

Remote learning off and running at PMHS

BY KATHERINE LESNYK
Contributing Writer

REGION — With remote learning starting on Wednesday, March 18, Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS) students have now had the chance to pick up their items from the school and begin the process of navigating school at home.

PMHS Principal J Fitzpatrick said via e-mail that 90 students came to the school on March 13, March 16 and March 17 to pick up their Chromebooks and items from their lockers. Fitzpatrick noted that, even though the building is now closed, for the students who still need to pick up their belongings, arrangements can be made via e-mail.

Fitzpatrick said that plans for remote learning started in early March – teachers were asked to start preparing for the possibility of remote learning in a

meeting on March 9, and students were informed about the possibility on March 10.

Now that PMHS is a few days into at-home education, teachers can reflect on how the transition is going. English teacher Kayla Roy said that she is using Google Classroom, a tool used throughout the school, to post the lessons for the upcoming week on Sunday and all work is due by Friday.

“Some do it all the first day and others space it out over the five days,” she said via e-mail. “After speaking with a few parents, it seems that tackling one subject per day seems to be the most manageable method for now until their son/daughter can get into a routine.”

She noted the overall quality of the work that her students are submitting, and that they are communicating openly

with her if they have questions.

“I am happy to say that the majority of my students are completing their work and the quality is pretty comparable to what I see in class; this is reassuring. Others are reaching out and asking questions so I know they are putting thought into

it,” she said.

Roy also said that the school has been handling the evolving situation well.

“I have noticed that our administrators are going above and beyond to make sure that students are not only

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Barnstead adjusts amidst coronavirus pandemic

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BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 17, to hear from the town’s emergency management director regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the action plan at a local level. The board also discussed the logistics of a recount of votes for selectmen that would occur later in the week on Thursday, March 19.

The recount, which was streamed live on YouTube and posted on the Barnstead web site due to social distancing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ultimately resulted in 298 votes for Rick Therrien, 276 votes for Gary Madden, 270 votes for Paula Penney and 260 votes for Rick Duane.

The original vote counts were 274 for Gary Madden, 296 for Rick Therrien, 257 for Rick Duane and 270 for Paula Penney.

“Selectmen who were in office prior to the election remain in that capacity until after the recount... and will conduct business as usual,” Chairman Edward Tasker said at the March 17 meeting, citing the Secretary of State’s office.

The board will now be composed of Lori Mahar, whose term expires in 2021; Tasker, whose term expires in 2022; Diane Beijer, whose term expires in 2022; Gary Madden, whose term expires in 2023; and Rick Therrien, whose term also expires in 2023.

Barnstead Emergency Management Director (EMD) Wayne Santos and Deputy EMD Jason Leavitt

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said that the emergency management team met the day before, on Monday, March 16, in order to develop an action plan for the community in accordance with state-level and federal-level guidelines.

“Our emphasis is on following the guidelines issued by the governor and the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management office,” Santos said, adding that the goal is to “maintain situational awareness” in the community.

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Baysider in paradise

Kaela and Andrew Croteau of Barnstead just returned from their first visit to Aruba. While there, they visited several sights including this off-road location known as the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins in Ceru Plat, Aruba. On the northern coast sits this abandoned gold mill that once processed ore from mines in the nearby hills during Aruba’s gold rush of the 19th century. While there they also visited The Natural Bridge, Baby Beach, The California Lighthouse, Arashi Beach and DePalm Island. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to josh@salmonpress.news.

Eye on the sky

PMHS GRADUATE DISCOVERS NEW MINI-MOON

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Think of something you did that, at the time, you were completely unaware of how important it would turn out to be. In the current situation, say, it may have been ordering 120 rolls of toilet paper in early March.

In astronomer and Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS) graduate Teddy Pruyne’s case, it was submitting data as usual, which, after days of professional scrutiny, led to the discovery of a previously unknown mini-moon.

2020 CD3, as the tiny revolving body is designated, has been embraced by the world as the only second known asteroid of the millions out there to orbit the Earth.

The night of Feb. 15 was like any other nighttime shift for Pruyne and teammate Kacper Wierzbos, at their posts on the tip of Mt. Lemmon north of Tucson, Ariz.

As research specialists for the Catalina Sky Survey (CSS), their job is to acquire and submit images of the sky, searching for objects classified as Near Earth Objects (NEOs).

“We’re mandated to look for large bodies that could potentially cause damage if they impact the Earth,” Pruyne said.

Using a 60-inch telescope, they routinely submitted their collected data that night, a sequence of four short



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TEDDY PRUYNE, (left), a 2014 graduate of Prospect Mountain High School and a 2018 graduate of the University of Hawai’i at Hilo, surprised the world when he and his research teammate Kacper Wierzbos, (right), discovered a mini-moon orbiting the Earth. Out of a million known asteroids, their 2020 CD3 body is just the second to be found that does so. Designated a Temporarily Captured Orbiter, the satellite will soon be ejected from the Earth-moon system and once again come under the influence of the sun’s gravity.

scope, they routinely submitted their collected data that night, a sequence of four short streaks, as a possible NEO.

“The initial images were just business as usual,” Pruyne said.

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New Durham announces Town Hall options amidst pandemic

NEW DURHAM — In consultation with the Emergency Management Team, the New Durham Select Board decided that effective Thursday, March 19, town offices will be closed to the public until Tuesday, April 7.

However, the town will still be working to serve the residents of New Durham. They intend to do their best to operate as a “virtual town hall.” In today’s world, most of the transactions for residents can be done online or arranged via phone, e-mail, or drop box. Resident questions can and will be answered via phone or e-mail. And as a last resort, you may schedule an appointment in Town Hall with the appropriate town personnel to complete your transaction. Town Hall employees will be working both remotely and on-site (in very limited numbers as necessary) but will continue

to be at service for the town.

Fire and police

Of course, police and fire departments will continue to serve the residents of town on a “business as usual” basis; however, the town asks that you please keep all non-emergency calls to a minimum so that they may devote their time to those residents in need of emergency services. If you have non-emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call 2-1-1 (a state hotline staffed 24/7 specifically for such questions).

Public meetings

With the exception of the select board meeting on March 17 and the budget committee meeting on March 20, all town appointed boards, commissions and committees meetings in March will be cancelled and more information will be forthcoming

about meetings in April and beyond.

Finally, rest assured that they will be monitoring all local developments related to COVID-19, and as town officials, they are committed to timely and ongoing communication about any and all changes to operating status as well as any recommendations to the public from public health and other government officials.

Please see the following pages for how they intend to operate their virtual town hall.

How to complete Town Hall transactions

Web site: The town web site address is www.newdurhamnh.us, and they encourage you to visit the website frequently for new information and updates.

Mailing address: Should you need mail anything to Town Hall, the address is as follows: (Specify which Department, if possible) New Durham Town Hall, P.O. Box 207, New Durham, NH 03855.

Drop box: At the public entrance to Town Hall (to right of front door), there is a secure, black mailbox where you may drop off checks (no cash) or other paperwork. Should your paperwork not fit, please refer to the list of contacts below to make alternative arrangements.

General phone number 859-2091 (See contacts below for specific extensions).

Transactions: The following is a list of the transactions most often performed for our residents in Town Hall, and directions as to how each may be accomplished until the COVID-19 crisis passes and we can safely reopen our doors:

- Renewal of a car registration: Should be done online via the web site portal: (<https://www.newdurhamnh.us/home/pages/online-payments>).
- Registration and title transfers of a newly purchased vehicle: They are working to establish a drive-up window process for new registrations, titles and trans-

fers; these will be by appointment only if the car was purchased prior to March 1. Vehicle purchased and with 20-day temporary registrations issues on March 20 or after are valid until April 30, per NH DMV.

- Copies of vital records (birth or death certificates): <https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/EPay/Main?towncode=918&source=VR&sourceid=389>. Or contact Town Clerk Stephanie Mackenzie (ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us), x 101.

- Tax payments: Can be made in one of three ways: (1) online via our website portal <https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/EPay/Main?towncode=2918&source=PT&sourceid=435>; (2) via mail (checks only and post dates will be honored as the date of payment); or (3) via dropping your check in the drop box (the secure black mailboxes outside of Town Hall (again, no cash). Contact Tax Collector Donna Young with questions (ndcollector@newdurhamnh.us), x 102).

- Dog licensing: Renewals can be done online <https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/EPay/Main?towncode=918&source=DL&sourceid=388>; registration of new dogs by appointment only (contact Mackenzie (ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us), x 101).

- Boat licensing: Renewals can be done by mail or drop box; registration of new boats by appointment only (contact Mackenzie (ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us), x 101).

- Voter registration: Contact Mackenzie (ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us), x 101.

- Abatement applications: Contact Town Administrator Scott Kinmond (skinmond@newdurhamnh.us) x 106) as surveys will be conducted in place of physical property visits.

- Property record cards: Can be obtained via the town website via the assessing page - CAI Tax Maps or at: <https://www.axisgis.com/NewDurhamNH/Default.aspx?Splash=True>. Further assistance on assessing cards contact Kinmond (skinmond@newdurhamnh.us) x 106.

- Filing for and renewals of exemptions and credits: Information for verification or renewal can be sent by mail or dropped off in the drop box; questions can be directed to contact Kinmond (skinmond@newdurhamnh.us) x 106.

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- Intents to cut and intents to excavate: Can be mailed or scanned/sent to contact Kinmond (skinmond@newdurhamnh.us) x 106.

- Home and building inspections: As long as construction proceeds, inspections will continue. Please contact Building Inspector John Abbott at (buildinginspector@newdurhamnh.us) x 110 or his cell phone 608-8124.

- Building permits: Permit applications are available on the town web site and will be accepted via e-mail, mail or drop box outside Town Hall. Payments are to be made by check only. Should you need to drop off plans or applications, which will not fit in the drop box, please contact Abbott at buildinginspector@newdurhamnh.us x 110 or his cell phone 608-8124.

- Building plan reviews: Will be accepted via e-mail, mail or drop box outside Town Hall. If necessary, they will meet individuals by appointment only to go over plan questions; please contact Abbott at buildinginspector@newdurhamnh.us x 110 or his cell phone 608-8124.

- Parks and Recreation: Questions, contact Recreation Director Celeste Chasse (ndrec@newdurhamnh.us) x 112.

- Burial plot sales: contact Mackenzie (ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us), x 101 to arrange.

- Internments: contact DPW Manager / Road Agent / Sexton Don Vachon (nddpw@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8000 to arrange.

- Driveway inspections, trench permits, road related issues: Contact Vachon (nddpw@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8000 to arrange.

- Road complaints, snow plowing, roadway drainage: Contact Vachon (nddpw@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8000.

- Trash and recycling general questions: Contact Solid Waste Supervisor Josh Johansen (jjohnasen@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8800 (Friday-Monday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.)

- To file land use board submissions (including planning board, zoning board, conservation commission), or to review property files, site plans, subdivision plans, etc. please contact Administrative Assistant Brian Cauler (ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us) x 109.

Important contacts
Have a question for a

particular department? Please contact the following staff members either via e-mail or by phone (859-2091, specific extensions noted below):

- Police department – non-emergency communications: Chief Shawn Bernier (sbernier@newdurhamnh.us) office 859-2752 or Administrative Assistant Amy Smith (asmith@newdurhamnh.us) office 859-2752.

- Fire department - non-emergency communication: Chief Peter Varney (pvarney@newdurhamnh.us) office 859-3473.

- Tax questions: Tax Collector Donna Young, ndcollector@newdurhamnh.us, x 102.

- Marriage licenses: Town Clerk Stephanie Mackenzie, ndclerk@newdurhamnh.us, x 101.

- Vehicle or boat registrations: General clerks’ Number, x 101.

- Dog licensing: General clerks’ number, x 101.

- Assessing department questions: Town Administrator Scott Kinmond, skinmond@newdurhamnh.us, x 106.

- Building department questions: Building Inspector John Abbott, buildinginspector@newdurhamnh.us, x 110 or cell 608-8124.

- Planning department questions: Administrative Assistant Brian Cauler, ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us, x 109.

- Finance department questions: Finance Manager Anina Soucy, ndsel@newdurhamnh.us, x 104.

- Public works department questions: driveway inspections, trench permits, road, dams, facility and grounds related issues: DPW Manager / Road Agent Don Vachon (nddpw@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8000.

- Road complaints, snow plowing, roadway drainage: DPW Manager / Road Agent Don Vachon (nddpw@newdurhamnh.us) or call 859-8000.

- Trash and recycling: DPW Administrative Assistant, Pam Ward (M-F) nddpw@newdurhamnh.us or 859-8000.

- Welfare questions: Community Health Services Administrative Assistant Donna Young, ndcollector@newdurhamnh.us, x 102.

Of course, should you have a general question and you are not sure who to call, please contact administration officials as follows:

- Town Administrator Scott Kinmond: skinmond@newdurhamnh.us, x 106.



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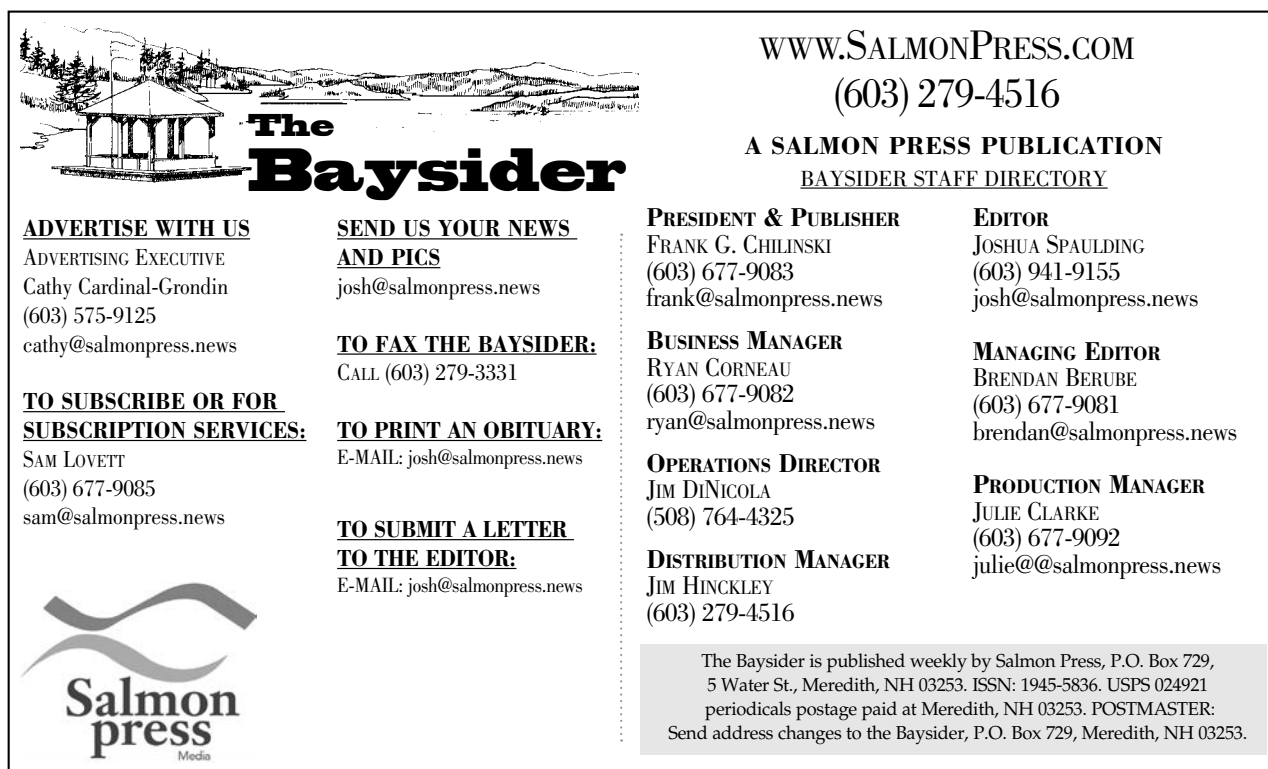
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GWRSD closes schools through April 6

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
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WOLFEBORO — On March 9, in anticipation of the threat of Covid-19, the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board officially granted Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert the authority to close district schools to protect the community from spread of the disease. Precautions were in place throughout the district's schools and transportation system (as described in a separate article), but a two-day closure became necessary on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13, when Cuddy-Egbert received word that the family member of a staff member was being tested for the virus.

Using "an abundance of caution" the superin-

tendent said she would be gathering more information on those days and that teachers would be working on developing online learning lessons for future use.

Fortunately, the family member did not test positive and parents were informed on March 14 that school would be open on Monday and Tuesday to allow families time to prepare for the transition to school closure from March 18 through April 6.

In the rapidly evolving reality of the current pandemic, Cuddy-Egbert sent another letter out to parents informing them of school closure, beginning March 16, in accordance with the governor's declaration of a state of emergency throughout New Hampshire.

School closure was "made in an effort to mitigate and contain the spread of the virus for the students, staff, and community," wrote Cuddy-Egbert. Meanwhile, students will be given remote learning instructions and information will be sent home to parents. Devices will be distributed to those who need them. School counselors will be available by remote, and school nurses will be available by e-mail.

There are also plans to make breakfast and lunch available for students with a central point designated for pickup. The weekend backpacks of food will also continue to those who have been receiving them.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

STATE OF Emergency declared in NH in regard to Covid-19. For now, all GWRSD schools are closed until April 6. Distribution of Chrome Books, musical instruments, and locker contents was under way in earnest at the start of the week. Meal deliveries began on Wednesday.

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Leadership's role in the current health pandemic

Editor's note: These thoughts were presented by New Durham Selectman David Swenson at a recent board meeting and he shared them with us for publication.

The events over the past month or so have caused all Americans and all of those living on earth to become dramatically mindful of our individual responsibilities and awareness of our often unthinking relationship to each other. Such terms as social distancing and self-quarantine, etc. have become terms that heretofore have been rarely thought of or used.

Concern for the health of others as well as our own awareness of our daily health status have raised new, or at least an enhanced, meaning to the idea of Christian or other beliefs, whether they be from a religious, moral, or ethical basis, recognizing that we are all human. As humans, we entirely rely on respect, caring and love of others to live our lives in safety, economic wellbeing and continued health to the extent possible.

Along with recent events have come fear, uncertainty and significant concern for our future. We cannot always control or manage the future to the outcome we desire. However, we must always recognize that a Higher Power knows the future and, I believe, can guide us in wisdom and enhance our ability to make decisions for the betterment of our employees, residents and others we may influence.

We are all leaders to a certain extent whether with our peers at work, family, friends, or those we interact with in any way in our lives. All leaders, whether they be elected, are in for-profit or non-profit entities, or are living lives that in any way influence others, must recognize that there is no more precious gift for a leader than the wisdom that can apply relevant values to give meaning to our lives and those we are elected or work to represent or influence. What gifts we have been given determines the success or failure of those we lead. Often, as in this case, we do not know and cannot always see clearly enough in the future to assure our decisions are those that will be correct.

Many, if not most, in our world have varying degrees of fear from the unknown outcomes of the pandemic we are experiencing. We all must recognize, however, that this fear must not be an immobilizing terror but only a nagging anxiety that prompts appropriate action for the desired outcome. This is what we can hope and pray for all those that lead both locally and nationally.

For those that are prone to criticize, please understand that I believe most people in leadership roles want to utilize their wisdom and experience to the best possible outcome. "Wisdom alone will not automatically make our plans easy to adopt or implement. Wise planning requires us to act before it is completely apparent that we need to do so." (Richard Kriegbaum). However, I believe that the outcome of our current pandemic will result in lessons that are important for all to learn. God's word has said as much in Jeremiah 29:11 that "For I know the plans I have for you...They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope." This future may not be exactly what we envisioned or when we envisioned it but it is a promise that we must grasp tightly.

The select board in New Durham is not necessarily just the ultimate legal entity but it is the means by which provides the town with the elected leadership the voters felt was appropriate for the time. To all leaders, God's word again provides interesting insight in this from Romans 12:6, 8 "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously."

Leaders live for the action and it is for this the town's select board has been elected or other leaders have been chosen. We all must act in ways that benefit our town or any entity whether it be family or our employees / residents / citizens. It is under this responsibility that a leader looks to provide guidance and decisions to address the current health situation and looks to make appropriate decisions that address the needs of any town or organization, its employees, and its residents.

In this polarizing political time in which we live further exacerbated by the pandemic we face, I am indebted to one of my favorite authors, E.G. White writing in the latter part of the 19th and early 20th centuries for triggering the following concluding remarks. I believe that God has not given to any one person all the wisdom. Those placed in positions of trust should regard the opinion of others as worthy of respect and likely to be as correct as their own. We are each created like other individuals and are just as valuable as they are. Honor, integrity, and truth must be preserved even at any cost to self. It is under this belief that we continue our responsibilities as leaders and influencers to our peers, employees, family, and friends.



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Drive through

The Wolfeboro Food Pantry is doing its best to serve neighbors in need and be socially responsible. As such, it was open as usual last week, but was operated as a drive-through. Volunteers packed bags of food and got that food to neighbors in need through a makeshift drive-through in the Wolfeboro Food Pantry's parking lot. Food was provided to 191 families by 25+ volunteers. The food pantry wishes to thank the volunteers and the many generous donors who support the food pantry. Contributions to the food pantry can be made online at www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.org or by mail at PO Box 476, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896

Community Corner

Answering questions about remote instruction

BY FRANK EDELBUT
Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Education

This week has been an incredible challenge for New Hampshire families and educators. With Gov. Sununu's order to shift all public schools to remote instruction, our school administrators, faculty, and staff and the families they support have had to craft new ways to teach New Hampshire students who aren't in the building.

Some schools were ready to go on Monday. Some worked over the weekend and the beginning of this week to get ready. And some will begin remote instruction on Monday. This is a new challenge. Teachers are learning new ways to teach, and students are exploring new ways to learn. Because this process is so new, many people across New Hampshire have questions. I'd like to answer some of the most common questions we've received at the Department of Education.

How will these days when students aren't in school be made up? Will seniors be able to graduate in June?

Remote instruction days are instruction. Both preparing for and conducting remote instruction count towards your school's 180 days. We do not anticipate schools having trouble reaching 180 days of instruction, but the Department of Education will give districts as much flexibility as possible in meeting this requirement. Districts who fall short of 180 days can request a waiver from the State Board of Education.

Remote instruction is a different way to deliver the same high quality education to our students, and will count toward graduation. Every parent and educator in the U.S. wants to know what this unprecedented situation means for high school seniors. We anticipate that New Hampshire high school seniors who complete their required course work remotely will be

able to graduate on time.

Why are teachers still coming to work if students have been sent home? Are they at risk?

The purpose of sending students home for remote instruction was to reduce the risks inherent in large crowds. Without students in attendance, the risk of spread in schools among faculty and staff is much lower. We still have a responsibility to educate New Hampshire children. School districts should practice healthy safeguards, such as cleaning all surfaces regularly, hand-washing, and social distancing among staff. Some school districts may be able to let educators provide instruction from their homes directly to students. Educators should address concerns about their districts' remote instruction plans with their superintendents.

How are special education students going to be taught?

This is a question we have worked on very carefully to make sure we do not let any of our students fall behind. Some special education students will be able to receive support services in a remote instruction environment. Other services may require face-to-face, small group, or 1-on-1 delivery at the school or other location. These represent very low risk for the spread of COVID-19. For those students we cannot serve during this period, we will work with local districts to provide compensatory services.

Will part-time and contract school staff be paid?

Each school district is crafting its own remote instruction plan, but we anticipate that schools will still have need of contract and part-time staff. We would encourage local districts to deploy all available resources in support of remote instruction and remote support.

For staff that is displaced, Gov. Sununu has

signed an executive order providing that individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits.

How will schools know that the audio and video conference apps comply with local, state, and federal regulations, such as privacy?

RSA 189:66, V requires the Department of Education to establish minimum standards for privacy and security of student and employee data, based on best practices, for local education agencies. This statute also requires each local education agency to develop a data and governance privacy plan. On March 18, 2020, the Governor established the state minimum standards for privacy and security of student and employee data as the statewide standard for all schools during this state of emergency.

This allows the state to implement a uniform student privacy policy for all schools across the state, and allows schools and the department to quickly evaluate applications that are used in our remote instruction and support learning environment for appropriate student privacy protections.

How are working parents supposed to care for their school-aged children if they can't miss work?

This is an "all-hands-on-deck" moment and all of you have been so incredibly supportive. All of us, school leaders, educators, community leaders and families, parents and caregivers, all have a role to play in the support of our children and their education.

Your school-aged student may be responsible enough to access remote instruction and support independent of adult supervision. You could also decide if older children could responsibly supervise younger children in a baby-sit-

ting situation. Younger children, such as those K-6, will need adult supervision in a remote instruction and support environment.

Ideally, this supervision would come from a parent, caregiver, or trusted adult of the family. This will be the case for many New Hampshire families. Where this is not an option, we encourage (and are working with) local community support organizations (clubs, community libraries, etc.) to support families. The obvious question is that if children cannot attend school, how can they participate in community programming. This type of programming would be limited in the number of participants so that risk of infection with COVID-19 is lower.

People that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs are also eligible for immediate unemployment benefits.

Can families receive school breakfasts and lunches?

We have received two waivers from USDA to help districts provide school meals. At this time, not all meals are free at all locations, but we are seeking more flexibility for districts to be reimbursed for all meals costs. In the meantime, contact your local school to find out how they are distributing meals, and if there is a cost.

How long does COVID-19 survive on paper and other materials?

The virus that causes COVID-19 transmits by respiratory droplets. Its ability to survive on paper has not been studied. There are studies of experimental contamination that shows the virus can survive for hours and, in some cases, days. This is another reason that hand hygiene is so important.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching

Alton closes public buildings

ALTON — Alton's emergency management team would like the community to know that the town of Alton is constantly monitoring and reevaluating the rapidly evolving situation concerning COVID 19. In doing so, the emergency management team has convened and discussed the concerns with the governing board. In the interest of public safety, the town has decided to close all public buildings to pedestrian traffic and suspend all non-essential programs, board meetings, and town gath-

erings. The town employees will be working and providing services, however in an attempt to reduce face-to-face contact each department will be fielding services via remote options. Residents who have business to conduct are encouraged to do so online or contact the respective department by phone for further instructions. For a complete list of online services and contact numbers please visit www.alton.nh.gov.

These operational changes will be effective March 17, and reeval-

uated on April 3. They understand that this will be an inconvenience for many people, but they ask that people please understand that steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of both town employees and community members.

The town offices will make every attempt to handle essential business, but they please ask that you wait on matters that are not time sensitive.

The police and fire departments will continue to serve the commu-

nity as usual however; they ask that you please keep all non-emergency calls to a minimum so that they may devote their time to those residents in need of emergency services. If you have non-emergency COVID-19 related ques-

tions, please call 2-1-1 (a state hotline staffed 24/7 specifically for such questions) or visit the following links: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>.

Barnstead announces Coronavirus precautions

BARNSTEAD — In the interest of public safety, the town of Barnstead has decided to close Town Hall to the public and suspend all non-essential programs effective March 20, at 4:30 p.m. until further notice, for the safety of both town employees and community members.

The Town Hall employees will be working and providing services, however in an attempt to reduce face-to-face contact they will be fielding services via remote options. Residents are encouraged to conduct business either online or by utilizing the outside drop box (include your checks and SASE in a sealed envelope). The town offices will make every attempt to handle essential business, but they ask that you wait on matters that are not time sensitive. Visit the Town Clerk/Tax Collector site for further instructions. If you have any questions please call the above number.

The town clerk/tax

collector office will still be in the office, so feel free to call them at 269-4631 with any questions. The state has decided to cut their motor vehicle support hours, so they will no longer be available on Tuesday evenings. The new hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Please utilize the drop box next to the door for vehicle renewals, dog licenses and property taxes. They will be checking the box several times during the day and it is a locked box. They will

process the work and mail it back to you.

If you have any questions please call the office at 269-4631. They will make arrangements to accommodate your requests for anything else you may need. Any temporary plates issued after March 1 are good until April 30, so there is no need for a transfer at this time.

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic the Barnstead Police Department will be taking the following precautions.

The lobby will re-

main closed and should you need police service, please call 269-8100 or 911 in an emergency.

Request for reports should be made over the phone but reports will not be issued within the normal five-day time frame. The police department will call you when your report is ready.

Motor vehicle lock-outs and VIN checks are being suspended until the emergency ban is lifted.

No fingerprints will be done at the station until further notice.

Two locals on St. Anselm Dean's List

MANCHESTER — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.3 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 556 students representing 22 states and 5 countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester.

Bentley Warren of Alton, class of 2021 and Nichole Bourque of Barnstead, class of 2021.

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

COMMUNITY

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a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, and routine cleaning and disinfection should also help prevent spread of COVID-19 through surfaces.

How are low-income families and families in areas without broadband going to access remote instruction?

Many schools are providing laptops for their students. Comcast is offering free internet access for families that can't afford it. And in areas with low broadband coverage, school

districts are providing hard copies of materials. Remote instruction does not necessarily mean online, and many schools are using analog methods. School districts are working hard to provide remote instruction and support to students regardless of access to technology.

I have been astounded by the tremendous response of New Hampshire families and educators to this unprecedented challenge. Check the Twitter hashtag #NHLeadsRemotely to see for yourself. Remote instruction plus remote support equal remote learning for our children. We will continue to support our schools and families while keeping our kids healthy and learning.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #49 CHILDFIND NOTICE

It is the responsibility of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District (Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Tuftonboro, Ossipee and Wolfeboro) to seek and identify children who may have an educational disability. If you suspect that a child has a disability, please call the school in the town in which the child resides and ask to make a referral. For youngsters of middle or high school age the referral should be made to Kingswood Regional Middle School or Kingswood Regional High School. If you have questions, please call the Special Education Director at 569-5167.

Kingswood Regional High School is seeking to contact students with educational disabilities who have left school prior to graduation or turning twenty-one years of age. The school would like to invite these students to return to school. For additional information, please contact the Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher's Office at 569-2055.

INVITATION TO BID ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR WINDOW PROJECT WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SAU #101 Office is soliciting bids for **Asbestos Removal from Replacement of Exterior Window Project** for the WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. There will be a mandatory walkthrough on **March 20, 2020** at 10:00AM at the Paul School, 60 & 76 Taylor Way, Wakefield, NH 03872. Bid specifications can be obtained at the SAU #101 Office, the Paul School or the SAU #101 website: www.sau101.org. Bids are due by 2:00PM, April 3, 2020, and may be mailed or delivered to the SAU #101 Office, 76 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, N.H. 03872. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "Asbestos Removal from Replacement of Exterior Window Project."

E-mail, fax or other forms of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be accepted.

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INVITATION TO BID REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR WINDOW PROJECT WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SAU #101 Office is soliciting bids for **Replacement of Exterior Window Project** for the WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. There will be a mandatory walkthrough on **March 20, 2020** at 10:00AM at the Paul School, 60 & 76 Taylor Way, Wakefield, NH 03872. Bid specifications can be obtained at the SAU #101 Office, the Paul School or the SAU #101 website: www.sau101.org. Bids are due by 2:00PM, April 3, 2020, and may be mailed or delivered to the SAU #101 Office, 76 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, N.H. 03872. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "Replacement of Exterior Window Project."

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PET OF THE WEEK

JOAN

Meet sweet Joan! Joan came all the way from Lubbock, Texas to find her forever family. She is a 2 year old boxer mix ready for adventure. Joan is currently learning quite a bit at our shelter. She is food motivated and willing to train! Currently Joan knows sit, down, is learning leash skills such as 'with me' aka heel, and loose leash walking. Joan would do best in an active adult only home as the only animal. If prospective adopters have another dog, we are happy to try them, however Joan has been a little over the top with her doggy friends. No cats for this sweetheart!



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School district coordinates distribution of items for students

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO—Cars of parents and students lined the driveways of the Kingswood Regional

Middle and High Schools on Tuesday morning, March 17, to transmit what they needed staff to retrieve from the school

as they prepare for remote learning during the school closure, scheduled at the moment until April 6.

KRMS Principal James Reilly said the staff had spent the day before emptying and bagging the contents of lockers and then sorting them by advisory before lining the bags up in their appropriate groupings in the gymnasium. Reilly and Assistant Principal Kerry Hunt did the outside duty of greeting parents and students as they drove up. Did they need a Chrome Book, a musical instrument, locker contents? They then transmitted the requests to school counselor Joe Vignola in the gymnasium.

Everything was in order, ready for distribution, including food in backpacks for those who regularly receive food for the weekend, and staff members stood by to retrieve whatever was needed and carry it quickly to the front of the school. They were keeping up a steady pace for what promised to be a very busy day.

All the schools will be staffed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the school principal and administrative staff to assist parents by phone, otherwise staff will be working remotely from home.

According to Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert, the district's Child Nutrition Pro-



ELISSA PAQUETTE

KINGSWOOD Regional Middle School Assistant Principal Kerry Hunt (left) and Principal James Reilly greeted parents and students as they drove up to the school between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to convey requests for Chrome Books to enable online learning, their musical instruments, or the contents of their lockers by walkie talkie to the gymnasium, where staff were standing by for quick retrieval and delivery.

gram is planning to supply breakfast and lunch to the students who need those meals during the emergency shut-down.

Backpacks of food normally taken home on Friday will be delivered by bus Friday mornings. Bus delivery will begin

at 8 a.m. weekday mornings.

Remote instruction was to begin on Friday, March 20.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

WORKING AT HOME? SCHOOLING AT HOME?

Tips for Success

By: Cathy Grondin

Working at home seems so perfect on a rainy/snowy day, it's almost dreamlike to be able to do it. Now that it's become a reality for lots of folks, it has challenges especially with your children or grandchildren home.

I did this for lots of years working a medical transcription job with children at home!

It's Possible, it's Successful and it's Rewarding!

1. Keep the weekday schedule. Getting yourself up, dressed and ready as well as your children on a very similar daily time schedule cannot be stressed enough. Does that mean your power suit and eyelashes are on by 8:00 a.m.? NO! but being ready with the same wake-up, breakfast, and hygiene times gets you and your household feel more prepared for a successful day.

Not only does this make the weekday more prosperous with school and work, it keeps those weekend days a reward to be more off schedule, so it still feels like a weekend.

2. Plan the following day's schedule the night before. What do you need to accomplish the next day? Write down those tasks by priority. The children's school requirements, your work needs, and what you "would like to get done" farther down on the list. As things get checked off, you feel more accomplished. Older children will see the "Tuesday" chart and know what's expected. Don't overbook yourself or them. Keep it simple.

3. Tire them out. Smaller children as we know need attention and to be occupied. That is hard when you have an inbox full of emails. Most younger children are energetic and ready-to-go in the morning hours so take advantage of it, that will give way to a more down-time feel to the house closer to lunch when they can self-occupy and free you up for a minute.

4. Employ your older children. Give your older child(ren) the "job" of engaging their younger siblings. Let them come up with a plan to play and even teach them. That can be part of their schooling with organizing their time and providing a written document with their ideas. Use a reward or small monetary system for this. It makes them feel like they are part of the team and their age and wisdom is being used. This will free up your time to make that important phone call or catch up on some work.

5. You get more done at home! I can say for sure, that a 2-hour block of working at home is equal to about double that time in an office setting. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much you can do without general office interruptions. The same goes for schooling at home versus being in the classroom. Both outside venues have many benefits and rewards that you will miss; but keep in mind that an 8-hour workday and a 6-hour school day are done in a quicker fashion at home. That will help you not feel so overwhelmed. You also gain travel time.

6. Spend time with your pet(s)! We all have rushed home to let the dog out just to have to leave again. Use this time to focus on Fido - extra walks, more play time. Older children can research online for pet tricks. Encourage younger children to read books to the dog and cat. Its helps reading skills and they are patient audiences.

7. Go Backwards. We all want time to teach our children what we learned from the older folks in our life. Now is a good time to reach for those knitting needles or embroidery hoop and let them create. Outside they can learn forging or wood-burning skills, and simply stacking wood or raking. We can't underestimate the confidence-building of creating something skillful and useful or just pretty.

8. Home Economics. If you can't run the economy of your home, you can't run the economy of your life. Cooking, cleaning, organizing and financial responsibility start at home and transition to success in the real world. Use this time to show children, and even yourself, how much you don't need, how much a home-cooked meal stretches and use the children. Most love to be in the kitchen where they can get a handle on these skills while learning math, reading, science, etc. without even knowing it.

9. The Best Laid Plans: You are up, you are organized, it's business as usual. But the kids are off, or fighting, or grumpy, your neighbor needs help with something. The schedule is not happening. Don't beat yourself up. Just go with it, get right back on the path tomorrow and the week will stream along fine.

Our boss tells us, "We Got This!" which can't be truer. Use this time to take a step back and relish each day in our home life, while honoring the restrictions, and saying positive and productive.

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*"Small circumstances produce great events" ~ NH Proverb*

## TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**TUESDAY, April 07, 2020**

**7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

**Karen & Peter Spohn**

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, April 07, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Conditional Use Permit application and plan submitted by Varney Engineers LLC. on behalf of Karen & Peter Spohn.

The property is located at 399 South Shore Road, Map 114 Lot 049.

## INVITATION TO BID MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING MAINTENANCE WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SAU #101 Office is soliciting bids for **Mechanical and Plumbing Maintenance** for the WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. There will be a mandatory walkthrough on **April 20, 2020** at 9 a.m. at the Paul School, 60 & 76 Taylor Way, Wakefield, NH 03872. Bid specifications can be obtained at the SAU #101 Office, the Paul School or the SAU #101 website: [www.sau101.org](http://www.sau101.org). Bids are due by 3:00 p.m., May 7, 2020, and may be mailed or delivered to the SAU #101 Office, 76 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, N.H. 03872. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "**Mechanical and Plumbing Maintenance.**"

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KINGSWOOD Regional Middle School counselor Joe Vignola, walkie talkie in hand, recorded requests as they came in from the principals out in front of the school before transferring individual needs to staff standing by. Staff left to right, Julie Barr, Nate Whitworth and Kaylin Dean.

*One Too Many,  
once again?*



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Drinking too much can negatively impact every aspect of your life, from your health to your job to your personal relationships with family members, partners and friends. April is Alcohol Awareness Month, an observance dedicated to raising awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse. If you or someone you know has a problem with alcohol, help is available. Seek advice from a doctor or contact an alcohol treatment facility, and take the first step toward control and recovery.

#### Warning Signs of Alcohol Abuse

- Drinking alone when you feel angry or sad
- Waking up with headaches or hangovers after drinking
- Inability to remember what you did while drinking
- Trouble getting to work on time due to drinking
- Inability to control your impulse to drink

If you or someone you know needs professional help for alcohol abuse or addiction, please call 1-800-NCA-CALL (622-2255) or visit [ncaadd.org](http://ncaadd.org) for more information.



# THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Town       | Address                  | Type                    | Price       | Seller                                     | Buyer                                       |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Alton      | 126 Levitt Rd.           | Single-Family Residence | \$350,000   | Coffey Fiscal Trust and Thomas E. Coffey   | Paul W. & Janet E. Butler RE/T              |
| Alton      | 1543 Mount Major Highway | Single-Family Residence | \$381,000   | Stephen A. and Francee T. Longmuir         | Jennifer Robb and Roger Moeller             |
| Alton      | 78 Riverlake St.         | Single-Family Residence | \$130,000   | Donna J. Ryan                              | Matthew J. Ryan                             |
| Alton      | N/A (Lot 34)             | N/A                     | \$580,000   | Donald and Sherryl Bennett                 | Meighan D. Garnsey                          |
| Alton      | N/A (Lot 9)              | N/A                     | \$1,350,000 | Jason Clark and James G. Garneau           | Sampadian Fiscal Trust and Edward Sampadian |
| Barnstead  | 152 Bow Lake Rd.         | Single-Family Residence | \$259,200   | Lily C. Bowen and NHFA                     | NHFA                                        |
| Barnstead  | 55 Millsfield Lane       | Single-Family Residence | \$129,000   | Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.           | Gate City Development Partners              |
| Barnstead  | 122 Parade Rd.           | Single-Family Residence | \$365,000   | Metzger Fiscal Trust and Janice S. Metzger | Mark D. and Diane L. Miller                 |
| Barnstead  | 323 Pitman Rd.           | Single-Family Residence | \$250,000   | Jennifer L. Abbott                         | Alexander L. Rice                           |
| New Durham | Jenkins Road (lot)       | Forest Use              | \$22,000    | Megna Property Management                  | Silas Archambault                           |

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com)

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## New Durham Public Library, Kingswood receive NH Humanities grant

REGION — New Durham Public Library, Kingswood Regional High School and the Wright Museum are among 11 libraries and high schools awarded a Community Project Major Grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

"Bitter Injustice: The Internment of Japanese Americans in World War II," will promote reading across New Durham and Wolfeboro, as well as Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Plaistow and Sandown in a shared reading and cultural learning experience.

Although dates may change due to the impact of wide-spread closures due to the Covid 19 pandemic, at this point the program will feature in-person appearances by Jamie Ford, best-selling author of "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," which was

awarded the Asian Pacific American Award for Literature. Ford will speak at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on May 18 and the Wright Museum on May 19.

The "Bitter Injustice" program will also include special events with Dr. David Sakura, a third-generation Japanese American who was sent with his family to the Minidoka internment camp in Idaho. University of New Hampshire English professor Monica Chiu, who specializes in Asian American studies, will moderate a discussion with Dr. Sakura at Plaistow Library on May 13.

Copies of "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," "They Called Us Enemy," a graphic novel by George Takei, and the children's book "Baseball Saved Us" by Ken Mochizuki, will be

available at participating libraries for book-club discussions, related events, and general check-out.

On May 7, the New Durham Public Library will hold a Youth Panel Drawing event. Teens who have read "They Called Us Enemy" are welcome to illustrate in a series of panels an example of a time when they felt excluded.

A reading of "Baseball Saved Us" will take place during Storytime on May 14 at 11 a.m., followed by a craft that ties into the book.

A book club discussion for adults will be held on May 18 at 7 p.m., prior to the Wright Museum presentation.

This project is made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more

at [nhhumanities.org](http://nhhumanities.org). Additional support is provided by Timberlane Regional High School, Timberlane Performing Arts Center and the Wright Museum. For more information, please contact Plaistow Public Library Assistant Director D. Scott Campbell (382-6011 or [programming@plaistowlibrary.com](mailto:programming@plaistowlibrary.com)), or visit the project web site at [bitterinjustice.net](http://bitterinjustice.net).

## Democrats cancel April 6 meeting

ALTON — The April 6 meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton has been cancelled due to the need for social distancing. Please watch for further announcements.

In the meantime, the Tri-Town Democrats encourage everyone to stay safe.

## Rotary offering scholarship for students 21 and older

ALTON — The Rotary Club of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham is offering a scholarship to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. The \$1,000 award is for a non-traditional student with a three-year gap between graduating from high school and a full-time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school. Scholarship recipients earning a B average or better may apply for a subsequent year of support. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution. The scholarship is awarded in the name of Past 7870 District Governor Janice McElroy, who died in 2014. To apply, contact Alton Rotary Scholarship Chair Rotarian Jim Fontaine by phone at 875-0110 or e-mail at [info2@pcswwebdesign.com](mailto:info2@pcswwebdesign.com).

Applications need to be completed by no later than April 15.

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day is Sunday

REGION — The Winnepesaukee Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution is a committed Vietnam War commemorative partner, vowing to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. Each year on March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history. It's a fitting day to honor Vietnam Veterans, as the last of the United States combat troops departed Vietnam on March 29, 1973.

United States involvement in Vietnam began slowly with an initial deployment of advisors in the early 1950s, grew incrementally through the early 1960s and expanded with deployment of full combat units in July 1965. The last United States personnel were evacuated from Vietnam in April 1975.

Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are more than six million U.S. Vietnam War veterans living in America and abroad, along with nine million families of those who served in this time frame. No distinction is made between veterans who served in-country, in-theater or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they would serve.

On Sunday, March 29, please take a moment to pause and remember the millions of Americans who stood not for themselves, but for their country, in those troubled and turbulent times

For more information on becoming a Daughter of the American Revolution, call or e-mail Regent, Susan Fossum at 581-9675 or [WinnepesaukeeDAR@gmail.com](mailto:WinnepesaukeeDAR@gmail.com).



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OBITUARIES

Ellen Elizabeth Johnson  
Dedicated Registered Nurse

WAKEFIELD — Ellen Elizabeth Johnson, age 81 of Lake Road, died peacefully on March 14 at her home.

She was the devoted wife of Ralph H. Johnson, with whom she shared 60 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Lynn, Mass., she was the daughter of the late George and Martha (MacIntosh) Bell and sister of the late Alice C. (Bell) Brown.

She attended Lynn schools and was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School, Class of 1956. She received a diploma of nursing from Salem Hospital in 1959.

Ellen was a dedicated Registered Nurse for more than 40 years. She retired from the city of Lynn in 1998 after serving 10 years as Director of Nursing for The Lynn Convalescent Home.

Upon retirement, she relocated to Wakefield



in 2000. Ellen enjoyed knitting, wildlife and spending time with her grandchildren and family at Pine River Pond.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children: Scott S. Johnson and his wife, Barbara of Salem, Bonnie L. Moreschi and her husband, Stephen of Peabody, Mass., and Linda A. Gauvain and her husband, Mark of Peabody, Mass.

She was fondly known as “Sashi” to her grandchildren, Mark, Christopher, Shawn, Melis-

sa and husband Ryan, Deanna, Derek, Dean, Bryan, Kyle, Brett, Jessica and the late Adam and Hailey.

Survived by three brother in laws, Paul Johnson and the late Sheila Johnson, of Ossipee, Robert Johnson and wife, June, of Sebring, Fla. and Ralph Brown of New Bedford, Mass., several nieces and nephews and dear friend, Mary Cook of Wakefield.

Predeceased by her beloved dog, Randi.

Private services to be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in her name may be made to the Lakes Region Humane Society, Old Route 28, Ossipee, NH, 03864.

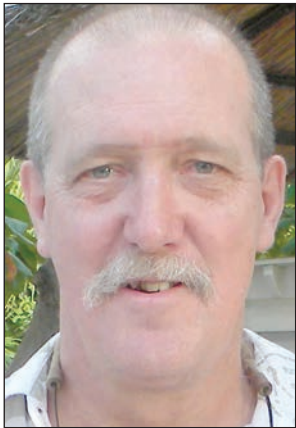
Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home. To express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).

BARNSTEAD — Kenneth W. Plante, age 61, of Rogers Road passed away suddenly on March 17, at Concord Hospital.

Born in Concord on Feb. 12, 1959, the son of Phil and Edith (Privey) Plante, he was raised in Pittsfield, a graduate of Pittsfield High School class of 1977. He moved to Center Barnstead in 1988.

He worked as a quality control inspector for PCC Structural, Inc. in Franklin.

Kenny enjoyed spending time with his family, the outdoors, camping and most recently annual treks to Aruba. He was an avid sports enthusiast and coached his children’s youth sports teams. He never missed the opportunity to watch them, as well as his nieces and



nephews compete. He had the biggest heart and would help anyone using his DIY skills for construction and home repairs. He loved listening to the birds and talking back to them.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Pamela J. (Sargent) Plante; a son, Kyle W. Plante; a daughter, Kaela E. and husband Andrew Croteau; three sisters, Claire Magoon, Theodora Minery and

Janice Riel; many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Predeceased by his parents and four brothers, Robert, Roger, Richard and Phillip.

Memorial calling hours were held on Friday, March 20, at Peaslee Alton Funeral Home. A private memorial mass will be held for immediate family. A celebration of Kenneth’s life will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Pittsfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Pittsfield Middle High School Booster Club.

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Janice Mildred Sedler  
Outstanding cook and gardener

TUFTONBORO — Janice Mildred (Huber) Sedler. 81, of Spruce Drive, Tuftonboro, passed away March 16 at Wolfeboro Bay Center.

Born May 16, 1938 in Beverly, Mass., daughter of the late Ernest and Mildred (Maxwell) Huber, she grew up in Beverly and lived in Boxboro, Mass. prior to moving to New Hampshire in the 70s after vacationing here on Lake Winnepesaukee, Tuftonboro Neck.

Janice was an outstanding cook, gardener and the consummate hostess. She also owned a craft store, Jan’s Artistic Creations, in Wolfeboro for several years. She loved spending time with her family and especially enjoyed the holidays where her generous spirit was on full display. She developed a passion for writing in her later years and was working on a book of



memories.

Pre-deceased by two brothers, Ernest Huber and Karl Huber, she leaves three sons, Philip Daniel Sedler of Plum Island, Mass., Stephen Walter Sedler of Wolfeboro and Daniel Karl Sedler of Kensington; a daughter, Diana S. Lovering of Wolfeboro; two brothers, Robert Huber of Florida and David Huber of New Hampshire; a sister, Virginia Jenkins of Beverly, Mass.; seven grandchildren, Rick Hammer of Forty Fort, Pa., Jonathan Lovering

of Wolfeboro, Katie Zimkiewicz of Jacksonville, N.C., Kristen Sedler of Reading, Mass., Mary Rose Sedler of Byfield, Mass., Danielle Sedler of Byfield, Mass., Daniel Dean Sedler of Kensington; and one great grandchild, Jack Zimkiewicz of Jacksonville, N.C.

A graveside service will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at [www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com](http://www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com).

BY LARRY SCOTT  
Contributing Writer

President Trump, along with many others, called for a National Day of Prayer on Sunday, March 15. The point was well taken, for we are at a point in this international crisis when we do, indeed, need divine intervention.

At a time like this, what can the Christian community say to our nation? Is there any way we can lighten the load? Yes, we do have something to say, and I would guess it is different from what you might expect.

First of all, what I am not going to say, and do not believe, is that this crisis is in some way a matter of divine judgment. Although the Bible speaks of a time yet to come in which the wrath of God will be evident on earth, this is not one of those times.

What I do believe is that, as never before, our nation needs to look to God for wisdom and direction. We are in deep trouble. We need divine intervention, but it is difficult for our nation to pray for help from a God in whom it does not believe.

Belief in God, with a conviction that reaches the heart, demands we acknowledge Him in ways that have been glaringly absent from

America’s conscience. We can’t say we believe in God and then ignore Him, legislate Him out of our national life, and openly violate almost every principle of right and wrong He has given us in His word. It is, I believe, time that we take God seriously.

But the question remains: can God intervene, can He help us at a time like this? Absolutely.

When the people of Israel dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem during Solomon’s reign, God made them this promise. “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Difficult weeks lie ahead and there is much we need if we are to maintain our stability. There is, however, nothing America needs as much as she needs a new relationship with God.

I suspect that as we work our way through this we are going to be a stronger, more united nation than we have been for many years. We have been divided, acrimonious, insulting, and acted toward each other in ways far beneath our dignity. Government

has been on lockdown, and Congress came perilously close to engineering a palace coup.

It is telling that something as small and yet as powerful as a virus has finally brought us together.

House and Senate are now cooperating in developing solutions to our national crisis. The President has cooled some of his rhetoric, and the vitriol in the media has been replaced with concern and helpful conversations. They are doing their job, and we are grateful.

Except for our faith in God, peace of mind is difficult to come by. We have no clue how all of this is going to work out, but I am confident we are on the right track and will most certainly recover. China and South Korea are already seeing early signs of recovery, and I believe we will likewise begin a turnaround within just a few weeks. We must hold steady, support each other, take reasonable precautions, and give the decisions taken time to work.

Ladies and gentlemen, do not despair. We are in this together, and I can assure you, you can believe in God for God believes in you.


Services for Bob Bengston postponed

ALTON — Robert M. “Bob” Bengston of Alton passed away at age 95 on March 7.

Due to the coronavirus, the family would like to postpone Bob’s memorial service at this

time for the safety of others. His memorial service will be determined at a later date. Thank you for understanding.

To express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).



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# SBA offers disaster assistance to businesses impacted by Coronavirus

ATLANTA, Ga. — The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to New Hampshire small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced Friday. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Christopher T. Sununu on March 17.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available to the entire state of New Hampshire; and the contiguous counties of Essex, Franklin, Middlesex and Worcester in Massachusetts; Oxford and York in Maine; and Caledonia, Essex, Orange, Windham and Windsor in Vermont.

"SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist New Hampshire small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)," said Administrator Carranza.

SBA Customer Service Representatives will be available to answer questions about SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and explain the application process.

"Small businesses, private non-profit organizations of any size, small agricultural co-operatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) since Jan. 31, 2020, may qual-

ify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred," said Carranza.

"These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing," Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is based on the financial impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private non-profit organizations is 2.75 percent. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the finan-

cial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or e-mail [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 18.

For more information about Coronavirus, please visit [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov).

For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit [sba.gov/coronavirus](https://sba.gov/coronavirus).

## Resource page established for NH businesses affected by COVID-19

CONCORD — The New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs has established a resource web site for businesses adversely affected by COVID-19, including information about the US Small Business Administration's Disaster Declaration.

"We understand and appreciate the sacrifice that many are making, and we are doing everything we can to ease the burden many small businesses are facing," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "These critical resources will help our businesses withstand the challenges they face in the days and weeks to come."

On Wednesday, New Hampshire's application for SBA Economic

Injury Disaster Loans was approved, which will help small businesses in all 10 counties overcome the loss of revenue during the COVID-19 outbreak.

At a news conference on Thursday, BEA Commissioner Taylor Caswell outlined additional resources for businesses, including a resource portal that will be updated regularly at [www.nheconomy.com/covid19](http://www.nheconomy.com/covid19).

"We know that COVID-19 pandemic is having detrimental effects on New Hampshire businesses," Caswell said. "The BEA mission is to provide them with the financial and technical resources they need to ride out these uncertain times and be ready to continue operations."

The online business page is designed to be a one-stop resource, which includes details of Gov. Sununu's emergency orders; the SBA disaster declaration and how to apply for low interest loans; unemployment information for businesses and employees, and other state and federal resources.

BEA's team of regional specialists will help businesses access relief programs, address specific issues and concerns, and refer to professional business advisors.

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# 5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend

much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices. Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

**1. Explore talents.** Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

**2. Physical activ-**

**ity:** Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

**3. Gain confidence.** Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster ac-

tivities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

**4. Try new things.** Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlighten-

ing for children.

**5. Make new friends.** Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

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## Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should

consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

### Kids' interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

### Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking

might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

### Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if

those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they're accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they're looking for.

Summer camps give kids a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right camp is an important decision that parents and kids should make together.

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# MARK ON THE MARKETS

## Crazy times



BY MARK PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

March 9 marked the 11th anniversary of the bull market that has ended. Just like I have written about in the past, everything regarding the economy and the markets seemed to be full steam ahead. But just like October 1987, the decline sort of blind-

sided everyone. The fear in the markets feels a lot like 2008-2009, which was the time that the 11-year bull market began. It appears all asset classes were getting hit. Obviously, equities or stocks took a big hit and investment-grade corporate bonds, high-quality municipal debt, gold and especially oil, which got smashed, all took a big decline from what had been an ideal situation for the stock and bond markets. Good growth in equities compounded by low interest rates, which is great for bonds or bondholders is the perfect combination. See, in 2008 the markets started to weaken and we had some bad days but we had some good days as

well, but we knew that we had systemic problems with the underlying mortgage market, which created a liquidity crunch in all capital markets. But what started as a virus from China, compounded with the Saudis and the Russians dumping oil onto the world market driving the price down has created a very substantial correction. Many times, corrections in the equity market don't bleed over into other asset classes. But this one, just like 2008-2009 has, in fact crossed over to most all asset classes. The other fallout from all the retail, restaurant and business closings will surely put us into recession and obviously increase the rate

of unemployment. So, recession is just part of the business cycle, and this recession could be mild and brief or if the fallout from all the closures could create a systemic issue rather than a black swan event that while shocking can be typically recovered from quickly. Our society is now living a very different life, with less human interaction and fear of contracting the virus. We hoard toilet tissue and hand sanitizer and sell assets below their values, which perpetuates even more fear and panic selling, which is not good for anybody except those who are willing to step in and buy those assets at fire sale prices. When people's

retirement accounts are doing well, we tend to spend money. This is known as the wealth effect, conversely when those same people's investment accounts are not doing well, we slow down our rate of spending, which in a chain reaction slows the economy, creates higher rates of unemployment, which self-perpetuates more reliance on the government. It is times like this that the government must work with business to innovate vaccines and produce the necessary equipment for our hospitals and healthcare workers, so they are able to do their jobs. That is what is so great about our country, we have the best and brightest and

let me add, most generous people on the planet. On a personal note, if anyone would like to explore doing business with our company, we have the capability of videoconferencing, DocuSign, and other media that allows us to meet and do business without exposing each other to unneeded risks. I have also ceased doing workshops in public, and have started webinars, which times are located on our website, MHP-Asset.com.

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# Concord Regional VNA, Central NH VNA and Hospice announce intention to merge

REGION — Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (Concord Regional VNA) and Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice (Central VNA) today announced that they have signed a non-binding letter of intent (LOI) to merge their two organizations to better serve the home and community-based healthcare needs of residents of the Greater Capital Region and Central New Hampshire. The non-binding LOI is the first step in a process that involves further due diligence, negotiation of final terms, opportunities for public input, approval by each organization's Board of Trustees and review by federal and state regulators. The unified agency

would: Improve access to high-quality home-based care for individuals and families in 82 communities served; Respond to growing demand for specialty home-based clinical services, including intravenous therapy, wound care and pediatrics; Enhance and expand community wellness programming; Attract, retain and develop a highly-skilled workforce. "Agencies that deliver home health and hospice services face challenges that are making it more difficult to deliver care, including complexities in technology, licensing and administrative requirements, and demand for services that require a higher level

of expertise," said Beth Slepian, President and CEO, Concord Regional VNA. "Our number one priority is the health, safety and well-being of our patients, staff and communities as we all grapple with this serious public health emergency, however, we must also look to the future. Merging our agencies would allow us to maintain a high level of care, and scale to expand services throughout the New Hampshire communities we serve." "Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice have a long-standing history of working closely together," said Lisa Dupuis, CEO, Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice. "With the healthcare landscape

continually changing, we need to focus on the future in order to guarantee that we can continue to deliver the highest level of home-based health care and I am excited about the possibilities affiliating with Concord Regional VNA would offer to our communities, our patients and our staff." This LOI represents a high-level agreement about why a proposed merger of the two agencies would better meet the growing demand for home and community based healthcare, including nursing services, physical rehabilitation, occupational therapy, homemaking

services, end-of-life care, and wellness programming. Merging would bolster the agencies' future sustainability. Formed through the merger of Community Health and Hospice in Laconia and the VNA and Hospice of Southern Carroll County in Wolfeboro, Central VNA provides in-home healthcare services to 47 Lakes Region communities, including home care, rehabilitation services, pediatric care, palliative care, and a comprehensive, team-based home hospice program. Incorporated in 1899, Concord Regional VNA is a not-for-profit licensed and certified

home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in more than 44 communities in central New Hampshire by providing home care, hospice care, palliative care, personal home services, pediatric and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. Concord Regional VNA opened New Hampshire's first hospice house in 1994. In fiscal year 2019, Concord Regional VNA provided more than \$5.1 million in community benefits. More information and updates about this merger can be found at [www.vnaforthefuturenh.com](http://www.vnaforthefuturenh.com).

## READING ROOM

BY ROZA BENOIT  
Gilman Library

In response to the Coronavirus COVID-19, the Gilman Library is closed until further notice. All due dates for items checked out are extended until the library re-opens. All library materials should be kept by patrons until the library re-opens. Our book drop is closed. Visit our web site, [gilmanlibrary.org](http://gilmanlibrary.org), for more information. The town of Alton Emergency Management and Response Team has announced that "In the interest of public safety, the town has decided to close all public buildings to pedestrian traffic and suspend all non-essential programs, board meetings, and town gatherings."

We are sorry for your inconvenience, appreciate your understanding, and wish you to remain safe and healthy. To that end, the Gilman Library staff will be available by telephone from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday to answer any questions, and to provide web-based services assistance. We invite you to continue or begin the use of our web-based and digital services. Please note that the New Hampshire State Library has also suspended all interlibrary loan van delivery service for the same time period - until April 3 - and both the town of

Alton and the State Library will reassess at that time. All items currently checked out and circulating now have extended due dates to April 7 and will be renewed until we re-open. Please keep your items until we reopen.

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# ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 100 calls for service during the week of March 15-21, including three arrests. One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant. One male subject was taken into protective custody of intoxicated person. One male subject was cited for narcotic violations – three-quarters of an ounce or less of marijuana. There were four motor vehicle accidents. There were nine suspicious person/activity reports on Route 28A, Frank C. Gilman Highway, Range Road, Mount Major Highway (two), Suncook Valley Road, Wolfeboro Highway, Cynthia Drive and Stephanie Drive. There was one theft at Hannaford. Police made 19 motor vehicle stops and handled one motor vehicle complaint-incident. There were 66 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One neighborhood dispute, one stolen property, one employment fingerprinting, three assist other agencies, one animal complaint, one domestic complaint, six general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, two alarm activations, one lost/found property, three highway/roadway hazard reports, two vehicle ID checks, two harassments, three littering/trash disposal, one sex offender registration, two civil matters, four wellness checks, one breach of peace, one disabled motor vehicle, 20 directed patrols, six property checks and three paperwork services.

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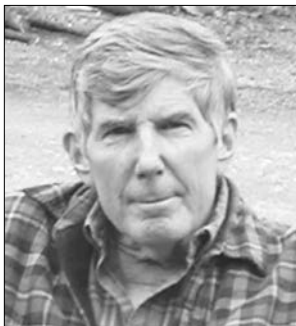
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From Mud Season to Northern Pass: It’s all in who owns (or not) the dirt



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

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HEADLINE: Something’s in the air: No, wait. Mud. Spring

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726 words

Whatever is in the air, it will have to make room for spring. The arc of the sun tells all. The Ides of March is history. The Ides of April awaits. The snowpack is melting like mad, mimicking the glacier’s retreat, rivulets on a rush to Long Island Sound. The crows are the neighborhood thugs, chasing away the gangs of jays, pecking away at seeds on bare ground, cawing like the murder they are. A long time ago, not an eye-blink in the long scheme of things, maybe 15 millennia ago, a sheet of ice more than a mile thick crept over northern New England and

points south. Among other gigantic works, kettle-hole ponds, mountains left bulldozed like chips at a mill, scrapes on Mount Washington’s top, the tremendous weight of the ice ground up rock and ledge into the fine stuff that makes mud. Thus was born, in the shorthand version of the story, Mud Season. In a rugged, mountainous, boreal-forest country stretching across half a continent, it’s the fifth, fine, and final season of a year that begins in spring.

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It is or was sugaring season, depending on where you are or where you were. With New Hampshire, you never quite know. Depends on geographical situation, and altitude. Some would say “Attitude.” Here is an adage about the variation in climate the state offers, which I’ve rudely and crudely made into an approximation of a poem: This is the state where a walker, they’d say, could leave Strawberry Banke on the First of May, and pick ripening strawberries all the way to Pittsburg on Independence Day. Sugaring is history

for all but those sugar-bushes facing north, the last to get the spoiling taste of buds. “Aw-fpt. Buddy,” they’ll say, lips askew on a sample of sap. Then the whole crew, the whole family, cleans everything up for next spring. Some people so love the many different things about sugaring that they think about them all year long, even as they go about other seasonal chores, even as they’re out there making hay, going round and round, neither tractor nor mind affording a stop. One friend, now gone, invented reasons in all seasons to go high into his maples, to clear wind damage with skidder or tractor or on foot, and to think. Sugaring was often in mind, his mind always running year-round. One of his last messages included a photo, a recent favorite. He’d gone far up into his sugar-bush, in still-deep snow, and shot a scene beyond the big trees. It was a shot for a far-looker, and he was one. “That’s the high country around your place, from mine,” he wrote, and that’s just the kind of man he was, just the way I’ll always remember him, a “placed-based” guy if ever there



was one.

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The south side of snowbanks began melting at just about that time, on Mother Nature’s slow clock, near February’s end. The sap buckets were out just about on time, as if there were ever any such thing. The last glacier, no one knows how many glaciers, left plenty of crops of fine rocks. And layers of gravel, some good, some not. And on some shelves and pockets, a layer of loam. And here and there, of course, fine silt, now turning to the finest kind of mud, the kind that says “stay home.” Or at least it used

to. For early farm families, there was little choice between horse-drawn sleigh or wagon. They had to wait for the snow-roller or for the roads to dry up. When we’ve become so accustomed to going at will, it’s a life hard imagined. Well, not so. Hope springs eternal, and so does the carpet of green. Soon the mess that winter left behind, everything that was on top of the melting snow and laid bare, will be under a new verdant mantle. The tennis ball you tossed to your dog on bare ground will soon be lost in the weeds. And there’s a thing I heard from my grandfather, who had a way of showing up about now: When the shad-bush leaf

is as big as a mouse’s ear, it’s time to grab your stuff and go fishing.

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

JOHN HARRIGAN

THE MINI-GLACIER on my front lawn, as of Sunday afternoon March 22, and two of the glacial erratics left by the last real one, moved by dint of hydraulics from their 15-millennia place of repose on nearby Ancestors’ Hill.

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munity. “We are focused on... a consistent message that we can send out to the public and to our elected officials and department heads in a timely manner. We are developing clear guidelines for the safety of our staff in the town offices, fire, highway, library and police in the ways in which they interact with the public,” he continued. Referencing guidelines set by Governor Chris Sununu regarding the number of people who can be in a public gathering, Santos said that due to the limited space in the town hall, the number of people allowed in the space at one time will be reduced further in order to maintain safe social distancing. In order to maintain social distance, chairs for attendees at the March 17 meeting were spaced throughout the room.

Santos reported that the emergency management team will be meeting once per week unless “things get worse” and that the action plan will be revised at each meeting and republished on the Barnstead web site. Lastly, Santos emphasized the importance of keeping in contact with friends and neighbors, and encouraged those who know someone who may not have access to the most up-to-date information to let them know about action plans and updated guidelines. “This is what we do in small towns in times of need,” he said. In accordance with the CDC’s advisement against gatherings of more than 50 people for at least eight weeks, the annual school district meeting has been rescheduled to May 2 at 9 a.m. in the Barnstead Elementary School gymnasium.

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connected remotely, but more importantly, healthy and safe,” Roy said. “They have made it their priority to make sure each and every one of our students has contact with someone from our staff each and every week. It’s actions like this that show how dedicated they are to our community of kids and still keeping them their number one priority in

this crazy, somewhat overwhelming, time.” According to New Hampshire Public Radio, the total number of coronavirus cases in the state reached 78 on Sunday, with four of those cases in Belknap County. All public K-12 schools in New Hampshire will remain closed for in-person instruction until at least April 3 under an order from Governor Chris Sununu.



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object were run through the Minor Planet Center at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. “They run the data in their system and post it on a public page for professionals to observe.”

And then everything changed.

Observatories in England, Spain, Hawai’i and Croatia indicated Pruyne’s and Wierzchos’ NEO has been captured by Earth’s gravity; that qualifies it as a temporary satellite or moon. Most asteroids burn up or are ejected when they get close to our planet.

2020 CD3 has been circling the Earth about once every 47 days for possibly as long as three years on a wide, chaotic orbit that steers clear of the path of our familiar moon.

Pruyne described the orbit as looking like “a child’s scribble.”

His PMHS classmates and teachers have reached out to him regarding the discovery.

“We’re a tight knit community and everyone keeps in touch,” Pruyne said. “They’ve told me they’re proud of me and ask me how I’m feeling about it all.”

Throughout his years, just as the orbit of his Temporarily Captured Orbiter (TCO), Pruyne “moved around a bunch,” citing Concord to Henniker, to Arizona, and back to Henniker. His middle and high school years were spent in Barnstead and he graduated from PMHS in 2014.

“I was big into the band and other clubs and less into education the first couple of years

of high school,” he said.

In fact, his former music teacher tactfully noted that he didn’t remember Pruyne as a serious math student, being more into music as he was, and that he mostly saw “Teddy’s fun side.”

Pruyne’s passion for science started with a teacher, Dr. Bill McGrew, known affectionately by all as “Doc.”

“I took his chemistry class,” Pruyne said. “He made it come alive and fun. I realized I could enjoy doing science and I was good at it. Doc made it simple for me to see where my strengths were.”

Those strengths became even more evident when Pruyne then joined the school’s robotics team led by Industrial Arts teacher Brian Hikel.

“That was game

over,” Pruyne stated. “My senior year we went to the championship in St. Louis. I wouldn’t be here today without those two experiences.”

College was the next step. He had an interest in astronomy, but “not many schools in New England” have an emphasis in that. Armed with “a decent scholarship” to the University of Maine in Orono, Pruyne said he was ready to go into chemistry.

Then, a life-changing event happened. Pruyne’s parents moved to the Big Island in Hawaii and asked if he wanted to come along.

He weighed studying chemistry in Maine with attending the University of Hawai’i at Hilo “with networking opportunities right under this big mountain with a great observatory.

“Of course I said ‘yes.’ Hawai’i is the biggest hotspot for astronomy and the best research is done there.”

Pruyne was in for a surprise, though.

“That first year was harder than anything I’d ever done,” he said, “but I got over the rough patch. I volunteered on the mountain, bringing out telescopes to show the public and worked with professional observatories.”

He said he loved every minute of it, and emerged with a bachelor’s degree in astronomy in 2018.

Like so many after graduation, though, Pruyne was unsure about his next steps.

“My parents were in Key West by that time, and I knew I wanted to come back to the mainland, but I wasn’t sure if I wanted to do grad school. I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do.”

So, he “bummed off” his parents for several months in Florida, delivering furniture and applying for jobs, before his next life-changing event occurred.

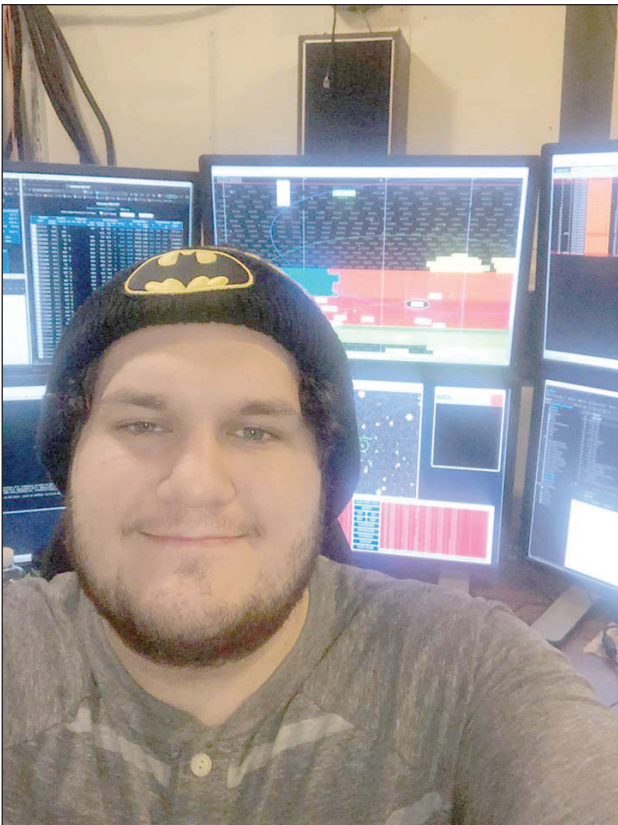
“Out of the blue, a friend sent an application my way to the Catalina Sky Survey and I said, ‘This is it.’ I applied for it and it worked out, so I moved out here to Tucson.”

Pruyne has been with the CSS just over a year, but already he has proven himself to be prodigious discoverer.

Last Halloween, he discovered the second closest object on record to sail by the Earth and not impact.

“And in November, I discovered a comet,” he said, fairly casually.

The comet, named P/2019X1 (Pruyne) is clas-



COURTESY PHOTO

WITH A degree in astronomy and a slew of recent discoveries under his belt, Teddy Pruyne is at home in front of the monitors in the control room at the 60-inch telescope where he conducts his research.

sified as a Jupiter-family comet, meaning its orbit is determined by the gravitational influence of Jupiter.

“We make discoveries like this left and right, awesome discoveries, but I can add my name to these objects.”

Pruyne noted that he and Wierzchos are some of the younger observers at CSS.

“All of our co-workers are happy for us, though. The team is supportive of each other and everyone gets excited. Any discovery makes the CSS better.”

The big question, of course, is if 2020 CD3 has been there for three years, why did it take so long to find it?

Pruyne said he gets that question all of the time. The answer is actually pretty obvious.

“It’s so tiny,” he said. “It’s smaller than your car.”

Capturing images is all about reflections, and the six to 12-foot asteroid is pretty dim. One of the early tweets about the discovery indicated it is about the 20th magnitude; the faintest star capable of being seen by eye is a million times brighter.

“The brighter the object, the easier to see,” Pruyne explained. “But because it’s so small, we had to be closer to see it.”

2020 CD3 was 186,000 miles from Pruyne and the rest of the world when finally sighted.

It’s crazy orbit didn’t help in its discovery, either.

“It wasn’t hanging around where we could see it all of the time. When it did pass where we could have seen it, we were too far away and just couldn’t make it out.

“And once discovered, it had to wait to be called a moon.

“Until the other observations come in, we can’t determine if it’s artificial or not, or even how long it’s been in orbit,” Pruyne said.

When the announcement was made, Pruyne said “nothing out loud.”

He is one to wait for confirmation.

“I keep my emotions in and don’t get too excited about things.”

He said the discussion regarding whether his find was a mini-moon or just some floating space debris continued for days.

“A couple of days after submitting the images, we had discussions about what it could be. Then we got excited about it. We were just sitting there and found a rock.”

He said on a typical shift, he could find 30 NEOs a night.

This discovery shook things up a bit. “We don’t expect to find them.”

The TCO is on its way out, though, slowly receding from Earth, with a projection of some time in April falling free of us.

What does Pruyne see in his future?

“I’m very happy with this position now,” he said, “and have no plans to leave any time soon.”

CSS has been in operation for 20 years. “There’s always that chance that Congress won’t fund us, but assuming they continue to do so, I’m happy to stay here.”

His rare find sits alongside something else quite rare. “I’m doing a job I enjoy,” Pruyne said. “I’m really fortunate.”

# Library offers online resources

NEW DURHAM — Although closed for as long as the public schools remain closed, the New Durham Public Library is operating at several different capacities for patrons and residents.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

COACH JASON SMITH led the Brewster prep basketball team to the national tournament, where the Bobcats finished as co-champions.

## A unique situation

### *Brewster Bobcats earn another championship amidst unusual circumstances*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — It may have been the most unusual situation that Brewster prep basketball head coach Jason Smith has found himself in during his many years at the helm of the Bobcats.

The defending national prep champions were playing in the national championship tournament at Connecticut College during the second week of March when the coronavirus pandemic began to pick up steam and sporting events around the country and the world started to get cancelled.

The national championship tournament made the decision to limit the crowds on the final two days of the tournament to just players' family members, media, college coaches and necessary staff.

"It was a little bit different," said Smith. "The crowd the first day (Brewster had a bye) was normal, but the second day was limited to college coaches, media and family.

"The third day, there was about 50 to 75 people in the gym," Smith said.

The Bobcats, as they traditionally do during the national championship tournament, brought their best game and played their way into the finals with a semifinal win on Thursday. The plan was to play the finals later that evening.

However, tournament organizers made the decision during the second semifinal game that the finals would not be played.

"As much as we would've liked to play the finals, we were fortunate to get to the point

where we were down to the final two teams," Smith said.

With the finals cancelled, Brewster and Putnam Science Academy were named the national co-champions.

Smith recapped the seemingly surreal situation that occurred after the Bobcats defeated Hargrave Military Academy in the semifinals.

The Bobcats were in the locker room following their win and Smith was talking things over with the team. The idea

was that some of the coaches would scout the second game and many of the kids would go with their parents to get some lunch before having to report back.

"The director came up and told us that they weren't finishing out the tourney," Smith said. "Kids were already in the parking lot, heading out with their families."

Because Brewster was going on spring break, most of the students were prepared to head home from the

tournament, many with parents and family who were in attendance in Connecticut.

"When we left Tuesday morning, the kids brought all their stuff with them," Smith said. "Thursday was the start of spring break."

The good news for the Bobcats was that they were playing their best basketball of the season at the perfect time.

"We were playing our best basketball this week," Smith said.

Brewster opened the

tournament with a bye in the first round and then defeated St. Thomas More in the quarterfinals on Wednesday afternoon, March 11. On Thursday morning, they defeated Hargrave Military Academy in the semifinals.

The Bobcats were going to match up with Putnam Science in the finals, a team they did not face during the regular season.

"It would've been a much-anticipated game," Smith said, not-

ing that Brewster's DeMarr Langford played for Putnam Science last year before transferring to Brewster before this season.

Brewster finished the regular season at 34-3 after starting the season as the number-one ranked team in the national preseason poll.

"We would've liked to win the NEPSAC title (they lost to New Hampton in overtime in the finals)," Smith said. "But that propelled us to play

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## *After-school sailing scholarships offered for local kids*

GILFORD — Local youths, with or without prior sailing experience, will have the opportunity this spring to experience the joy and challenges of sailing in a local after-school program.

Offered by the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA), these classes will focus on the basics of sailing, wind, boat handling and safety. Classes are taught by nationally certified instructors in Optimist dinghies, 420 collegiate boats, Open Bic sailing dinghies and Sonars. Each session will incorporate on-land instruction along with hands-on water skills development.

Youths of all abilities, ages eight to 16, are welcome, from beginners to experienced sailors and will be grouped by age and ability. This program is offered at a discounted rate. Financial assistance is also available, please inquire in confidence at sailing-school@lwsa.org. Nobody will be turned away because of inability to pay.

Session one is May 26,

27, June 1, 3, 4 - 7 p.m.

Session two is June 8, 10, 15, 17, 4 - 7 p.m.

The sessions take place at the Dave Adams Memorial Sailing Center, 25 Davis Road, Gilford

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# PSU announces cancellation of spring sports



PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University Director of Athletics Kim Bownes announced last Tuesday that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic all spring intercollegiate sports activities at the university have been cancelled.

The decision comes in conjunction with that evening's announcement from the Little East Conference (LEC) that the league would call off all remaining conference

regular season contests and the spring championship tournaments.

"These are very trying times in so many ways," said Bownes. "To have to announce the cancellation of all spring sports is heartbreaking. We know how hard our student-athletes work to represent our institution and how much they love to compete in their respective sports."

The decision affects six spring programs;

baseball, softball, men's and women's lacrosse and men's and women's outdoor track and field. Additionally, all non-traditional activities for fall programs are cancelled, while the NCAA cancelled or cut short its winter championships. The NCAA men's ice hockey tournament, and National Collegiate Skiing and Indoor Track and Field Championships all featured Plymouth State student-ath-

letes. The NCAA has since announced a blanket waiver for all spring sports student-athletes to provide an extra year of eligibility.

"I am very happy to hear the NCAA is granting an extra semester of eligibility to our spring sports student-athletes, but not everyone can or will take advantage of that," Bownes added. "We want all of our seniors to know how much we appreciate all they

have done for Plymouth State University and, in due time, we will be honoring them properly."

Although there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus at Plymouth State, students have been encouraged to stay home and access their academic work online beginning Wednesday, March 18.

The Physical Education Center (PE Center) will remain closed through at least April 6

and, as such, there will be no access to the Vailas Performance Center (weight room) or PSU Natatorium until that date. Likewise, ALL-Well North is also closed and all public walking sessions have been canceled for the foreseeable future.

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THE BACK BAY PEEWEES finished as the Seacoast League runners-up.



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# Back Bay Peewees finish as Seacoast runners-up

BY MICHELLE MORRILL  
Contributing Writer

REGION — When the hockey season began back in October, the air was starting to turn crisp and the leaves were beginning to change. Week after week, through the fall into winter, the Back Bay Peewees took to the ice in their green and white jerseys, banding together as a team to play in two different leagues, playing more than 40 regular season hockey games.

On a brisk, Friday night, March 6, snow flurries were a reminder that winter wasn't over just yet. And neither was hockey for the Back Bay Peewees when they played their final weekend of hockey, taking part in the Seacoast Championship, a double-elimination tournament held the first two days at the Dover Arena and the last day at the Rochester Arena.

Back Bay first went up against Oyster River, who they knocked out of the GSL tournament in the semifinals. Oyster River was the first on the board with a goal in the first period. Oyster River widened the lead in the second with a penalty shot after a hooking call on Back Bay. But Back Bay came from behind and turned things around starting with a breakaway goal by James Rogers at 2:42. With 57 seconds left in the second, Nate Cloos netted a goal, tying up the game. Then just 16 seconds later, Rogers again hammered in another goal, Back Bay taking the lead 3-2. The final period brought a lot of back and forth but Back Bay kept the pressure on and Grady Steele took a feed from Cloos and found the back of the net doubling the lead 4-2. With 1:09 left, Rogers netted the final goal of game – and a hat trick – and Back Bay

won 5-2.

Saturday, March 7, Back Bay faced off against the Northern Cyclones. The Cyclones struck first with a goal at 5:15 but with 34 seconds left in the period, Dylan Cash launched in a goal from the blue line, assisted by Rogers, tying it up 1-1. In the middle period, Ali Fleming slapped a top-shelf goal, putting Back Bay ahead 2-1. But the Cyclones scored two in a row in the second, and added another in the third. Back Bay came back with one more goal with 2:48 in the third period, netted by Cloos and assisted by Cam Morrill, but it wasn't enough by the time the clock ran out, and the Cyclones came away with the win 4-3.

Sunday, March 8, Back Bay once again faced off against Oyster River, the puck dropping in Rochester. The first period was scoreless, and in the second, Oyster River pulled ahead with a goal towards the end of the period. But the last period Back Bay rallied when Cash took a slap shot from the blue line putting Back Bay on the board and tying up the game. With 1:41 left to go, Fleming blasted a top-shelf goal in the net on a double power play, Back Bay winning 2-1 and moving on to the final championship game.

It was a warm, 50-degree evening later that same day when the championship game took place. Many players came into the arena wearing short-sleeve shirts and with excited or nervous looks on their faces. It all came down to a rematch between Back Bay and the Cyclones. The two finalist teams lined up across the ice at opposite ends of the arena, with the esteem of being introduced player-by-player to the cheers of the fans

surrounding the outside of the glass and filling the bleachers, the majority donning Back Bay green colors.

The Cyclones had fresh legs playing their first game of the day and it showed. They scored twice in the first period. With 2:09 on the clock, Back Bay rallied. Cash took a slap shot and Morrill tipped it in the

net, putting Back Bay on the board 2-1. It wasn't enough though as the Cyclones scored twice in the second and another in the third, winning the final game 5-1.

Back Bay took home a second-place team plaque, which will be proudly displayed at Pop Whalen as runners-up in the Seacoast Championship.

It was a tough loss for Back Bay but the team battled through as a team, always supporting each other and especially their goalie, Jake Dubuc. The beginning of the season brought a mix of kids from different levels and teams but by the end of the season, the kids bonded together as friends and it showed as many lingered in the

locker room wanting just a few more minutes together.

Coach Aaron House said, "To say that this team, overall, had a strong bond and a lot of fun this year would be an understatement. The team exceeded many expectations in my opinion. We should all be proud."

## Clarke named NEPSAC Player of the Year Jason Smith named Coach of the Year

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — After finishing the season with a co-national championship, a number of the Brewster Academy prep basketball players were honored with NEPSAC postseason honors.

Terrence Clarke of Brewster was named the NEPSAC Class AAA Player of the Year while Brewster coach Jason Smith was named the Class AAA Coach of the Year.

In addition to Clarke, three other Bobcats were named to the Class AAA First Team. Jamal Mashburn, Jr., Kadary Richmond and Matt Cross earned First Team honors along with Alex Karaban of New Hampton School.

Second Team honors went to New Hampton School's Jahmyl Telfort, Jared Garcia and Chris Manon of St. Thomas More School and Darius Ervin and Prince Moses of Northfield Mount Hermon School.

Brewster's Javohn Garcia earned Honorable Mention along with Elijah Perry and Jair Currie of St. Thomas More School, Myles Corey and Sean Trumper of Bridgton Academy, Vukasin



JOSHUA SPAULDING

TERRENCE CLARKE was named NEPSAC AAA Player of the Year.

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the way we did in the national tourney."

Smith said he always reminds his players that most people don't remember the conference champions, but rather who won the national championship.

"It's a process, September throughout the whole season of educating the kids," Smith said. "We are everybody's Super Bowl, we have to be ready to play every single day, ready to execute because we know we'll get their best shot."

"And we have been fortunate enough to play well on the big stage," Smith said.

The return to the school after the national tournament was a bit of a different situation, as the coronavirus pandemic completely changed the school's approach, as well as the team's approach.

"We had a stream of people scheduled to visit the next two weeks and that's put on hold," Smith said of looking ahead toward next year's team. "Everybody is trying to figure out and assess what is best for student safety and the entire community."

Brewster students were scheduled to return to school on March 24 but that was bumped back an extra week and all classes were moved

online starting on March 30.

Smith also took a few moments to discuss one of his former athletes, reigning NBA Rookie of the Year Donovan Mitchell, who plays for the Utah Jazz and recently announced he had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Bobcat coach noted that he had heard from a lot of people over the days following Mitchell's announcement.

"It's amazing how many people, alums I have heard from in the last 24 hours," Smith said, noting he had even heard from a lot of kids who never played with Mitchell but wanted to

pass along their wishes.

"It says a lot about Donovan," Smith said. "They're all part of the Brewster family, it's all part of the fraternity."

Smith noted that Mitchell had asked him to bring the entire team to the recent Utah game in Boston but because of the school schedule, it wasn't feasible.

"Looking back, it was probably a blessing," he said.

Smith also reported that Mitchell was doing well as he continues to recover from the virus.

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# Loon Mountain skier wins US aerials championship

BY LARA CARLTON  
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BRISTOL MOUNTAIN, N.Y. — After four weeks on the road competing back-to-back World Cups the U.S. Aerial Ski Team capped off their season at Bristol Mountain, N.Y. at the 2020 U.S. Freestyle Aerials National Championships.

Several athletes on the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team got their start at Bristol Mountain, including Jon and Chris Lillis. The Lillis family was instrumental in creating Mikey's Jump, the newest American aerials site, in honor of their late youngest brother, Mikey. The event was a

special homecoming for the Lillis brothers and a meaningful way to end the Team's season.

An unseasonably warm East Coast winter made it impossible to build the triple kicker. But event organizers were still able to provide elite-level competition using just the double and single kickers. Bristol will also be the site of the 2021 Aerials Championships and the mountain looks forward to another chance to showcase its venue.

Coming off of her first podium of the World Cup season at the last aerials' stop, Ashley Caldwell earned her fourth U.S. Nationals



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Eric Loughran soars above the Phoenix SnowPark in the mountains outside PyeongChang, South Korea during the 2018 Winter Olympics. He won the US aerials championship last week.

Championship title. "It's really nice to come back

to the states after a long season," she said. "And this is a nice cherry on top of a medium, good season [for me]. It's kind of tiring and exhausting to be on the road for that long, especially the places that we go. But this mountain was so excited to host this event and despite some of the odds we

were facing, they hosted a good event and I'm excited to come back next year."

Caldwell shared the podium with Kaila Kuhn, who came in second with her first U.S. Ski Team podium, and Megan Nick, in third.

On the men's side Loon Mountain-based

skier Eric Loughran of Pelham took the win, his first U.S. Nationals title.

"It feels really good to earn this title at the end of the season," he said. "And it's pretty sweet to have done it on the East Coast where I'm originally from, my mom was here and that was super special. We had some warm conditions, it was a little tricky. But the resort crushed it, and I'm super excited to come back next year," he said.

Quinn Dehlinger claimed second, his first podium appearance of his U.S. Ski Team career, and Jon Lillis came in third.

Athletes of the U.S. Aerials Team look forward to some much-earned R&R and getting back to training. After all, there is no true off season in elite sports and as Caldwell knows, "It's game on until the Olympics."

## Tom Brady livens up a slow sports week

What a strange week it has been.

No sports. Of any kind. Anywhere in the local area. Or on my television, for that matter, with the Bruins, Celtics and Red Sox putting things on hold.

### SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



but when the rest of the sports world is essentially on hiatus, this is going to get even more than its fair share of exposure.

I would say a group of my friends would tell you that I have been calling for the Patriots to trade Tom Brady for a few years. Most of that has been in jest after he has a tough game, but in many ways, it felt pretty likely something like this was coming down the pike.

I am disappointed in many ways because obviously, Tom Brady is one of the best players to ever suit up in the NFL and is easily amongst the best quarterbacks ever. He helped bring tons of success to the Patriots over the last two decades. As a Patriots fan, I am well aware that we have had more than our fair share of good times.

But, all good things are eventually going to come to an end and while it may be a few years earlier than most fans expected, the end of the Tom Brady era in New England is here.

But I also remember the really bad times as a New England football fan and I don't see the Patriots going to that extreme again, particularly with Bill Belichick still at the helm. Will the Patriots win another Super Bowl

right away? Probably not, but I think they'll be more in contention than many people might believe.

I remember when Drew Bledsoe was the savior of the Patriots. Then, along came Mo Lewis and all of a sudden, there was a new savior, the 199th pick in the draft who had been languishing on the bench.

Do the Patriots have the next Tom Brady on their roster? Probably not. Whether Jarrett Stidham is the answer remains to be seen. With Brady in Tampa and Philip Rivers heading to Indianapolis, could Jameis Winston or Jacoby Brissett be the right fit?

Since there won't be any sports for a while, I imagine there will be plenty of talk and writing over the next few weeks about who is going to be the starting quarterback in Foxboro next year.

At least it gives us some sort of sports to talk about.

Finally, have a great day, Ashley Laufenberg.

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## Wilus promoted to head men's lacrosse coach at PSU

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University interim men's lacrosse head coach Mike Wilus has been promoted to head coach, PSU Director of Athletics Kim Bownes announced Tuesday.

Wilus was named interim head coach on Jan. 23 following the retirement of longtime coach Gordon Webb.

"I am extremely excited to name Mike Wilus as our next head men's lacrosse coach at Plymouth State University," said Bownes. "Mike has been a valued member of the staff and brings an abundance of knowledge to the program. He is well respected by the student-athletes and I am looking forward to seeing where he brings the program."

"I couldn't be more thrilled to be named the head men's lacrosse coach at Plymouth State University," said Wilus. "I want to thank Kim Bownes and the entire athletic administration for the opportunity to lead this team. There is a solid foundation in place that I am excited to build upon."

Wilus joined the Pan-



COURTESY PHOTO - PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Mike Wilus was elevated to head coach of the Plymouth State men's lacrosse team.

thers as an assistant coach in 2018. An alumnus of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Wilus formerly served as first assistant men's lacrosse coach at Lynn University in 2013 and was promoted to associate head coach three years later. His prior coaching experience also includes a two-year stint as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Gwynedd Mercy University, where he posted an 18-12 record while boasting a man-up unit that ranked among the top 30 in all of NCAA Division

III.

Wilus played in 37 career games for the Minutemen and was named a New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (NEILA) Senior Scholar-Athlete in his final season. He currently serves the PSU admissions team as Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions.

Plymouth State was off to a 1-2 start before the season was disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wilus earned his first career win following a 10-7 victory over Norwich on March 3.

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**MAJOR DUTIES:**

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