nathaniel Scott, let’s support rural health care and give back to Huggins Hospital.

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Alton Central School 20-21 Openings

PART TIME CUSTODIAL HELP

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PART TIME 2ND SHIFT CUSTODIAN

Alton Central School is hiring a part time custodian to join our Buildings and Grounds team for the 2020-21 school year. The shift is four hours per night with a flexible start time as approved by the Buildings & Grounds Director. Responsibilities include cleaning and disinfecting all common areas of the school building and assisting other custodial staff where needed after nightly tasks are complete. Training will be provided for all cleaning procedures and materials used. Must pass a criminal background check. Hourly rate is determined by experience. The position will be open until filled.

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