

# ACS hosts ‘Spooktacular’ event!

ALTON — Due to the pandemic and uncertainty of having Halloween in Alton, the ACS Admin team carefully planned and hosted a safe trick or treating event with our students and staff. On Friday Oct. 30, ACS was able to battle the cold temperatures and hold a “Spooktacular Event.” Following all of the guidelines outlined in our CARE plan and ensuring proper social distancing following CDC guidelines made for a successful and fun event.

The invitation went out by class for all students and staff, both in house and remote. Everything was scheduled individually by classroom and grade-level cohorts and with adequate time to provide separation of all groups. Remote families were able to attend this 100 percent outdoor event as well due to some creative scheduling! Classes also participated in a virtual school tour via



Google Slides to view all of the amazing classroom door decorations completed by homerooms.

There were ten total trick or treat stations, spaced across the back parent pickup loop. Our resource officers blocked the entrance with a cruiser to ensure safety. It was a great opportunity to see everybody and still say safe. There truly were “smiling eyes” all morning as the different classes were able to cycle through. Everybody did a fantastic job following social distancing, wearing PPE, and staying safe. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able purchase treats for all of the stations. There was something for everybody and we think we have started a new tradition for ACS!

In addition to our anonymous donor, special thanks also goes out to the Alton Hannaford who donated the grocery bags for our students to carry their treats and the Alton Central School PTSA who worked with our middle school students and decorated our back entrance! So much fun!!!

For more pictures and information, please visit [www.myacs.org](http://www.myacs.org)!

## Trump, Sununu cruise to wins in Alton and New Durham

*Locals prefer Republicans up and down the ballot*

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**REGION** — While across the state voters went for most of the Democrats at the top of the ballot, voters in Alton and New Durham bucked that trend and gave victories to President Donald Trump and other Republicans up and down the ballot. Barnstead officials did not send their results in time to meet our press deadline.

Alton President Trump received 2,420 votes in Alton, almost 1,000 more than former Vice President Joe Biden, who received 1,439 votes. Biden did win the state’s four electoral votes.

Governor Chris Sununu won by a wide margin across the state and absolutely dominated in Alton, getting 3,097 votes to challenger Dan Feltes’ 757 votes.

Republican challenger Corky Messner received 2,217 votes against Democratic Senator Jeanne Shaheen, who received 1,597 votes, but was able to easily win her third term in Washington.

In the race for Congress, incumbent Democrat Chris Pappas was able to retain his seat, but voters in Alton preferred Republican chal-

lenger Matt Mowers by a vote of 2,425 to 1,355.

In the race for executive councilor for district one, Republican Joe Kenney received 2,536 votes in Alton and incumbent Michael Cryans received 1,187. Kenney was able to return to the seat that he lost to Cryans two years ago.

Republican State Senator Jim Gray won re-election against Democratic challenger Christopher Rice, winning Alton by a vote of 2,502 to 1,221.

In a race for district five state representative, Republicans Peter Varney (2,316) and Paul Terry (2,249) won seats against Democrats Stephen Copithorne (1,119) and Duane Hammond (1,170).

For district eight state representative, Republican Ray Howard received 2,380 votes in Alton, retaining his seat against a challenge from Democrat Ruth Larson, who received 1,363 votes in Alton.

Republican Bill Wright won the race for county sheriff, finishing with 2,469 votes in Alton to challenger Richard Robinson’s 1,154.

For Register of Deeds, Republican Judy McGrath won 2,535 to 1,074 over Democrat Johnna Davis and Republican Alan Glassman won for

Register of Probate by a 2,392 to 1,207 vote over Lynn Thomas.

Andrew Livernois for county attorney and Michael Muzzey for county treasurer both ran unopposed.

New Durham In New Durham, President Trump picked up 1,109 votes while former Vice President Biden received 727 votes overall.

Governor Sununu easily won in New Durham as well, finishing with 1,411 votes to 392 votes for Feltes.

In the race for US Senate, Messner received 991 votes in New Durham while Senator Shaheen received 815 votes in the closest race on the ballot.

Mowers easily outdistanced Pappas in the Congressional race in New Durham by a tally of 1,060 to 716.

Kenney also won his Executive Council race in New Durham, beating Cryans 1,157 to 625.

Gray received 1,103 votes for state senate, easily ahead of Rice with 684 votes.

In the race for state representative, incumbent Republicans Kurt Wuelper (1,020) and Michael Harrington (1,008) defeated Democrats Jeff Allard (657) and Heath



Melissa Cavanaugh and her dog Kimber.

## Local dog trainer earns professionally certified

ALTON — Local dog trainer, Melissa B. Cavanaugh, CPDT-KA has successfully achieved professional certification by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT).

CPDT-KA certification recognizes the knowledge and experience of professional dog trainers. Certificants must provide references that attest to their work and pass a rigorous written exam that focuses on the science behind dog behavior and the application of training techniques. CPDT-KA certification provides an independent, scientifically valid measure of an individual’s understanding of the field of dog training, including instruc-

tion skills, learning theory, ethology, equipment, and animal husbandry.

CCPDT requires its certificants to adhere to its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics and Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA) Effective Behavior Intervention policies. Certificants must engage in on-going continuing education to maintain the credential. These rig Local dog trainer earns professionally certified

ensure that CPDT-KA certificants are actively engaged in professional development and applying the most current science and techniques with their clients.

Established in 2001, CCPDT is the leading independent certifying organization for the dog training profession. As the leader in the development of rigorous exams to demonstrate mastery of humane, science-based dog training practices, CCPDT has certified thousands of dog trainers and canine behavior consultants worldwide. For more information, visit [www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org).

Candidates who pass the exam earn the title Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed and may use the designation “CPDT-KA” after their names. All certified trainers must earn continuing education credits to maintain their designations or take the examination again in three years.



# School district addresses challenges of COVID-19

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE  
Contributing Writer

REGION — Parents and staff of Middleton Elementary and New Durham Elementary Schools received letters from the Governor Wentworth Regional School District's administration last Sunday evening, Nov. 1, announcing a switch to remote learning beginning on Monday for several grades.

Two teachers tested positive for Covid-19 at the Middleton school, and with another teacher in quarantine, and a lack of substitutes, Grades 4, 5 and 6 are now operating by remote until November 16. All the other grades are able to maintain their hybrid schedule.

A 5th grade student in New Durham Elementary has tested positive.



COURTESY

The New Durham School switched to remote learning last Monday after a fifth grade student tested positive for COVID-19.

Two teachers have been exposed and approximately six students. So with teachers needing to quarantine and limited substitutes, fifth grade is remote until Nov. 13. As in Middleton, all the other grades will con-

tinue with their hybrid program.

Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert reports that in addition, a teacher at the Lakes Region Technology Center has tested positive, but the teacher has had no

contact with students and teachers. (The definition of contact is six feet or less of social distancing for an accumulation of 10 minutes within a 24 hour period.) Investigation continues, but as of Monday, the school schedule was able to remain the same.

According to Cuddy-Egbert, the district, as in the case that showed up at the high school, is conducting the contact tracing for an overwhelmed Department of Health and Human Services.

## Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

“Light Up Alton” Event

Holiday House Decorating Contest  
& Business Decorating Contest

Alton Parks and Recreation and the Alton Business Association have joined together in an effort to make Alton the brightest holiday season yet! Join in our cooperative effort to bring magic, memories, and holiday spirit to the Alton Community.

For Residents: The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Holiday House Decorating Contest. The residents of Alton are invited to participate by decorating their home for the holidays. The contest is open to homes within the Alton and Alton Bay zip codes (03809 & 03810).

For an Entry Form and Contest Rules go to [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) or contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

FOR BUSINESSES/Nonprofits: The ABA is sponsoring the Business

Decorating Contest. If you have a storefront business or office building, then rally a team to help string lights and let your festive flare be seen by all (or go Clark Griswold style)!

If you don't have a business front and would like to donate and/or decorate lights to a Town or park area on downtown Main St. please email us to coordinate setup, [info@altonbusinessassociation.com](mailto:info@altonbusinessassociation.com)

Judging will take place December 9-10, 2020. Prizes will be awarded to category winners for both Residents and Businesses! Winners will be announced on December 11, 2020.

Categories for prizes are: People's Choice (Facebook Vote); Most Holiday Spirit; Creative Use of Lights; and Best Main Street Location.

For an Entry Form and Contest Rules for the Resident Contest please go to [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) or contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

door to the Alton Fire Department on Rt. 140. There are Kiosks along the walking route with a map of the Quannippi Trail (QT). The Kiosks also host detailed maps of each point of interest, and highlighted parks along the way.

The trail follows the Merrymeeting River for a delightful walk, run, or bike ride. The trail goes through Jones Field then joins back on to the Letter S Road. Eagles, fish, turtles, ducks, otters, and plenty of wildlife can be seen from many different vantage points along the trail. There are 4"x4" arrows posted on Town property areas to assist with the general direction of the trail. Arrows are brown on a light yellow background. In total a round trip walk on the trail will take approximately 45-60 minutes. Parking is available in Alton Bay or across the street from the Fire Department on Rte. 140 at Mill Pond. This is a great walk for all ages and abilities, and four legged friends on a leash are welcome too.

For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov)

Liberty Tree Park Courts Are Open

The Town Tennis and Basketball Courts are open at Liberty Tree Park until it snows. The weather is still good for playing outside. Tennis, Pickleball and Basketball are all great life sport games to play with family/friends. The park also hosts a slide, swings, kayak/canoe launch, and a small Skate Park. Pickleball lines are set up on the Tennis Courts if you'd like to try Pickleball.

## Christmas Fair planned in Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will hold its 2020 Christmas Fair and Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are knits, crafts, baked goods, the “Unique Boutique” and the Silent Auction. The auction ends when the fair ends at 2 p.m.; successful bidders will be notified then. There will not be a luncheon this year; there will be a limit of 50 people in the two sale rooms at any one time. Everyone must wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and stay distanced; enter through the parking lot door on Chestnut Street. Exit only through the courtyard door. Bathrooms are not available.

For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

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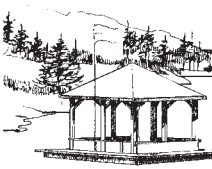
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# Belknap House receives donation from New England Patriots Foundation



Colleen Garrity

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Every year since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots have been celebrating those who give their time to help others. The program was originally known as the Community Quarterback Awards and were presented to those who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism. In 2011, the awards were renamed in honor

of the late Myra Kraft who committed her life to volunteering. As part of the New England Patriots Foundation’s ongoing Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, the Kraft family traditionally hosts a special ceremony at Gillette Stadium to celebrate the honorees. On Friday, Oct. 30, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots hosted a virtual ceremony to celebrate 26 volunteers from all across New England. Twenty-five organizations received grants of \$10,000 in honor of their outstanding volunteers and one grand prize winner received a surprise \$25,000 donation. Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, New England Patriots Foundation President Joshua Kraft and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs

Andre Tippett all participated in the virtual ceremony. “This year has been incredibly challenging for so many families, but it has also been difficult for nonprofits,” said Robert Kraft. “They have been called upon to support more families than ever before, but have been unable to host their traditional fundraising events. Volunteers are the lifeblood of these charitable organizations and they have stepped up in a big way during this unprecedented time. We were honored to be able to meet 26 of these local heroes – albeit virtually – and to be able to shine a spotlight on their volunteer efforts.” Colleen Garrity was recognized as a 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. In honor of his dedication to volunteering, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots

Foundation will make a \$10,000 donation to the nonprofit she founded, the Belknap House. In response to a growing trend in her community, Garrity helped found the Belknap House in 2014 as a temporary shelter for families experiencing homelessness. “When families find themselves homeless, children are negatively impacted, through no fault of their own,” said Garrity. “Seeing families with young children sleeping in cars and tents or walking the streets because they have no place to go, is heart breaking.” “Families need places, such as, Belknap House to help them through their homeless crisis and to stabilize the family unit,” she continued. “Belknap House strives to provide a warm and caring home for families to help them feel safe and secure.” It started seasonally, helping to keep families

warm during the cold winter months, but has since evolved to a year-round facility. Garrity volunteers more than 30 hours a week, actively serving families from 11 cities and towns. “I am humbled to have been nominated and recognized for the Myra Kraft Community MVP award and thankful to the Kraft family and Patriots Foundation for making this possible,” said Garrity. “I have been blessed to be able to volunteer and spend my time doing what I love. Volunteering for nonprofits takes a village and I am honored to be part of that village.” The 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 14 to 97 years old and represent every New England state. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, foster care, homelessness, mental health, mento-

ring, military support and youth development. The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received more than 250 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open each spring and the awards are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region. For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit [www.patriots.com/community](http://www.patriots.com/community). On Friday, Oct. 30, Robert Kraft, Josh Kraft and Andre Tippett participated in a virtual ceremony honoring the 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners. Twenty-six volunteers were recognized for their efforts at nonprofit organizations from all across New England.

## Village Players launch online production this weekend

WOLFEBORO — After a successful first try a few months ago, the Village Players Theater will be once again offering an online production, with a series of short plays performed over Zoom this coming weekend. Emily Judkins, who was the driving force behind the start of the Village Players Black Box Theater, is also leading the way with this pro-

duction, directing five of the six plays while cast member Tom Bickford, who also appeared in the first online production, is directing the other play. All six plays are by Canadian playwright Jeff Goebel. His skits take average normal day activities like a job interview, shopping for a pet or more and then adding a hilarious twist. One

skit has a seemingly average workplace conversation about bad bosses and union rules, but it is two spies who are having the conversation. In addition to Bickford, the cast includes Jennifer Schaffner, who also appeared in the first online production, plus Cate Poole, Lizzy Fogg, Bob Tuttle and Paul Stewart. People who are in-

terested in viewing the shows can visit the Village Players web site at [village-players.com](http://village-players.com) and then click on the black box link where there will be a button to make a donation to the Village Players Theater. A Zoom link will be sent to the e-mail that the patron provides and the “house” will open at

6:30 p.m. with the show set to start at 7 p.m. on both Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. A reminder e-mail will be sent out the day before the show and patrons will also receive a digital program. There will be people working as ushers each night to admit people into the show and will


also monitor the show for any background noise or talking during the performance. Audience members are encouraged to unmute themselves so the cast members can hear the laughter. Visit [village-players.com](http://village-players.com) for more information.

## Locals compete in Meet of Champions


BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor  
NASHUA — The state’s best runners descended on Mine Falls at Nashua South High School on Saturday for the annual Meet of Champions. In the girls’ race, the Gilford team, which finished fourth at the Division III State Meet, finished in 15th place overall, with Hanover taking the title. Catherine Stowe of Gilford led the way for the local girls, finishing in 40th place in a time of 20:33. Kennett’s Amy Burton ran to 68th place

overall with a time of 21:17 and Prospect Mountain’s Veronica Dowd finished in a time of 22:36 for 91st place overall. Vanessa Genakos of Gilford finished in 92nd place in a time of 22:39, teammate Bethany Tanner finished in 101st place in 23:55 and teammate Madeline Burlock was 110th overall in a time of 26:09. Alaina Osborn finished in a time of 27:59 for 113th place, Tessa Tanner was 114th in 28:08 and Sydney Eastman finished in a time of 28:18 for 115th place. Addison Cox of Coe-Brown, the Division

II champion, took the overall win for the girls, while her brother, Aidan, the Division II boys’ champion, led the Coe-Brown boys to the Meet of Champions title. Patrick Gandini of Gilford finished in a time of 15:51 to place eighth overall after winning the Division III championship the previous week. Dylan Robert of Winisquam finished in 48th place overall in a time of 17:21. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or [josh@salmonpress.news](mailto:josh@salmonpress.news).



### ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — Alton Police Department responded to 178 calls for service during the week of Oct. 25-31, including 6 arrests.

- 1 Male Subject was arrested for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.
- 1 Female Subject was arrested on a Warrant.
- 1 Male Subject was arrested for Penalty For False Information to 911.
- 1 Male Subject was taken into Protective Custody of Inebriate.

There were 2 Motor Vehicle Summons Arrests.

There were 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

There were 2 Suspi-

cious Person/Activity Reports on Alton Mountain Road & Homestead Place.

There was 1 Theft reported on Rattlesnake Island.

Police made 17 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 4 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 151 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 3 Background/Record Checks, 2 Town Ordinance, 2 Assist Fire Department, 1 Employment Fingerprinting, 2 Disorderly Conduct, 8 Assist Other Agencies, 4 Pistol Permit Applications, 4 Animal Complaints, 5 Juvenile Incidents, 2 Domestic

Complaints, 6 General Assistance, 5 Miscellaneous, 2 Wanted Persons/Fugitives, 3 Alarm Activations, 6 Lost/Found Properties, 1 Highway/Roadway Hazard Report, 7 General Information, 1 Vehicle ID Check, 1 Trespass, 1 Sex Offender Registration, 1 Criminal Threatening, 5 Wellness Checks, 1 Abandoned Motor Vehicle, 3 Community Programs, 2 Drug Destructures, 2 Disabled Motor Vehicles, 55 Directed Patrols, 1 Follow-Up Reporting, 1 Motor Vehicle Lockout, 1 Medical Assist, 10 Property Checks & 3 Paperwork Services.



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The passing of a legend

“This is ‘Jeopardy!’” will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America’s favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show’s host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show’s questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying “What is...?” first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July, 22 1940. Apart from “Jeopardy!” for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon’s “Double Dare,” “Classic Concentration,” “The Wizard of Odds,” and “Battlestars,” to name a few.

The man, famous for his mustache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In additionl he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don’t know that Trebek’s father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped his toes into the broadcasting world with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, “I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every possible job”.

While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting “The Wizard of Odds.”

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever since.

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a longtime philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada’s Walk of Fame.



Elissa Paquette

ELISSA PAQUETTE

**You’ve heard of maneaters, but COVID eaters...?**

The Wolfeboro Area Children’s Center’s haunting display warns, “Beware of Covid eating sharks!” as a fearsome shark displays a menacing mouth full of shining white teeth.

Letters to the Editor

A defeat is not a loss!

To the Editor:

I was pleased to be a Democratic candidate running for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, District 5. My bid failed, and I congratulate Mr. Varney and Mr. Terry for their victories.

Also, I’m most grateful for all the help and donations given to me by friends, strangers and volunteers, especially my Campaign Manager, Dr. Anthony Costonis, and his wife Dorothy, and to my wonderful wife Sandy, who put up with all the sound and fury related to campaigning, The Tri-Town Democrats, Belknap County Democrats, and the New Hampshire Democratic Party.

I regard my losing to be a ‘stepping stone’ for the future. where the next Democratic candidate for the New Hampshire House will be able to ‘pick-up’ where I left off and build an even stronger rational for them to win a seat. I did finish with more votes than any other candidate vying for this office, ever.

There are lessons to be learned and I’m willing to share my ideas with the next candidate running for this office in 2022.

DUANE HAMMOND  
ALTON

LETTERS FROM EDWIN  
Misdirected

I made it. To the repair shop, that is. A couple minutes late, but well within the relative On Time scale of twenty first century punctuality. Only missed by ten minutes.

I knew in my mind that this was about where it was after speaking with the scheduler, and would have been here ahead of time if I just followed my feelings. But I became a doubting Thomas and consulted my GPS gadget.

Before leaving, I programmed in one of the addresses I had written down. The directions I was given were highway directions so I didn’t second guess it when I was told to take a right and head into the woods. There are always multiple ways to get places.

This is especially true around my house. When people don’t follow my instructions, they usually arrive with “I was taken through all these dirt back roads for miles” comments. I remember years ago, a Realtor was coming to the house to close on a refinancing. The satellites took her through miles of non-maintained, “over the river and through the woods” type roads that I’d never have attempted in any of my vehicles. She got here. It was a good thing it wasn’t spring because the end of that road gets submerged below unknown inches of water.

I never liked getting told what to do. I like choices. Not ultimatums. Just the other day, I received a call terminating a relationship that I had spent lots of hours and miles nurturing. I wasn’t

even allowed to make a defense. Just like you see throughout media and politics these days, people are pronounced guilty and need to prove themselves otherwise. That’s not the way it’s supposed to be in the United States. There has ceased to be due process, freedom of speech, religion or self defense respected in this country. Rights enumerated within the Bill of Rights. Judges take it upon themselves to make law. That’s totally wrong. This mad social media we now have exasperates it. There is so much hate dispensed over the internet. I no longer take part in it. I no longer patronize the one sided news outlets. It’s not getting any better and I fear that it will take an act of God to bring about change. Bring it on!

Like socialists claiming to know what’s best, I was told “we decided.” Well, that’s fine, I’m looking forward to my new life that’s unfolding presently.

My day began with me rolling out of bed to gaze out my window at the moon shadow of my house upon the fresh dusting of snow. After performing my morning rituals, I returned to my room to see the sunrise shadow of the house through the front window. It was time to figure out my day. I knew that voting was the number one thing on my list, and wanted to get that over with early. Not knowing how long voting would take, hearing of long lines on the news, I planned an activity that would take only a couple hours.

When I arrived at town hall, there cer-

tainly were lines like I’ve never seen. And cars parked everywhere. The voting process was very organized and when I looked at my watch after voting, only 35 minutes had elapsed. I celebrated by hanging around and talking with friends in the parking lot.

After socializing a bit, I hopped into the truck and headed off to winterize a summer place. After finishing up there I came back through town and saw that the lines no longer existed. Back at my house I figured there was still enough time to go pick up stuff for upcoming jobs, so I hopped in my car and headed off again.

I made it home, armed with Chinese takeout, to feed my face and get ready to watch the returns from the days historic activities.

I made up a batch of popcorn and headed for the couch.

So here I sit, facing the flat screen, watching election data seep in. I probably should get some chocolate covered espresso beans, I’d hate to fall asleep like I did when my family went to see “The Ten Commandments” at the drive in.

Every few decades there is some technological advancement that totally transforms society. I’ve witnessed TV, VCR, computer and the cell phone turn interpersonal relationships on their heads and on into cart wheels. Cars were always present. Artificial reality should really change things. Farmers though should still remain grounded.

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North Country Notebook

## A list of things we’d do if we got another chance



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

A bunch of us get together on a semi-regular basis (we’re all busy) and just kick around any topic at all—something in the news, a local problem, whatever’s caught our minds.

All of us out here drawing a breath, I think, have a secret wish list—things we wish we’d done, or things we’d do differently. These often come up for discussion.

(Note: The following wish-list is whimsical, and doesn’t mention groups and individuals who have offered classes in the past.)

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On my list is the wish that I’d have kept up playing the E-flat tuba. This is not to be confused with the BB-flat Sousaphone, which was created for marching bands (I played that too). The tuba is played sitting down, while held in lap and arm. It’s the bass-vi of many a band.

David Killam, our longtime music teacher, was proficient and su-

perlative in a multitude of instruments, from woodwinds to piano to horns of every stripe. Although the E-flat tuba that I played belonged to the school, I’m sure he’d have helped me find a good one, as he did for so many students who, after graduation, wanted to play on.

Mr. Killam schooled me far beyond what high school required, and we entered a couple of talent shows, in one of which I wound up taking second, and the last of which I won. He wrote a wonderful tuba duet for me and Deanna Howard, which we should have entered too.

Every year, an ensemble of horn-players, “TubaChristmas,” stages concerts all around the northern half of the state. If I’d have kept up my tuba, I might qualify to join them; instead, I’m happy to go as a paying customer.

The North Country has always been a musical place, and there is a great deal more music being played and performed outside the school system than within it, which says something about the multi-talented adults we have out there among the variegated mix.

Some musicians are top-notch professionals who could qualify to play for anyone, anywhere. Others learned to play by ear, often under rugged

circumstances, but are refining their playing all the time. Whatever the case, we are fortunate to have them in our midst. They are part of the richness we call home.

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A second thing I wish for—and I hear many, many adults say the same—is for a good, locally accented, mid-week evening class in conversational French.

We in the northern end of the North Country are so lucky to live along the border with Quebec and Canada—share so much history, have so many families with close relatives on either side, but above all, have the rich cultural soup that results. Other New Hampshire communities have a Franco-American mix because of the mills.

I so wish I’d grown up in a bilingual household. Kids who do are a leg up on the rest of us. Even if we take a good, focused, practical course in conversational French, we’ll never catch up.

When are you too old to take a course like that? Never, experts reply. I’d take such a course in a heartbeat, even though I speak a little French.

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Although I didn’t realize it until later, the genetic package that is me included a basic talent in

converting eyesight into some kind of art-form.

From early boyhood on, I had an ability to sketch objects, and for a while I did cartoons of all sorts, creating characters that acted out childhood fantasies or take-offs of things I’d seen in goofy magazines or the Sunday comics.

Jimmy Berry, a son of one of the local game wardens, was my best friend, and I’d been befriended by local Fish and Game biologists Dave Patrick and Carl Carlson. That’s how I happened to go along on a search for a fawn orphaned when its mother was killed in the road.

As luck would have it, I found the fawn first and signaled the others, but never forgot the sight of it, curled up there in the tall grass, still scentless to predators, its mother having told it to hide.

My mother, having noticed my scribbblings over the years, urged me to draw the fawn, so I did, lightly with a soft pencil, and then with pastels to color it in. It hangs in the newspaper’s front office to this day, the sign of a mother’s pride that no one seems worried about moving.

If a course in basic sketching, with some tips on portraits and the use of light, especially the use of window-light, and some fundamentals on landscapes—if a



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A newly orphaned fawn hiding in the grass, as its mother ordered—the moment of discovery frozen in mind.

course like that was offered, I’d take it.

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I’d bet that a lot of far-flung readers are nodding their heads at all this, or at least some of it, and I’d bet that the general theme rings true for all towns and greater communities, everywhere, from Pittsburg to the Conways to lower Winnepesaukee and beyond.

I know, I know—much of this has been said and tried before, and educators have set up courses, and some succeeded, but too many failed. Topography and demographics work against us. It’s a recipe for discouragement.

But often, I think, such courses are poorly visualized, poorly presented, and worst of all, poorly promoted.

First, get local residents’ input before designing a class. It has to

be what people want, not what the establishment wants.

Second, find a place where participants will feel comfortable. It can be a school, or a library, or a coöperative business, or even someone’s home.

Third, not a penny should be spent on advertising. If it’s for a good cause—meaning not for profit—promotion is free. The media are ready to help out. Tuition often benefits some local cause.

All of the above can and should work—and if my experience is any indication, others hope so too.

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

## MARK ON THE MARKETS

### Low rates good and bad



BY MARK PATTERSON

So far, since the beginning of this year, the 10-year Treasury note yield has dropped below 1 percent, creating a lowering of mortgage rates and loan rates in general. So that would be good, right? Well, if you are buying or refinancing a home or even getting a car loan this is good. But if you are attempting to find a good safe yield in a CD or Bond, you can put that on the back burner until who knows when. As I have discussed before, the low rate policy engineered by the Federal Reserve Bank has created a scenario that is going to be difficult to rectify. You see, the US Government is running a \$24 trillion debt that we are paying interest towards continually. So we must keep these rates down so we can pay less interest to the bond holders and of course take on more debt. Because there is no yield in “safe” vehicles like CD’s or bonds, many are forced to look for income and yield from “riskier” investments like, dividend paying stocks, Real Estate Investment Trust, Alternative

investments like equipment leasing or financing lawsuits against “evil” corporations.

Some of this stuff sounds far-fetched, but I get calls all the time from companies selling these “investments.” Many of these “investments” are legitimate, but may not have any liquidity to them, or in other words, you may not be able to sell and get your money out if you do not like the investment or need the money for something else.

Another way that these low interest rates are hurting the investor is not so obvious but I will explain it in the best way I can. Equity-indexed annuities have had a great place for a portion of someone’s investment portfolio that wanted guaranteed income or a place to potentially grow their money with no downside market risks. These annuities credit a portion of interest that is based on a growth in an index, most commonly S+P 500. But the insurance company is actually taking your premium and investing it in bonds, usually corporates. Then they buy an option contract on the underlying index to give you the potential market growth connected to the crediting strategy that you chose. When interest rates get as low as they are, the yield from the corporate bonds to the insurance company is less than when rates are higher, which puts pressure on their operating margins, which in turn reduces the “caps”

or potential upside they can provide to the investor. These Equity-indexed annuities can still be a super alternative for the right person with certain goals for that portion of their investments, they have just become leaner. Indexed annuities bought

in the last few years may have a “Market Value adjustment” or MVA attached. If so, this could make your annuity more valuable because of the lower rates of today. If you have this feature with your current Indexed annuity, you should explore

your options for taking advantage of this feature. Call my office if you want more info regarding these MVA’s!

Risk vs. reward should always be considered when investing money. But you must first realize and mitigate the risk in-

involved with every investment you make.

Mark Patterson is an advisor and portfolio manager with MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-Asset.com

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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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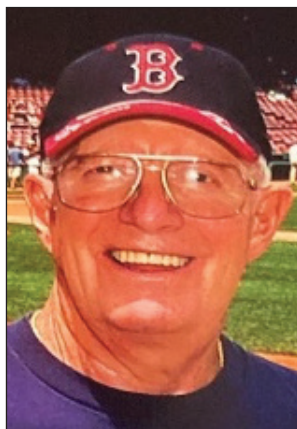
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## John H Scott, 84

John H Scott, 84, of Alton, NH died peacefully at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Lebanon, NH on October 24, 2020. He is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine (Maxwell) Scott, whom he shared 63 years of marriage. He leaves two daughters, Jennifer Mulrain and her husband William of Kingston, Ma and Jeanne Jokinen and her husband Charles of Brownington, VT. His grandchildren, Kimberly, Billy, Michaela and Charlie. His great grandchildren, Bradley, Erika and Aidan. His brother Robert A Scott and his wife Susan of Leeds, ME and several nieces and nephews. He was



predeceased by his parents Herbert and Verrill Scott and his sister Marjorie McCall. John was born in Cambridge, MA, and in 1953 he enlisted in the United States Navy. He retired 28 years later as CPO E-7. He and his wife moved to Hanover, MA in 1960 where they raised their daughters.

He worked for Prudential Insurance for

many years. He was a Call Firefighter in Hanover, as well as the Civil Defense Director during the Blizzard of 1978.

He and his wife moved to Tuftonboro, NH in 1981, where he became Chief of the Tuftonboro Fire Department. He was also owner of Trudy's Thrift Shop in Alton. John was a very generous and caring man, an avid sports fan, he loved traveling and spending time with his family. A private graveside service will be held November 15, 2020 at Hanover Center Cemetery, Hanover, Ma. If desired, memorial donations may be made in his memory to Donate Life America.

## Russell Ernest Jones, 86

Russell Ernest Jones, 86, of Alton, NH died at home Wednesday Nov 4, 2020 after a brief illness. Russell was born in Wolfboro NH, one of 5 children to parents Ernest Stanton Jones and Lucy Hannah (Knights) Jones. He graduated from Brewster Academy in 1953. Russell belonged to the Bahai Faith and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years.

Russell served the town of Alton for many years, a member of Alton fire department for 37 years, fire chief for 20 years, was a Selectmen and served many commissions and committees of the town. Russell reinstituted Old Home Week tradition and was the fire chief and emergency management services director in Alton during the largest dam break in New Hampshire history. Russell served twice as President of the NH Fire Association.

Russell was an entrepreneur early in life selling maple syrup and cider starting at age 5. From there he became a master electrician and



master plumber. He held New Hampshire's first water systems operator's license. Instrumental in opening of Water Industries Incorporated and worked there until his retirement in 1996.

Russell loved golf and enjoyed many sporting activities in life. He and his wife Gwendolyn (Penny) Jones were married for 65 years, raised 5 children and loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. A generous and giving individual who touched many lives.

Russell is survived by wife Gwendolyn, brother Robert Jones of Geneva AL, daughter's and spouses Liz & Russell Lampman of Union, Cathy and Daniel Cornelissen of Meredith, Julie

and Jacky Schwartz of Hatley, MS, Nancy & Joey DeNauw of Ocala, FL, grandchildren Bert & Patricia Souliere of Alton, Molly Souliere of Cary, NC, Alex Cornelissen of Meredith, Jason and Carrie Cornelissen of Meredith, Sarah & Cliff Weems of Highlands Ranch, CO, Emily & Dave Hodges of Okolona, MS, Ashley & Justin Burt of Starkville, MS, Amanda and Chris Siff of Brooksville, FL and great grandchildren Autumn, Samie, Robin, Danielle, Ciara, Liam and Caiden, and nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, son Russell Jones Jr., brother Stanton Jones, sisters Shirley Hudson, and Joyce Lampron.

Services were held graveside, Tuesday Nov 10th, 2020 at 11 a.m., at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton, N.H. Close friends and family are invited but due to Covid-19 it will be required to social distance and wear a mask. Arrangements by Baker-Gagne Funeral Home of Wolfboro.

# Farmington church presents “A Dancing Prayer” on Faith Matters

FARMINGTON — On Thursday, Nov. 12, the First Congregational Church presents its weekly Faith Matters with special guest, liturgical dancer Paula Cerulli Lock. The 5 p.m. program streams live on [www.facebook.com/farmingtonnhfirstcongregational](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonnhfirstcongregational). Hosted by Pastor Kent Schneider and Susan Loker, the half hour program features local guests and topics of interest.

“It’s a weekly ‘faith-lift’ for the church and the community,” comments Loker, who has co-hosted the program since it began in March.

Paula Cerulli Lock interprets Duke Ellington’s “Come Sunday” from his 1943 premiere of “Black, Brown and Beige” concert at Carnegie Hall, a reading of The Lord’s Prayer, the Hebrew Shema and the singing of the seasonal hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”. Mary Jane Long will provide the musical settings on piano and organ, and Pastor Kent will play a ceremonial ram’s horn and a herald trumpet from the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Dance in the church has gained wide popularity since the 1940’s when it was introduced in large churches in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Today, liturgical dance ensembles are popular in local churches through the United States.

The First Congregational Church’s Sunday morning worship service can be seen on its Facebook at 10 a.m. The historic 1875 church is located at 400 Main St. in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit their Web page at [www.farmingtonnhucc.org](http://www.farmingtonnhucc.org).

## Covid forces changes to Armed Forces Holiday Box Drive

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfboro Area Armed Forces Support Group Holiday Box Drive will be different this year due to the Covid virus.

Due to the Covid virus, we are not able to put collection boxes in the community. Our group will purchase the items for the boxes that we will be sending to

our local servicemen and women to let them know we are thinking of them this holiday season.

If you have a son, daughter or relative that you would like a box sent to, please send their name and address to [karen.l.moore947@gmail.com](mailto:karen.l.moore947@gmail.com). If you would like to make a monetary dona-

tion towards us buying the items or to help with shipping costs, please make the check out to WAAFG and mail to Karen Moore, 7 Angance Lane, Wolfboro, NH 03894, by Nov. 25, 2020. Thank you for your support of our local servicemen and women!

## Rotary Club learns about the beauty around us

—ALTON — When Guest Speaker at the Alton Centennial Rotary Club’s weekly Zoom meeting, Russ Wilder, President of the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, (BRCC), finished his slide show featuring images of the area where we live, it was very obvious we need to do what-ever we can to protect and preserve the stunning beauty, wild-life and recreational ben-

efits here in the Alton Bay area and throughout the region.

There’s so much visitors and residents can do all year long from climbing Mountain Major, which hosts over 80 thousand hikers a year, to snowmobiling, Nordic skiing, hike over 60 miles of trailers, hunt, fish, use this area to educate students about conservation, local history and provide the Boy Scouts a place to camp

and explore. Our mountain range includes Gunstock, Alton Mountain, plus many hills and valleys, lakes, ponds and streams all created by a few volcanoes eons ago.

To learn more about this area and the BRCC, go to the Town of Alton’s Web site. For information on becoming a member of Rotary, contact Rotarian Duane Hammond at 569-3745.

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## Legion Riders to hold Coats for Kids drive

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72, Alton, are holding their Eighth Annual “Coats for Kids” drive.

The Riders will be collecting “new coats “ for children in the local community. Coats can be dropped off at the post home in Alton. A donation drop-off box is located in the post foyer.

The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72 will be collecting coats till Dec. 25. Donations will be accepted towards the purchase of new coats. “New Coats” only will be accepted per CDC guidelines.

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Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914.  
For more information, please visit [abundant Harvestnhi.org](http://abundant Harvestnhi.org) or e-mail [ahf@faith.com](mailto:ahf@faith.com).

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

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

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Morning Service 10:00 am, Adult and Teen Bible Study 11:15 am. Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am. Rte. 126 next to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gower, 269-8831.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON**  
Prayer Meeting 9:00 am  
Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hollis, 875-5561.  
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Alton	Ingalls Terrace	N/A	\$408,400	W&W Ralph Trust LLC	Fred B. Duhaime and Robin E. Covell
Alton	104 Minge Cove Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,325,000	Robert E. Gayner	Michael S. and Laura A. Fardy
Alton	101 Mount Major Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$150,000	Stephen R. Crocker	Michael and Roberta Watto
Alton	374 Old Wolfeboro Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$268,000	David A. and Ann M. Trench	Rebekah J. McCluskey and Christopher M. Wellens
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$120,000	Matthew J. Schofield and Joanne Tremblay-Schofield	Mark A. Tilton and Maureen B. Fadden
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$66,133	Robert E. and Kathleen A. Rioux	Jonathan A. and Sheila M. Benton
Barnstead	12 Deering Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$238,000	Jared J. and Elizabeth H. Companion	Paul M. Parson and Melissa A. Funk
Barnstead	265 Narrows Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$515,000	James P. White	Maria V. Miller and Garrett Reed
Barnstead	132 S. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$250,000	Stephen M. and Bonnie B. Biddle	Stephen M. and Lauren Biddle
Barnstead	7 Washington Ct.	Single-Family Residence	\$246,000	Katherine E. Grillo	Seth R. and Melissa Howard
Barnstead	209 White Oak Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$259,000	Denise M. Morrison	Valerie K. Burgess and Patrick W. Thorne
New Durham	Birch Hill Road	N/A	\$90,000	R.J. Stell RET and Barry J. Stell	Terri Winters and Lawrence Prelli
New Durham	Birch Hill Road	N/A	\$25,000	Walter P. Pigeon	Deborah and Paul Hendrickson
New Durham	397 S. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$705,000	Marcia L. and Karen A. Hebert- Maccaro	Margaret and Benjamin Blandschun
New Durham	N/A (Lot 1)	N/A	\$265,000	Alton Rollinsford LLC	Sean Kelly
New Durham	N/A (Lot 42)	N/A	\$330,000	Marjorie May O'Neil RET and John Edward O'Neil	Marjack Oasis LLC

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## Bank of New Hampshire promotes Dona Murray to Senior Vice President – Investment Officer



Dona Murray

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce that Dona Murray has been promoted to Senior Vice President – Investment Officer.

Murray joined the Bank of New Hampshire

Wealth Management Team ten years ago, bringing valuable experience and skills to the bank. Now, with more than 30 years of experience in the financial and investment services industry, she continues to provide essential expertise to the Wealth Management Team and bank as a whole. She graduated with Cum Laude honors from Occidental College with a double major in Economics. Prior to joining Bank of New Hampshire, Murray spent more than 15 years with Wellington Management Company in Boston as a Vice President and provided

investment counsel to private trusts. She is a graduate of Leadership Lakes Region and serves as a Director on their Board.

In 2017, Murray received Bank of New Hampshire's Quality Service Professional of the Year Award. That

same year she received United Way's Employee Campaign Coordinator of the Year Award. She is an active volunteer throughout the community.

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agement products and services to families and businesses throughout New Hampshire and southern Maine. With 23 banking offices throughout New Hampshire and assets of nearly \$2 billion, Bank of New Hampshire is the oldest and one of the largest independent banks in

the state. Bank of New Hampshire is a mutual organization, focused on the success of the bank's customers, communities and employees, rather than stockholders. For more information, call 1-800-832-0912 or visit [www.BankNH.com](http://www.BankNH.com).

## David Cronin promoted to Executive VP, Chief Human Resources Officer at NH Mutual Bancorp



David Cronin

REGION — New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) has announced that David Cronin has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for the organization. NHMB is a shared service organization that provides essential services to three 150-year-old mutual community banks in New Hampshire - Savings Bank of Walpole, Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSBS) - as well as their sister organization NHTrust, a full-service trust and investment management firm. The services provided by NHMB to their sister companies include human resources, finance, information technology, compliance management, facilities management, risk management, operations and marketing. In his role, Cronin, provides leader-

ship for NHMB's human resources, benefits, payroll, recruiting and corporate culture.

"David's extensive background in human resources has benefited the company well during this period of intensive growth and challenges," said Gregg Tewksbury, President and CEO of NHMB. "He's worked tirelessly to align compensation and benefit plans as our company brought banks together and recently added to our financial services

affiliate though an acquisition. David's focus on our talent and workplace culture benefits all of us as he advocates for employee well-being in everything he does."

Cronin joined Meredith Village Savings Bank in 2008 as Vice President and Human Resources Officer. In 2009, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and Human Resources Officer and again promoted in 2014 as Human Resources Director for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp.

Cronin is active in his local church and community, and lives in Madison with his family.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a shared services organization, was formed in 2013 when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village

Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated – the first relationship of its kind in the state. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other's strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third affiliate in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSBS and the Merrimack. Savings Bank of Walpole joined NHMB in 2018. In 2020, MillRiver Wealth Management affiliated with the New Hampshire Trust Company and Savings Bank of Walpole Wealth Management to become NHTrust. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.8 billion. For more information, visit [nhmutual.com](http://nhmutual.com).

## Alton Legion to host Christmas Fair

ALTON — American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 will host a Christmas Fair Nov. 28 with shopping from 1-4 p.m. at Post 72, 164 Wolfeboro Highway, Alton. Christmas shopping made easy, many vendors to visit and purchase gifts for family, friends and heart throbs. All proceeds to benefit our veterans and the local community. CDC guidelines in place.

## Locke Lake Colony board meets Nov. 19

BARNSTEAD — The next public meeting of the Locke Lake Colony Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m at the Lodge.

These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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# Leadership Lakes Region announces new board members

LACONIA — Leadership Lakes Region announces the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors.

Joining the Board of Directors are Anthony Bean Burpee, Greg Goddard and Brian Winslow.

“All our new board members embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to the table,” said Jennifer McLean, Program Coordinator.

Anthony Bean Burpee has been the Gilford Police Department Chief since 2014 and is

in his 23rd year of law enforcement. Previously he had been with the Kennebunk (ME) Police Department holding the positions of Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant.

Bean Burpee holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration. He is a member of the Gilford Rotary, 1st Vice President of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association and a graduate of LLR,

Class of 2017.

Greg Goddard is recently retired after a 39-year career in the NH Ski Industry including 21 years as the General Manager of Gunstock Mountain Resort. Throughout his career he has held leadership positions in numerous civic and charitable organizations.

Goddard is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Bank of New Hampshire, Commissioner of Lakes Business Park, Trustee of Gilford Village Knolls Retirement Community, Vice President of the Lakes Region Tourism Association, Trustee of the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club and a member of the Board of Directors for the Live Like Doug Education Center. He is also an incorporator for the Taylor Community and LRGHealthcare. He is a graduate of LLR, Class of 2019.

Brian Winslow is the Vice President for Advancement & Business Development with Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice. He has been working with



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not-for-profit organizations for almost 25 years. During this time he has volunteered, consulted or held positions in many organizations including the Maine Conservations Corps, Maine Department of Transportation and LRGHealthcare.

Winslow holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University, a Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Manage-

ment from University of Southern Maine and a Master of Science in Marketing from Southern New Hampshire University. He has achieved the status of Certified Fund Raising Executive and is an active member of New England Association of Healthcare Philanthropy and the Association of Fundraising Professionals as well as its Northern New England Chapter. Winslow is a graduate of LLR, Class of 2008.

Leadership Lakes Region is an organization dedicated to community improvement by developing, expanding, promoting and putting in place a network of effective volunteer leaders with a variety of skills and interests.

For more information about Leadership Lakes Region, please visit [www.leadershiplakesregion.org](http://www.leadershiplakesregion.org).

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## Light Up Season at the Belknap Mill!

LACONIA — Lighting the windows of the Belknap Mill during the holidays has been a long-standing tradition. Every year candle lights are placed in each of the 122 windows of the historic Mill to celebrate the holiday sea-

son. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, through the end of January, all the candles are turned on and Beacon Street East glows in the reflection of the festive lights.

We invite you to join us in brightening the windows of the Belknap Mill! Dedicate a candlelight in honor of someone special that you would like to celebrate this holiday season. What better gift than giving the gift of light... the gift of hope...the gift of love. For each candlelight you dedicate in someone's name they will receive a personal-

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The tradition of lighting the windows at the Belknap Mill will begin Nov. 1. Lights can be purchased online at [www.BelknapMill.org](http://www.BelknapMill.org) or by calling the Belknap Mill at 524-8813.

Candlelights will be switched on as donations are made. Help us have all 122 lights glowing by Nov. 29 when both the Belknap Mill and Busiel

Mill turn on their lights and Laconia celebrates 'Light Up Laconia!'

All proceeds from 'Light Up the Belknap Mill' support our mission driven programming.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.

## Mix Cash & Cans prize calendars on sale

REGION — Mix 94.1 FM's 34th annual Cash & Cans Money and Food Drive for the Holidays is set for Dec. 4-11. A unique way to raise money is to purchase a Mix Cash & Cans prize calendar.

“The calendar is filled with over four thousand dollars in cash and prizes, each prize donated to us by area businesses and individuals. And we appreciate each and every one of them,” said Fred Caruso, founder of the Cash & Cans program in 1987.

Winners will be selected daily during December and you can win

multiple times.

Calendars are ten dollars each and available at Prescott's Florist, Vista Foods and All My Life Jewelers in Laconia; at Franklin Savings Bank offices in Franklin, Tilton, Gilford, Bristol, Tilton and Boscawen; Caleb's Barber Shop, Tilton; Park-N-Go Market, Northfield and The Hair Depot, Franklin. You can also email Caruso at [fred@mix941fm.com](mailto:fred@mix941fm.com) and calendars will be mailed to you.

Last year, Mix Cash & Cans raised over \$44,000 in cash and thousands of pounds of non-per-

ishable food items. All donations stay local, benefiting the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry; The Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region; the Tilton/Northfield/Sanbornton (TNS) Christmas Fund; Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen; the Franklin Police Toys for Tots program; Santa's 'Lil Helpers through the Belmont Police Department; Every Child Is Ours; the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry and the Northfield/Tilton Congregational Church Food Pantry.

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**Wednesday:** Night Prayers any time after 7:00 at [stkdrexel.org](http://stkdrexel.org).

**Thursday:** Rosary at 6:30, Prayer Group at 7:00 at [stkdrexel.org](http://stkdrexel.org).

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race in New Durham by a tally of 1,129 to 614 over Mark Brave.

The remainder of the races were uncontested, with Thomas Velardi

(county attorney), Pamela Arnold (county treasurer), Catherine Berube (register of deeds), Luz Bay (register of probate) and Deanna Rollo, Robert Watson and George Maglaras (three county commissioner seats) all winning their seats.

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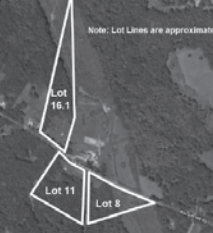


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### Gilford Elementary School Long Term Substitute (2)

With a K-5 certification for the 2020-2021 school year. Expected to effectively deliver lessons to a range of learners and age groups, responsively manage and support these students, as well as collaborate with team members across the elementary school.

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**For more information and consideration, candidates should apply on line at [www.sau73.org](http://www.sau73.org).**

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## Gilford School District

### Middle School Alpine Skiing Coach

### Middle School Girls B Basketball Coach

### Middle School Unified Basketball Coach

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 Rick Acquilano  
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