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COMPLIMENTARY

Health insurance jump leads to staff reductions at Newfound

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — A plan to preserve current positions in the Newfound Area School District fell by the wayside when the projected increase in health insurance premiums, budgeted at 4 percent, instead came in at 12.58 percent.

School Administrative Unit 4 Superintendent Stacy Buckley told the Newfound Area School Board that the increase adds more than \$200,000 to the budget, pushing it above the

school district's tax cap that limits the increase in the tax assessment for member towns to 2 percent.

The superintendent's original budget proposal for the 2018-19 fiscal year, presented last month, called for the addition of an information technology position while leaving vacant a special education teaching position at New Hampton Community School.

On Nov. 13, Buckley proposed savings of \$132,725.91 by eliminating three special educa-

tion secretaries, along with one special education paraprofessional at Danbury Elementary School, and reducing a half-week physical ed-

ucation position to one day per week.

She also pulled out a \$20,000 aerator the district planned to buy for athletic field mainte-

nance, but she told the board they expect to be able to purchase it with this year's funds.

Buckley also reduced the budget for miscella-

neous technology repairs by \$1,500, saying there would still be money for some equipment repairs, as well as the money bud-

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Fire Chief elaborates on deputy position

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Fire Chief Ben LaRoche, who, earlier this month, proposed adding a full-time deputy chief to the department staff, returned on Nov. 16 with additional information the selectmen had asked him to provide to justify the position.

Selectmen thanked him for following up on their questions, but they set his report aside and moved on to other business, prompting selectman J.P. Morrison to ask whether they were going to talk about it. Chairman Rick Alpers said they would take it up at a future meeting.

LaRoche has said the current staffing level does not provide enough time for recruitment and retention of on-call personnel, making it difficult to respond to all of the calls the department receives. The changing health care environment and the growing need for emergency preparedness is putting a strain on resources,

he said.

The proposed full-time deputy chief would take on fire prevention and inspection responsibilities, as well as taking a leading role in training, allowing LaRoche to spend more time on emergency

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COURTESY

NMMS students support Texas hurricane victims

Members of Newfound Memorial Middle School's Student Council reached out recently to help their peers in Texas who were impacted by the effects of Hurricane Harvey earlier this year. Through two school dances the council, with the support of the school population, was able to gather \$300 in donations to assist recovery efforts at Mitchell Elementary School in Houston, Texas.

State Police cite weather, speed as factors in fatal crash

BY DONNA RHODES
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NEW HAMPTON — When snow squalls, winds and cold temperatures raced through the North Country early Monday morning, officers from New Hampshire State Police Troop D were dispatched to Interstate 93 Southbound for the report of a fatal motor vehicle that occurred at mile marker 67, between New Hampton and Meredith.



COURTESY — NH STATE POLICE
(Left) A Campton man was killed when the 2004 Chevrolet van he was driving on Monday morning crashed into a tree at mile marker 67 on Interstate 93 near the New Hampton Meredith town line.

At the time of the accident, road conditions had already been deemed as slippery and NHSP troopers were busy responding to a number of other minor accidents along the central and northern stretch of the highway.

Officers from NHSP raced to the scene however and soon identified the driver of the 2004 Chevrolet van as 46-year-old Robert Chamberlain of Campton, who was killed in the single vehicle accident.

A preliminary investigation revealed that Chamberlain was driving southbound on the interstate, attempting to exit the highway

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DONNA RHODES

During a traditional night out in Bristol, Libby Danahy (left) and international exchange student Jason Liang (right) took turns playing the historic Baby Grand Piano that was recently returned to the town and now calls the Old Town Hall its home.

Bristol Historical Society enjoys music by piano at potluck supper

BY DONNA RHODES
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BRISTOL — The Bristol Historical Society hosted a traditional New Hampshire potluck supper at the Old

Town Hall last weekend, where home-cooked foods and desserts soon got everyone ready for the night of old-time entertainment that followed.

Locally renowned educator and musician Libby Danahy began the evening by introducing the new Baby Grand Piano recently dedicated to the town.

Lucille Keegan of the Bristol Historical Society said the piano originally belonged to Anna Musgrove Adams, a music teacher in the com-

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Newfound Memorial Middle School honor roll

BRISTOL — Newfound Memorial Middle School has released its honor roll for the first marking term of the 2017-2018 school year.

Grade 8

High Honors: Sabrina Alan, Margaret Bed-

naz, Hayse Broome, Zoe Davol, Connor Downes, Ryder Downes, Noah Eckert, Gabriella Frasca, Julia Huckins, Mackenzie Jenkins, Sarah LaCroix, Evan Labonte, Lindsey Lacasse, Kaleigh LeBlanc, Ryan LeBrun, Tristin Porter,

Emma Sawyer, Bodhi Smith, Natalie Susi, Cassandra-Marie Zick

Honors: Destiny Barker, Alexia Bassett, Ryan Berg, Riley Boynton, Kaylie Brown, Timothy Cantwell, Cassie Coffin, Katelynn Cornell, Alexis Daughen, Alana Frame,

Logan Glidden, Mason Kesselring, Emily Lower, Elsa McConologue, Leaha Mitchell, Caleb Moores, Nathan Paige, Kaylin Parker, Angela Patten, Michelle Sallies, Madeline Sargent, Hannah Tobine, Brian Watson

Austin Fournier, Macaelyn Hamilton, Jeffrey Huckins, William Joseph, Adam Klapyk, Tyler Kulacz, Brady MacLean, Bibianna McConologue, Adelaide McGowan, Molly Lu McKellar, Madelynn Monahan, Alexis Moore, Andrew Murray, Sydney Owen, James Paratore, Chloe Parker, Jillian Robie, Colby Runnels, Lilian Schultheiss, Avery Smock, Quinn van Lingen, Danielle Walker, Natalie Walker, McGowan Willey

Benjamin Smith, Makenna Tullar

Honors: Emma Adams, Mika Austin, Emily Avery, Lydia Bartlett, Hannah Bassett, Lucie Beauchemin, William Bednaz, Matthew Bird, Sarah Buchanan, Karma Burrows-Buzzotta, Angelique Collins, Jolee Dumont, Tobias Eckert, Olivia Hanley, Talan Hannagan, Sophia Jean, Jacquelyn Jenna, Chloe Jenness, Anna Jirkovsky, Joshua Marandos, Nicholas Mazur, Ricky Moran, Savannah Muzzey, Zoe North, Lauren Paige, Amora Pereira, Riley Porter, Cailyn Richard, Masin Robbins, Alexander Rose, Nicholas Simon, Moriah Smith, Kylee Stevenson, Conner Sullivan, Kaitlyn Sweeney, Samuel Worthen

Grade 7

High Honors: Leah Deuso, Rebecca Dillon, Paige Fischer, Ela Goucher, Emily Huckins, Lillian Karkheck, Taylor Mooney, Myles Perry, Gretchen Reynolds, Brynn Sidelinger, Mikayla Ulwick

Honors: Cody Annis, Malina Bohmann, Destany Bony, Alexis Braley, Gavin Brooks, Emma Carlson, Reuben Carruth, Dalton Dion, Julianna Dumark, Kevin Dyer, Lilly Farrar,

Grade 6

High Honors: Ryleana Barney, Joshua Blouin, Isabel Braley, Hayden Dolloff, Mason Farmer, Leighann Farrell, Evan Foster, Soraya Glidden, Electra Heath, Isaac Robert,



COURTESY

NMMS students salute veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, students at Newfound Memorial Middle School paid tribute to three members of their school community who are veterans themselves. Accompanied by teacher Phil LaCasse on guitar, students presented patriotic musical tributes to staff members Scott Maxner, Shane Tucker and Donna Ritchie, and also recited the poem, "Ragged Old Flag," written by Johnny Cash. In this photo the eighth grade students are shown singing "America the Beautiful" to Ritchie, a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Bristol UCC Women's Fellowship hosting Christmas Fair

BRISTOL — The annual Christmas Fair at the Bristol United Church of Christ will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Fellowship Hall, located at 15 Church St. in downtown Bristol.

During the fair, shoppers will find 14-inch dec-

orated balsam wreaths on sale for \$15 and holiday swags for \$10. The craft tables will be loaded with gifts for everyone, from hand-carved "shelf elves" to the ever-popular crocheted "Scrubbies." Delicious homemade baked goods to add to holiday meals over the

coming weeks will also be available, courtesy of the fine bakers from BUCC. In addition to all of that there will be many gently used holiday decorations to brighten up the home or workplace, all available at a reasonable price. Be sure to stop by and shop locally during this holiday season.



COURTESY

Downtown Decorating Committee earns praise from Bristol selectmen

Bristol's Board of Selectmen recently gave special recognition to the Downtown Decorating Committee and the town's Events Committee for their outstanding work on this year's Halloween celebration in in downtown Bristol. From left to right are Rick Alpers, Paul Manganiello, Steve Favorite, Barbara Greenwood, Leslie Dion, Don Milbrand, Jodie Favorite, Lucille Keegan, J.P. Morrison, and Hilda Bruno.

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Pop-Up Shop showcases work of local artists

BY DONNA RHODES

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PLYMOUTH — Shoppers and art enthusiasts in downtown Plymouth were treated to a Local Pop-Up Art Shop on Main Street last weekend with the opportunity to meet truly local artists and purchase some amazing artwork.

For those who may have missed it, the temporary seasonal shop will be open one last time for this weekend's Black Friday and Small Business Saturday shopping spree.



DONNA RHODES

Michelle Dunn, the organizer of the Second Annual Local Pop-Up Art Shop, is one of the many local artists whose art will be on sale this weekend only for the traditional holiday shopping kick-off in downtown Plymouth.



DONNA RHODES

Edy Collins of Hebron (right) is one of nearly two-dozen artists and musicians participating in the 2017 Local Pop-Up Art Shop in downtown Plymouth, which will conclude this weekend. With her is organizer and fellow artist Michelle Dunn of Groton.

Plymouth State provides

Thanksgiving meals to those in need

Plymouth State's annual Thanksgiving Basket Project helps food insecure and elderly residents in the greater Plymouth area

PLYMOUTH — As we enter into the holiday season, Plymouth State University (PSU) faculty, staff, students, and alumni got into the holiday spirit by giving back. PSU conducted their annual Thanksgiving Basket Project on Monday, Nov. 20. In 2016, the project served 522 meals to local residents in need. It was anticipated that this year, PSU faculty, staff, and students, along with alumni from the Phi Beta Upsilon fraternity, would again pack and deliver more than 500 baskets to Plymouth residents and residents of nine surrounding towns.



COURTESY

Pictured above are Andy McDonnell, PSU Phi Beta Upsilon alum, (left) with Katherine Tardiff, PSU's Catholic Campus Minister, (right).

The project is made possible by the generous support of alumni from the Phi Beta Upsilon fraternity. This year marks the eighth year the alumni group has been involved, their contributions totaling more than \$19,000.

"This yearly project is a great opportunity for the students of PSU to meet residents in the community that is hosting them and show they care," said Katherine Tardiff, PSU's Catholic

Campus Minister, who coordinates the project along with United Campus Ministry. "It's also a way for community members to meet some of the wonderful students in their midst."

In past years, upwards of 60 students volunteered to prepare baskets and Tardiff anticipates the number will only grow. This holiday season, PSU students are paying it forward in several ways, showing their gratitude through a pilot program called "Swipe it Forward" which allows them to donate a meal swipe in Prospect Dining Hall to another student who may be facing food

insecurity. In the first day of the program, more than 400 meals were donated and six hungry students were gifted meals for the week.

Organizer Michelle Dunn of Groton is an artist herself, and said while she was spending time in New York City, she once witnessed short-term Pop Up Art shops being set up in local retail stores and was enthralled with the concept.

"I came back to New Hampshire and thought that was something I really wanted to do up here," she said.

As she began to realize how many artists live in the Pemi-Baker, Waterville and Newfound Regions, it became all the more enticing for her to bring as many of them as possible together in a comfortable, temporary atmosphere. This is now her second annual Local Pop-Up Art Shop, intended to showcase those talents.

"There are so many incredible artists in this area and I found many of them were my neigh-



DONNA RHODES

Bristol artist Aisling Petipas and her husband, photographer Michael Petipas, are among the many talented residents taking part in the 2017 Local Pop-Up Art Shop in downtown Plymouth this weekend, which will also benefit Voices Against Violence.

bors. I just want to introduce the community to people who may not always feel confident enough to display their art, but would agree to do something fun like this with me," said Dunn. Edy Collins of Hebron

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TOWN OF BRISTOL, NH PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 13, 2017** at the Old Town Hall, Summer Street, Bristol, NH concerning a Minor Site Plan Review for Vacation Paradise Realty Trust. The applicant wishes to convert 16 Central St. to 4 1-bedroom apartments and 20 Central St. to 2 1-bedroom and 1 2-bedroom apartments. The properties are located at 16 & 20 Central St., Tax Map and Lot #114-121 & -122 in the Village Commercial District.

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
HEBRON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HEBRON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 28, 2017 • 7:00 P.M.
Land Use Room, Hebron Town Office

You are hereby notified that the Hebron Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and the Hebron Historic District Commission (HDC) will conduct a joint meeting and public hearing in the Land Use Room, Hebron Town Office, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, to address the following:

1. Minutes and other administrative matters
2. Patricia Karlsen's applications to the HDC for a certificate of approval and to the ZBA for a variance from road setback requirements under Article IV, Section H.1 of the Hebron Zoning Ordinance. The applicant proposes to construct a three-foot-wide shed roof on the north side of her existing garage in order to shelter firewood. The proposed construction is entirely within the road setback area of Mrs. Karlsen's property at 5th Cour Lane (Tax Map 17, Lot 22). (ZBA Case #273)
3. Any other business that may come before the Board

Douglas McQuilkin, ZBA Vice Chair
Ronald Collins, HDC Co-Chair
David Brittelli, HDC Co-Chair

PET of the Week Rhonda



Tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured may twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home. Her original family had some major life struggles that precipitated her arrival at NH Humane Society through our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been calling our shelter home since the Summer.

Well now the weather is cold, snow is in the air, Winter is coming...and still she waits to hear those

words spoken by a stranger "oh what a lovely dog, let's adopt her!"

True, she's a big girl but her capacity to bond with her special people is equal in size to her resolve to not give up hope of finding a family to care for her.

She'd prefer to be the only child. Black Friday Adopt A Thon at the Belknap Mall is just around the corner, could not Rhonda already be enjoying your comfy couch before then? Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org

Through the eyes of visitors, the madness of Northern Pass

Every now and then, I get an opportunity to take visitors on a truck-tour of the territory. This is always a treat for me, because I get to see things anew, through someone else's eyes.

In this case, my guests wanted to see two things in particular. One was the most narrow of roads in the high country where Northern Pass, in which Hydro Quebec would use New Hampshire to get its power to New York markets, would put its lines. The other was the grave of Metallak, said to be the last of the Coashaukees, hence "Coös County."

This was an easy route, because the narrow places are on North Hill, on the next ridge up from my home on South Hill. It bears noting that if Northern Pass were built, which I don't think for a moment it ever will be, the towers would not be anywhere near my view, so scratch the much-touted NIMBY (not in my back yard) factor. Instead, I look at the issue as an EBY (everybody's back yard).

We could see North Hill within a mile or so from leaving my back driveway. South Hill Road takes a sharp left there, down into Stewartstown Hollow, but at one time a short-cut went straight ahead, on a dead

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



reckoning for Bear Rock Road and then right on up over North Hill to Clarksville and on to Pittsburg.

During this time, before the railroad and the internal combustion engine, the stagecoach route brought passengers right by my house, and there was an inn and tavern at the intersection of North and South Hill roads. What a place that must have been, and I would have given a farthing or two to be, at least for a moment, a fly on the wall.

Today's road up North Hill begins broadly enough, wide enough for two vehicles as it passes the old North Hill Church, little used now save for the occasional seasonal service.

But soon enough, just over the top of the hill, it begins to dwindle, until it reverts to what always was, an ox-cart road. It is about one rod wide—a little over 16 feet from stone wall to stone wall. There are a couple of turnouts for drivers meeting other vehicles to make room to pass. Most people are exceedingly polite about this, in the tradition of



JOHN HARRIGAN

North Hill Road's narrowest stretch, where Northern Pass proposes to bury a stretch of its 1,090-megawatt line.



JOHN HARRIGAN

Metallak's gravestone is always adorned with gifts and totems, ranging from quills to decorated lance.

back-road driving, from horse and buggy times unto today.

Here, where the road is at its narrowest, there is ledge to the right and underneath. A classic

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Letters to the Editor

Town hall proposal needs to be re-thought

To the Editor:

What are we to do, raise taxes to support a Taj Mahal of a new town hall — looks great on paper — or do we do the right thing and listen to people, such as Dave Hill who supports moving the police station? We need to take the smart route and look at changing the concept by interchanging which building is located on the new lot.

By relocating the police station with a more conservatively designed building, along with renovating the existing town hall, should, in effect, have a more acceptable bottom line. This is but one of many options that are available to keeping our cost down. We need more competition on the design and actual needs.

What we didn't hear is what criteria was determined to generate the building design; what we

heard was "We need this." How many police and town employees are we expecting to go forward with? What was presented were buildings totaling 14,000 square feet to accommodate our existing work force of 18 people or approximately 750 square feet per person. Where was the use of good building design employed? Normally basic designs of police and town officials is between 300-350 square feet per person! Even allowing for some expansion, this design is beyond where our rural community should be. I admired Ned Gordon for trying to justify the project, but we need to be realistic with what we need for our police department and town officials. I say table this project and not bring it to a warrant but revisit, re-think and stay focus on a affordable solution.

Ernie Richards
Bristol

Legislative update

To the Editor:

This is the 30th of my reports on what is going on in the Legislature in Concord...at least in the Criminal Justice Committee. Today, we dealt with bills that the Committee held for a closer look.

The first was the House version of the Fetal Homicide bill. This was essentially the same as the Senate version we passed in last session that set 20 weeks gestation as the point at which destruction of the pre-born qualified as a homicide. This is ludicrous on the surface because scientifically, life begins at fertilization. This is not the view widely held in the pro death crowd, who think giving personhood status to the fetus is wrong. The House version would have set the standard at eight weeks, which is consistent with accepted medical definition of a fetus. Regardless, this change was voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL). We will have to wait for another chance to insert sanity into the law.

A bill requiring prisons to become accredited was voted Ought to Pass (OTP). Prisons have not been accredited since 2009. Since then, the funds for accreditation were used to fund a manpower slot. This action was short sighted because whenever there is a lawsuit the plaintiff uses the lack of accreditation against us. It isn't that we don't qualify for accreditation. It is that we do not have it. Another bill on prisons was retained for "Interim Study" that would give credit for school work. This program is relatively new and there is not enough data to determine its

effectiveness. Retaining a bill for Interim Study effectively kills the bill.

The much-watched bill to legalize marijuana in the middle of an opioid problem is a stupid action to take without thinking about other consequences. First and foremost, it is still a federally illegal substance. If arrested by the feds you will be prosecuted and you will lose your ability to purchase a firearm. Just because Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts and Canada may legalize marijuana is not a sufficient reason for New Hampshire to follow suit. Rubbish. Even setting the age for legal use at 21 will tacitly tell the kids marijuana use is acceptable when it is not. It is a proven fact that the effects of marijuana use on the developing brain (until that age of about 25) are irreversible. Thankfully, the bill was voted ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate) by a vote of 13:7.

This concludes our legislative work for this year except for the election of a new Speaker. Speaker Jasper appears to be in line to become the next Commissioner of Agriculture. Candidates are swarming like bees to honey. We'll see who has the sharpest elbows. Until my next report, have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family.

If you have any comments or questions please call 320-9524 or email me at dave@sanbornhall.net.

Cheers!

Dave Testerman
Representative for Hill and Franklin

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Towns

Alexandria

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Snow, wind, rain and slippery roads, have graced our week. Makes true the talk about New England weather, that if you don't like it, wait a minute, it'll change! Please be mindful of the black ice, leave early and slow down when the weather is not so nice.

Town

Thursday, Nov. 23, Town Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

Conservation Commission Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

All meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Alexandria United Methodist Church

A beautiful Thanksgiving Service was held at 9 a.m. on Nov. 19, followed by breakfast for the Sunday School in the Vestry. There's nothing like good food, and cheerful fellowship to make the day go well!

Don't forget, there will be a free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall in Alexandria. Last year was a wonderful time of fellowship and I have no doubt there will be more of the same this year.

Sunday, Nov. 26, our

service begins at 9 a.m., and will be the Hanging of the Greens Service.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 at noon will be the NAC Advent Service at the Bristol Baptist Church. A luncheon will be served after the service.

Thoughts and prayers are with Ken Hall, and his family, in the loss of his wife Beverly. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Alexandria United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served in the Vestry after the service.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Be safe in your travels, give your loved ones a hug, and most of all, be thankful for all your blessings!

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. 26. Conversation and refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

Thanksgiving time is here, which means Christmas is just around the corner. It's time to save the date for the annual South Danbury Christmas Pageant. All are invited the South Danbury Christian Church on Thursday, Dec. 21 (snow date Dec. 22) at 7 p.m. The Barrett Family band will play. There will be delicious snacks, an encore pre-

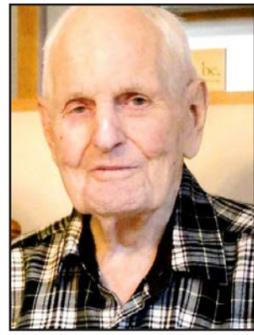
sentation of the paper bag pageant and maybe even a visit from Santa. Watch for posters, and follow "Friends of Danbury" and "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook for more details.

Danbury Winter Market

Decide to buy local this December by shopping at the Farmers Market at the grange hall on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Whether you are looking for meals for those holiday gatherings or gifts to cross off Santa's list, the market has two floors of vendors with all locally made or grown items. There will be homemade chocolates, honey, knitted and crocheted items, jams, jellies and chutneys, beef, turkey, eggs, milk, yogurt, cheese and cream, soaps, lotions, Christmas wreaths and ready to bake entrees. To preorder items for pickup at the market, visit the Danbury Winter Market at harvestmarket.com. The online Web site opens on Nov. 20 and closes on Nov. 30 at 9 a.m. Margaret Hoyle will not be at the market with her unique wool socks however you may preorder socks for pickup at the market through the online site. Shop local and support community this season. For a list of vendors, visit blazingstar-grange.org or for other information on how to sign up for our two available vendor spots, call

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Edwin C. Huckins, 96



NEW HAMPTON — Edwin C. Huckins, oldest citizen of New Hampton, passed away Nov. 15, 2017 peacefully at his home on the farm.

He was born to Bertha and George Huckins on Jan. 16, 1921. He attended a one room school house then went on to graduate from Ashland High School.

Ed always knew the value of hard work. Over the years, he worked at a local apple orchard, was Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the Town of New Hampton, and drove school bus #746 for the local children. One of his greatest passions was working on his dairy farm.

Edwin married Jeanette, the love of his life, in 1951 and went on to enjoy 65 years of marriage. Over the years, Ed and Jeanette's home grew to include the laughter of children, grandchil-

Clark - Patten, Laura Dudley, Erica and Travis Hubert, and Joe and Nick Huckins.

His family also included multiple great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette, this past September, and sons Stanley and Joe Huckins prior.

Calling hours were held Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 11 Hill Ave. in Ashland, from 5-8 p.m. Funeral services were held at the New Hampton Community Church on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. with Matt Been officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice at 780 N. Main St., Laconia, NH, 03246. Dupuis Funeral Home in Ashland is handling arrangements. For more information, go to dupuisfuneralhome.com.

dren, and great-grandchildren.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Judith Levasseur, and her husband Donald of Gilford, and daughter-in-law,

Carol Huckins, of Ashland; other family members include Marsha Elder and husband, Art, of Bristol; Paul

Dupont of Laconia; Richard Patten and wife Laronda of Belmont; and Doreen Hubert of Laconia.

Grandchildren include Joshua Robinson, Jessica Deshaies, Becky Angelone, Amanda Huckins, Jeremy and Ben Elder, Schuyler and Alastair

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

During Holidays, Be Extra Vigilant About Protecting Financial Data

To help achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you should save and invest regularly. But that's only part of the picture. You also need to protect your financial assets in various ways. One such method is guarding your personal information — especially any information that could be linked to your financial accounts. It's obviously important to be vigilant at any time, but you need to be even more on your toes during the holiday season, when fraudsters are particularly active.

So, to help keep your important data under wraps during the holidays, consider these suggestions: Extend your protection to all mobile devices. Identity thieves can now compromise your mobile devices by installing spyware that steals usernames, passwords and credit card information. Fortunately, you can fight back. By doing a little research online, you can find the best mobile security software for your needs.

Use multiple passwords. Online security specialists recommend that you use different passwords for each new online shopping site you visit during the holiday season. Although this might seem like a hassle, it can be helpful, because even if identity thieves were to grab one of your new passwords, they still couldn't use it for other sites you may visit. And you can even find a free online program that can help you keep track of all your passwords.

Be suspicious of "huge savings." It happens every holiday season — identity thieves develop fake sites with attractive graphics and stunningly low prices on a variety of items, especially digital devices. If you fall for these pitches, you

won't get any merchandise, but you might get a handful of headaches once the bad guys have your credit card number and other personal information. To prevent this, be wary of any deal that sounds too good to be true, and do some digging on the websites that offer these mega-savings.

Watch for fake shipping notices. During the holidays, when you may do a lot of online shopping, you will probably receive some legitimate shipping notices. But the bad guys have gotten pretty good at generating fake notices designed to resemble those from UPS, FedEx and even the U.S. Postal Service. If you were to click on the link provided by one of these bogus notices, you could either take on some malware or get taken to a "phishing" website created by the shipping notice forgers. Your best defense: Only shop with legitimate merchants and only use the tracking numbers given to you in the email you received immediately after making your purchases.

Keep your Social Security number to yourself. As a general rule, don't give out your Social Security number online — to anyone. No legitimate retailer needs this number. Finally, be aware that not all attempts at stealing your personal information will come online. When you're out shopping at old-fashioned, brick-and-mortar stores, consider bringing just one credit card with you — and protect that card from prying eyes.

By following these precautions, you should be able to greatly reduce the risk of being victimized by identity thieves and other miscreants. And the more comfortable you are in doing your holiday shopping, the more you can enjoy the season.

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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

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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.

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Ashland Episcopal (St. Mark's Church)

A combined Bishop's Committee of St. Marks and the Vestry of Holy Spirit met at St. Mark's after last Sunday's Service. A positive vote was recorded to call the Rev. Kelly Sundberg Seaman to be the next priest for both congregations. The Bishop has been notified and now we need to work out her compensation package.

Our stewardship drives will become of utmost importance. CHS has mailed their letters and those from St. Mark's will be arriving this week. Please be as generous as you can so that this year's budget will be met and we will be able to offer Rev. Kelly a suitable compensation package.

The Four Gospels in Four Weeks will begin on Thursday, Nov. 30 and continue on the following Thursdays, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21. This study group will be led by Rev. Randy Dales and will take place in the Christian Life Center at the Holy Spirit complex on Highland St. Plymouth beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Greeters for Sunday services needed at both locations - 8 a.m. at Griswold Hall in Plymouth and 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's.

There will be choir for the next two weeks.

Christian Science Society, Plymouth

This year the news has been filled with unconscionable acts of violence, devastating storms, civil injustices, and global threats. No wonder many ask, where is God? The Bible recounts similar atrocities, yet it also tells us that faith and gratitude sustained and blessed men and women through troubling times.

Over a century ago, religious author Mary Baker Eddy, a native of New Hampshire, and Discover and Founder of Christian Science, wrote this promise for Thanksgiving Day:

“[Thanksgiving] signifies that love, unselfed, knocks more loudly than ever before at the heart of humanity and that it finds admittance; . . . that the Christ-spirit will cleanse the earth of human gore; that civilization, peace between nations, and the brotherhood of man should be established, and justice plead not vainly in behalf of the sacred rights of individuals, peoples, and nations.” – First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, p. 265

Divine Love is waiting at the door to comfort and inspire your heart. The community is welcome to a public service of gratitude for God's blessings:

Thanksgiving Day Service Thursday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.

Christian Science Society 7 Emerson St., Plymouth

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.respiteforcaregiverdayaway.wordpress.com.

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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass St. Matthew Church, 8:30 a.m. Let us come together to give thanks for the bountiful gifts our loving God has bestowed on us.

Catholic Daughters Christmas Bake Sale will be after all St. Matthew Masses on Nov. 25-26.

The Giving Tree will be on display at St. Matthew Church and at Our Lady of Grace beginning the weekend of Nov. 25. Parishioners are asked to select a gift tag and return the wrapped present with the gift tag attached to the outside of the package by Sunday, December 10th. Your generosity has always been inspiring here at Holy Trinity Parish. For additional information please contact Clay Norwood at 786-2977 (Plymouth). This year, the Bristol campus will have items on the tree that are needed for new families of Haven Pregnancy Center. For additional information, call Chris at 724-1825.

Central NH VNA and Hospice Bereavement Support Groups

There are currently five different kinds of bereavement and support groups offered at no cost in Laconia and Wolfeboro locations through Central VNA and Hospice. The groups being

offered right now are: First Step Group is for those seeking support for grief over the recent loss of a loved one. Living With Grief is a seven week program to learn about the unique and personal process of grief and coping with loss. Next Step Groups are for those who have attended either the First Step or Living With Grief Groups and feel they need ongoing support from there. Grief in the Holidays is a one-time support group to help with the challenges of grieving a loved one during the holidays. Child and Family Expressive Arts Group offers children, teens and family members an opportunity to remember a loved one through art or music. Please call Dan Kusch, bereavement coordinator, for additional information at 524-8444, ext. 2390, or email dkusch@centralvna.org.

Before and after the Plymouth masses on Sunday, Dec. 3, Plymouth State University's Nicaragua Club will be selling bags of whole bean coffee from Nicaragua to subsidize the group's plane tickets for their service trip to the rural area of La Paz in May. The group will be assisting a group called Mujeres en Action with building schools and homes. We will also help the community with farming, and work with school children. Julia Mazza of the Campus Ministry group will be going on this trip.

Campus Ministry
Next monthly prayer

service & supper with Fr. Leo for students is Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity rector. Students interested in attending should contact Kathy Tardif at km-tardif@plymouth.edu so that we have enough food.

Home-baked stress relief: Food for Finals is coming up soon, a time when Catholic Campus Ministry and C3: Caring Campus Coalition deliver comfort food in the form of homemade goodies to all res. halls and Centre Lodge the first night of Finals Week. Parishioners interested in providing batches of cookies or squares should contact Sandy Abbott at 254-3431 or sandy@michaelschool.com (note new email address) with their name, phone number, what they will bake, and the amount. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Center is located on Highland St., across from Lamson Library, the next building up from Citizens Bank.

Weekly Meetings Wednesday, Nov. 22

Bible Study: Bristol, Marian Hall, 9 a.m.

Plymouth, St. Matthew Meeting Room, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 26

No Faith Formation classes

No Confirmation classes

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

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Donna at 768-5579.

Blazing Star Grange

The grange met on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., which is now their new meeting time. They received a thank you note from the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department for sponsoring a tee at their department's recent fundraiser, A Round for Ryan. A postcard was also received from the Future Farmers of New Hampshire. Signed by the FFA leaders, the card was to thank the grange for their ongoing support of youth with an interest in agriculture. The group worked on finalizing dates for their year's activities. The Friends of the Library asked the grange if they would like to work together for a poetry event. The members put that on their grange calendar for April 14. The United Church would like to hold their Dutch auction at the grange's chicken pot pie supper which was set for April 21. The silent movie with Jeff Rapsis will be on March 17, and of course, the grange is also looking forward to the May 5 concert with the Granite State Bell Ringers. The grange

year looks busy and filled with fun events. The next meeting will be on Dec. 7.

Hebron

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Turkey Trot

Please be sure to head down to Newfound Country Store in Bridgewater on Thanksgiving Day for their annual Turkey Trot. Registration is open at 8 a.m. the day of the Trot, and the Trot begins at 9 a.m. The monies and donations raised from the Trot will be going to the Santa Fund which benefits families from the Newfound Area. This charity helps provide clothing and dinner baskets for Christmas for local families. Any and all donations accepted cash /check/gift certificates or anything that you can contribute! While you are there be sure to say hi to Holly and Bob and the rest of the crew! They now carry Carhartt clothing, Hatchland Milk and also be sure to check out the vendor displays and/or grab a sandwich or hot cup of coffee! Hope to see you there!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



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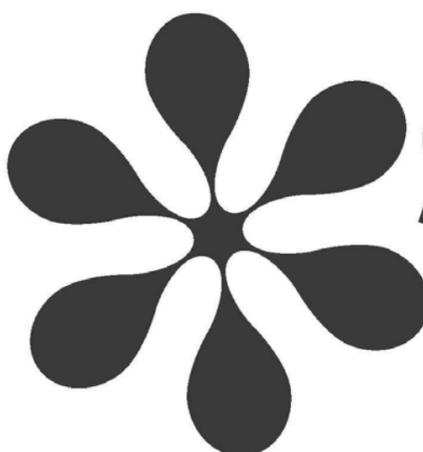
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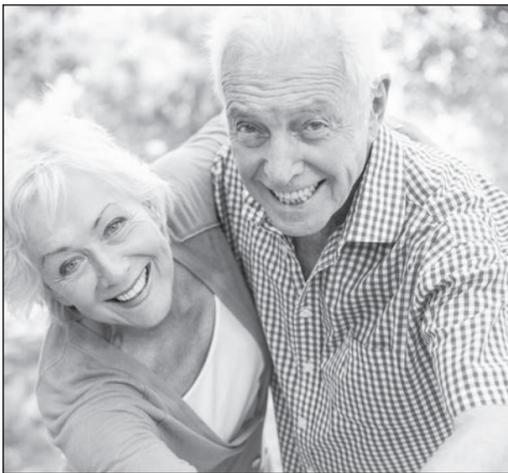
Four Common Planning Mistakes Made by Elders

By Edward H. Adamsky
Everyone gets older, and unless you just drop dead someday, you will have to face the fact that you will need help as you



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become less able to handle your affairs (financial or personal/physical). No one wants to admit this, especially those who don't want to appear weak. But, it will probably happen. So, if you are ready to think about it, then you should be aware of some common mistakes people make when planning.

1) Not Planning At All.

It's hard to think about difficult issues and nasty situations. You may just go along living your life

without thinking about the future, and it works out okay – at least until something goes wrong. Instead, it makes sense to think about the future, to consid-

er what you want, and to make the right plans so the future works out the right way. You should at least do the basics of Life & Estate Planning including a Will, a Power of Attorney, and a Health Care Directive. Without those crucial tools in place, no one will be able to help you when you need it.

2) Having Joint Accounts with Children

Many people think they are all set if they have a daughter or son's name on their bank accounts. Sometimes they get this advice from friends or someone at their bank. It's true that this makes it possible for a child to pay bills

with the bank account, but there are issues with joint accounts that need to be considered.

The major issue with a joint bank account is that the problems of all of the joint owners can affect the account. If your child has debts or other financial problems, the money in your account could be lost. The other major problem with just a joint checking account is that it doesn't allow your child to do anything else except write checks. All of your other personal business can only be handled by you, or by your duly appointed Agent under a Power of Attorney. Joint Accounts are not enough.

3) Only Planning for Death

Some folks think that a Will is all they need. But a Will only takes care of your assets after you die. This is your Estate Planning tool. But you need the "Life Planning" tools too. These are the Health Care Directive and the Power of Attorney. Those tools allow your chosen representative to handle you money and property while you are alive, but unable to do so, or to make medical decisions for you if you cannot.

4) Paying for Help Under the Table

It seems simple to just get a friend or neighbor to come to the house to help you out, and pay cash without any paperwork. Although that would be easy, it would be illegal and could cost you thousands of dollars. Anyone who comes into your home to help you – unless they are an employee of an agency – is your employee and you must withhold taxes, Social Security, and Medicare from their pay. You must also have Worker's Compensation Insurance for your employee. Failure to do all of this may subject you to labor sanctions and, worst of all, full liability for injuries to your employee.

It makes so much sense to plan thoroughly for your future needs. The best way is to see an Elder Law Attorney and learn about your options and the tools you need to ensure your wishes are met. Do not wait until it is too late to plan. Start right now!



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Living Well

There is magic in water

Exercise and Physical Therapy in the water is fun and offers great health benefits for seniors.

By Anna Swanson

When it comes to YOUR health, knowing what your choices are is key to improving the quality of your life. Getting older does not mean you have to be less active. Seniors looking to keep moving and get some quality exercise throughout the week

can benefit from exercising in a pool. Not only does the water provide the necessary resistance for working out your muscles and joints, it also provides a low-impact environment for doing so--a benefit to seniors with arthritis and joint pain. You do not need to know how

to swim to exercise in the water.

As we age, we often face what can be a frustrating dilemma. On one hand, exercise can extend our lifespan and improve our quality of life; on the other, many exercises run the risk of causing a fall or suffering a joint injury. Water exercise, such as water aerobics, joint mobility classes and water Physical Therapy, provide the benefits of exercise while taking away the risks.

Heart Benefits: Cardiovascular exercise is especially important for seniors because it directly reduces the partici-

pants' risk for circulatory problems such as heart disease. Resistance workouts in the water help maintain strength and stability which can go a long way toward preserving the balance, range of motion and mobility that we often begin to lose.

Joint Protection/ Muscle Strength/ Calorie Burn: Some of the more traditional exercise choices such as running or aerobics can be hard on the joints. The repeated impact of your feet landing on the ground places strain on the ankles, knees, hips and back. Water exercise protects your joints in two ways. The buoyancy of the water supports a portion of your weight, reducing the load on

your joints as you move. The resistance of the water is 12 times the resistance of air. This helps us gain muscle strength, prevents any of our joints from moving too quickly and increases our metabolism helping us burn more calories. Many physical therapists and water classes incorporate equipment like water paddles, noodles, ankle weights, and buoys to further induce strength gains.

Fall Prevention: Falling is a major concern for many of us, owing to a combination of reduced balance and growing fragility of bones. This can make many exercise options too risky. In the water, our natural buoyancy helps to keep us upright. Even

if we do lose our balance completely, we will splash gently into the liquid rather than falling to the floor.

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Newfound

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geted for new technology equipment.

Christine Davol, the school board member from New Hampton, objected to the reduction in technology spending and suggested instead that the school board reduce the amount allotted for a new playground at Danbury Elementary School.

Buckley's budget proposal includes \$60,000 for the new playground, but Davol pointed out that a community fundraising effort in New Hampton had reduced the amount the school district had to pay for the new playground at New Hampton Community School. She said a similar effort in Danbury would not only reduce the amount taxpayers would have to contribute, but it also would promote a sense of community among the residents of Danbury.

Business Manager Michael Limanni, who is a vocal opponent of community volunteerism, said that, while the effort in New Hampton was appreciated, it was done without school district oversight and the work did not include some of the things the district would have included in the project.

"We should have a systematic plan so a community does not have to raise money on its own," Limanni said.

Other school board members also spoke against a community approach, with Chair Jeff Levesque of Groton saying, "The purpose behind the cooperative school district is to share resources and expenses. New Hampton went

ahead after they were told we were working on a CIP (capital improvement program) plan. They moved forward on their own, but they could have waited. They didn't have the worst playground in the district."

Don Franklin of Hebron agreed. "All the towns should be viewing the school district as one unit that they're willing to support."

During the budget discussion in October, Franklin questioned whether there was enough staff at the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School where one teacher had complained that no one was available to take a hungry child from a classroom to the cafeteria for breakfast.

In preparing the budget, Buckley said they had to keep in mind the additional spending associated with the second year of the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers. Those who have been with the district for five or more years receive a \$450 longevity stipend.

All specialists and administrators receive increases of about 3 percent, and retirement costs amount to 17.36 percent for teachers and 11.38 percent for others, she said.

Transportation costs will be 3 percent higher, and the budget includes an additional bus to take students to the Huot Technical Center in Laconia, which offers programs that the Plymouth Applied Technology Center does not offer.

There was a great deal of discussion about Project Promise, an after-school program funded by a 21st Century

Community Learning Center Grant from the federal government. The Trump Administration's budget proposal cut funding for the program, so its fate is unknown right now.

Buckley said she is looking at ways to provide the most successful elements of Project Promise if the district should lose the funding, including working with its partner, the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. The school district currently pays \$12,000 per year to the TTCC to provide the Friday after-school program.

School board member Vincent Paul Migliore of Bridgewater suggested diverting some of the funds currently allocated to the district's capital improvement program to keep Project Promise going, but Limanni objected, saying it is important to adhere to the plan to maintain district facilities. He also noted that CIP funds carry over to the default budget that takes effect if voters reject the district's proposed budget. Diverting funds to Project Promise would reduce the default budget, he said.

Under the revised budget proposal discussed on Nov. 13, the budget total would be \$23,854,595. The general fund portion of the proposed budget is \$22,383,600, an increase of \$382,944, or 1.7 percent, from the 2017-18 adopted budget of \$22,000,656.

The default budget, Limanni said, would be \$23,535,833, with the general fund portion being \$22,064,838. That would be an increase of \$64,182 from the current-year general fund budget.

Deputy

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management and engagement with the community.

LaRoche broke down his earlier statistics to show where the 611 hours per year he had cited for fire prevention and inspection were spent. He also listed the public education and training hours, bringing the total to 919.25 — nearly half the hours available in a year.

He also analyzed how much of the deputy's salary could be billed under the emergency medical services contract with other towns, concluding that the deputy would be handling about 10 percent of the EMS calls, as well as conducting training, which would account for another 10 percent of his time. LaRoche concluded that 20 percent of the deputy's salary, retirement contributions, and health insurance costs could be included in the EMS formula.

Adjusting a 2007 deputy chief's job description to reflect his current thinking on the position, LaRoche offered a suggestion on what the deputy's job description would be and he also showed what it would do to the fire department's budget if the deputy were brought in halfway through the year in 2018.

"Ultimately, the

overall increase would be \$47,074 this year and, in 2019, \$50,674," he said. "I understand it's a large investment to bring on a new employee, and it creates a bigger cost when you want to add fire and police personnel. But this approach in a year with some staff turnover can decrease the impact."

Selectman Don Milbrand, who serves on the planning board's capital improvement program committee, discussed that panel's recommendations aimed at evening out spending so taxpayers do not get hit with large increases in their property taxes.

Capital reserve accounts are designed to allow municipalities to set aside money over a number of years for large purchases like fire trucks, but Bristol's CIP committee persuaded voters in March to establish a capital reserve account for police vehicles which are rotated annually to keep maintenance costs low. The town appropriated \$50,000 to establish the fund, with the cruiser costing \$49,500, so the CIP calls for appropriating \$49,500 this year to restore the fund to \$50,000.

The plan calls for continuing the annual \$250,000 appropriation for road paving and placing \$140,000 into the capital reserve fund for future highway

equipment purchases. It also includes \$207,000 for transfer station improvements, but that is offset by revenues from the enterprise fund.

The fire department would receive \$50,000 for its capital reserve fund. LaRoche expects to purchase a new ambulance with the \$200,000 that would be in the fund with that additional money.

The committee has recommended taking out a \$1.5 million bond for a proposed police station/town hall construction project, but the plans as currently drawn have a price tag of about \$3 million.

Milbrand said he will be speaking with members of the legislature about the current law that requires towns to pay the total county assessment by December. For Bristol, that is about \$1 million which often requires the town to take out a tax anticipation note because tax bills are not due until mid- to late-December, creating a cash flow problem.

This year's tax rate was held up because the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was questioning the Newfound Area School District's tax formula, which held up the setting of tax rates. The town now has a preliminary tax rate, but it has not been finalized, preventing tax bills from going out.

Accident

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in what investigators later deemed to be an "uncontrolled manner," resulting in his vehicle striking a large tree on the side of the roadway.

"Poor weather conditions combined with unreasonable speed appear to be contributing factors to this crash," State Police said in their press release.

Anyone with further information on the accident or events leading up to it is asked to contact TFC Eric Shirley at 271-3636.

On November 20,

2017, at 6:10 a.m., the NH State Police-Troop D, responded to I-93 southbound in the area of mile marker 67 for a report of a van that had crashed off the right side of the roadway. During this timeframe, snow squalls were passing through the area north of Exit 22. This combined with cold temperatures, caused the roadway to become slippery. The NH State Police were responding to numerous vehicles off the roadway in the New Hampton area around this time.

Preliminary investigation revealed that

the a 2004 Chevrolet van driven by Mr. Robert Chamberlain, age 46, of Campton, NH, was driving southbound when he exited the highway in an uncontrolled manner and struck a large tree. Mr. Chamberlain was pronounced dead at the scene. Poor weather conditions combined with unreasonable speed appear to be contributing factor's to this crash.

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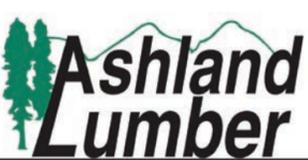
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Potluck

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munity during the 1920's.

Over the years it eventually ended up in the possession of former Bristol resident Bob Doran, who now lives in Vermont.

"He donated the piano to the historical society this summer, and since then, we've had it completely refurbished. It's a wonderful piano and we're happy to have it back here in Bristol," said Keegan.

After warming the keyboard up with a few

musical renditions of her own, Danahy then presented Jason Liang, an international high school exchange student from China who has been studying and playing the piano for most of his life.

"This is the introduction of the return of a fine piano to the Newfound Region and it's only fitting it is played tonight by a classical pianist," said Danahy as she brought Liang to the stage.

After a standing ovation for Liang's performance of the First Movement of Beethoven's

Pathetique, the event then returned to good old New England-style entertainment with a community sing-a-long.

The evening was all a part of the Historical Society's mission to improve facilities at the Old Town Hall.

"We thought it would be nice to have a community potluck supper here, with no charge, but to help us collect donations for a new kitchen at the Town Hall," said Keegan. "It's turned out to be a really great night."

Notebook

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back-country fence of stumps and cedar posts keeps George Hodge's replacement heifers in their wild pasture. The view is breath-taking from this pinch-point, the fence on the one hand, the dark woods on the other, and the landscape opening far and wide to the north. It is a place many people would pay hard money to see.

"They want to bury the line here?" one of my passengers said, eyes wide, aghast. "How would they even get the machinery in? It's madness."

Exactly. This little

stretch of North Hill Road, all by itself, is enough to put the Mark of Madness on the whole Northern Pass scheme. It is where I would take Governor Sununu and longtime friend and publisher Joe McQuaid, if I could, and say "Just look at this road and this scene. Can you imagine?"

It is, by the way, a stretch of road the Site Evaluation Committee's buses never traveled during their tour of the project's proposed route--because the road was judged too narrow and rough for the buses. This is the same road that far larger school buses trav-

eled during the replacement of the Bishop Brook bridge.

Just down the hill, along the most constricted portions of the road, is the North Hill Cemetery. It is here, in the far left corner, where the mortal remains of old Metallak are said to rest, beneath a handsome granite stone bearing a few lines of his story.

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The next meeting of the Wise Women in Training is Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Activities Committee encourages you to participate in the abundance of interesting events happening in the area. Please visit the Events Page on our Web site: www.starrkingfellowship.org for further details.

Pop-Up

FROM PAGE A3

is one of those people. As a blossoming new artist she now presents a wonderful array of her very own backyard photography and art.

"Pretty much everything I have here is based on the bugs, mushrooms and flowers I discovered in my yard," she said.

She even created magnets and other decorative home items from slices of small trees and other natural items harvested on her property.

thrust into the ground on either side. Interesting, to me, is that no one ever seems to see who puts these honorifics here, in this far and out of the way place. They just appear.

My passengers, almost speechless at this scene, got back in, and we nosed our way the rest of the way down, lucky not to meet anyone, and went off to lunch, trying to make sense of such a monstrous project being rammed down through such a beautiful and singular place.

And I had to wonder what old Metallak would think of it all, if he could take time out from spinning in his grave.

(This column runs in a dozen papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Mike Petipas of Bristol also brought along his stunning photography and digital art of the Newfound area and points beyond, while his wife Aisling is also contributing her unique oil paintings on wood at this year's shop.

"I incorporate all the textures and features of the wood panels into each painting," she said, pointing out those qualities that make her paintings come to life.

Other artists in the Pop-Up Shop hail from Rumney, Campton, Plymouth and all towns in between.

"It truly is a real local art event," said Dunn.

Looking beyond her wish to spotlight local artisans, Dunn also wanted to benefit a nonprofit group and selected Voices Against Violence as this year's benefactor. Many participants agreed to donate a portion, if not all, of their proceeds to Voices Against Violence, while some even contributed items to a raffle for the organization. Included in the raffle are sculptures, Batik art, gift cards for nearby eateries, coffee from Café Monte Alto, locally produced honey, tickets to the Plymouth State University's Holiday Concert and tickets for the Alpine Adventure in Lincoln.

Last weekend, 18 artists set up booths and displays of their talents, from paintings on canvas, wood and other mediums, to photography, jewelry, pottery, handmade lamps and more.

This weekend, Dunn said, another five will join in the event.

"The response has been great and the artists were all excited to be part of this. I found that even the businesses in the area were supportive; everyone has been wonderful, asking, 'How can we help?' It just makes me so happy," Dunn said.

The Local Art Pop-Up Shop is temporarily situated at 75 Main St. in Plymouth, thanks to the generosity of the Underdog Event Space and Blissful Lotus Yoga Studio, which provided additional room for all the artists. Adding to the fun and relaxing atmosphere are a line-up of musicians from the area, too. Well-known locals such as Holly Furlone, Luke Enlow, Jim Tyrell, Leah Cordero and Erika Cushing are among the featured performers who played last weekend or are scheduled for this coming weekend's events, and the group Camouflage Torso will also perform this Friday.

"These local musicians are really talented and some of them even volunteered to play just to show their support for Voices Against Violence," said Dunn.

The Local Pop-Up Art Shop will be open for the final time this year on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Dunn hopes many will drop in to not only enjoy seeing the talents of their neighbors but get a start on their holiday shopping, too.

Churches

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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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Dukette earns volleyball All-State nod

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Local volleyball players were amongst those named to the volleyball All-State teams, which were announced last week.

For Division III, Newfound's Ashlee Dukette earned a First Team honor for her role in leading the Bears to their first-ever Final Four appearance.

Joining her on First Team were Division III Co-Players of the Year Shannon Goodwin and Talia DeBlasie of Winnisquam, Gabrielle Sott and Olivia Garand of Campbell, Emilee Flanagan of Nute, Emma Wheeler and Jessalyn Brown of Inter-Lakes and Katie Martineau of Farmington.

Prospect Mountain senior Gabriella d'Em-

paire-Poirier earned Division III Second Team honors.

She was joined on Second team by Cleo Schultz of Campbell, Carlee Morgan of Moultonborough, Aubrey St. Onge and Madisyn Skeats of Winnisquam, Anna Re of Epping, Morgan Cunningham of Farmington, Carley Gagnon of Trinity and Jordan Durand of Inter-Lakes.

Honorable Mention for Division III went to Amber Lemay and Jordan LaVallee of Belmont, Mary Kuczkowski of Campbell, Tatyana Long of Farmington, Melonie Ojala of Mascevic and Arianna Cyr of Pittsfield.

Mike Livernois of Winnisquam was named Division III Coach of the Year and Kevin Archibald, also of Winn-

isquam, was named JV Coach of the Year.

In Division II, the lone local earning All-State honors was Plymouth's Anja Swanson, who earned Honorable Mention.

Joining her with Honorable Mention were Maggie Sylvester of Coe-Brown, Riley Codman of Con-Val, Hannah Chartier of John Stark, Emily Flaherty of Milford

and Julia Forcillo of St. Thomas.

Division II First Team honors went to Gilford's Brooke Beudet and Maggie McNeil, Julia Guarniere of Milford, Corinne Lamond and Natalie Gravelle of Portsmouth, Katie O'Brien of Souhegan, Payton Hodsdon of St. Thomas and Emily Frank and Taylor Sawyer of St. Thomas.

Second Team honors went to Amaya Newport of Coe-Brown, Karly Sanborn of Gilford, Gabriella Monico of Milford, Kara Blaisdell of Oyster River, Annah Shaheen and Olivia Brown of Portsmouth, Emma Gould and Madyson Buchalski of St. Thomas and Nina Bemis of Windham.

Beudet and Hodsdon were named Division II Players of the Year, while Stefany Shaheen of Portsmouth was named Division II Coach of the Year. Kiah Begley of St. Thomas was named JV Coach of the Year.

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Champs

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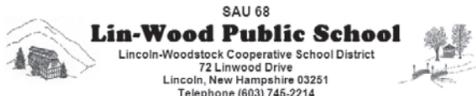
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Some random topics on early deadline week

With early deadlines meaning I needed to get a column written prior to the end of last week, it was time to head into the junk drawer in my mind for some random topics.

I always look forward to Thanksgiving for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it's a great chance to see family in New York that I don't get to see too often. We always got to New York for Thanksgiving to visit my mother's side of the family and it's always nice to see everyone. The other reason is that the Thanksgiving weekend is really the one time of year when I take multiple days off in a row. While I may write a story or two over the break, I am away from the office

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

and my brain gets to turn off a little bit.

It was a little weird to have nights off last week. After Music Man rehearsals and performances essentially ate up every night of my life for a few weeks, having a free evening was welcome. However, it was so weird that I actually spent my night off at Kingswood. Norm Adjutant, who was in our production of Music Man, is also building the sets at Kingswood and due to some issues, he was a bit behind and was looking

for help. Now, I've stated here many times that when it comes to building sets, my contribution is usually holding pieces in place while other people use power tools. This time, Kaylin Dean, Bob Tuttle and I spent a few hours in the Kingswood shop and hallway painting set pieces for the upcoming weekend's production of The Addams Family. I had tickets to see the show on Thursday night and was looking forward to seeing it.

I was hoping to get to New York City last week for another live Survivor event. I decided after this summer's trip to Salt Lake City

that I had to cut back on the travel budget, but because New York doesn't involve flying or getting a hotel room, it's usually pretty inexpensive. However, we had Music Man rehearsal that night so I missed the live event for Rob Has a Podcast. This was the biggest event yet, as instead of at a small comedy club, the event was held in a huge theater with more than 500 people in attendance, watching Survivor on a huge movie screen. While I missed this event, I'm hoping that the next time RHAP comes to New York, I'll be able to make it down.

Seems hard to believe to me that winter sports are already under way for many teams. All the girls' basketball teams have already started practices and hockey, skiing and boys' basketball are set to begin after Thanksgiving. The first games of the season for my teams are Dec. 1, so I probably shouldn't get too used to the evenings off. I've been gathering up winter schedules and will likely have to start previews as I return from Thanksgiving break. So really, it was one week between the final fall game (Division II football finals) and starting

previews for the winter sports teams.

Needless to say, I'm not ready for winter sports. But here they are.

Finally, have a great day Norman Adjutant.

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