

Conservation Commission members set out to keep Groton's roads clean

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GROTON — Earth Day found four members of the Groton Conservation Commission walking the road to pick up all the litter that has been accumulating over the years. “Slim” Spafford, chair of the commission, said it had been ten years since the roadsides had last been cleaned, and commissioners felt it was high time to do it again.

Starting bright and early on Sunday morning they began at the town offices on North Groton Road and headed down hill past the transfer station.

“It’s been a lot slower going then we thought, and we found a lot more trash than we expected,” Spafford said. “The wind blows a lot of things out of the transfer station, so we spent about 45 minutes just cleaning things up along there.”

Joining him for the cleanup were Selectman and liaison to



While picking up trash along North Groton Road on Earth Day, members of the Conservation Commission paused for a photo in front of the town offices. From left to right are Slim Spafford, Ruth Gaffey, and Gina and John Rescigno.

the commission, John Rescigno; his wife Gina, who is vice chair of the commission; and commissioner Ruth Gaffey.

“This is such a beautiful town. We need to keep it clean,” Gaffey said.

They only got about a mile along North Groton Road cleaned that morning but did a thorough job the whole way.

“If I saw something, even a little ways out

in the woods, I had to go out and get it,” said Gina Rescigno.

They stopped just before lunch to drive down to the Town Pond and assess the situation there before they host their annual

children’s fishing derby in six weeks. The crew was pleased to see very little in the way of trash, but noted that winter flood waters had certainly impacted the area, leaving silt and branches on the property and pushing against signs and a picnic table.

Spafford said that Groton takes great pride in its natural beauty. There are thousands of acres of conservation land in the town, including the newly acquired Kimball Hill property and the Cockermouth Forest. Industrial businesses have also invested in the preservation of forests in Groton and one of those is the Legacy Land owned

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A unique local tradition continues in Hill with annual Baby Book ceremony

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HILL – For more than two decades, the Friends of the Hill Public Library have been honoring babies born in the town with a children’s book dedicated in their name to the town library, and this year, six new tots were recognized during a special presentation at the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School.

Library Director Lynn Christopher presented each child with a board book of their own to keep and announced which new library book will bear a nameplate recognizing their birth.

The first new resident of the year was Wyatt Flick, who was born in January. His name will be found in the children’s book “Groundhog’s Di-



Hill librarian Lynn Christopher showed young Jonathan Shaw and his dad Micah the book that will now bear his name at the library, an ongoing tradition for babies born in the community each year.

lemma.” For little Jonathan Shaw, who was born in March, the library selected “In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb” and young

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Local police departments hosting collections for National Drug Take-Back Day Saturday

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REGION — National Drug Take-Back Day is slated for Saturday, April 28, and residents are encouraged to take a look in their medicine cabinets and sort out any medications they are no longer using or that have passed their expiration date, then take them to one of many disposal sites available throughout the state on that day.

Police officials can accept any pills, capsules or dry packet medications; however, they cannot take liquids, needles or syringes at the drop-off sites. People do not need to be a resident of a town to utilize any of the drop-off locations and all items are collected unanimously then

sent to an incinerator where they are destroyed.

While the Drug Enforcement Agency recommends that people take advantage of the national drug take-back days, locally police departments in Belmont, Bristol, Gilford, Franklin and Laconia also have secure year-round drop boxes available for public use at their headquarters.

The DEA offers a few tips for those who cannot access one of those locations though. One tip is to pour unwanted medication into a sealable plastic bag then add water to dissolve tablets and capsules, or add coffee grounds, kitty litter or a similar substance to any liquids. Once the

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Hebron FD puts new wetsuits to the test during cold water rescue training

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HEBRON — A few of the members of Hebron’s Fire Department took a dip in Newfound Lake last Wednesday evening, not only for some cold water rescue training, but to also test out two new Mustang Ice Commander rescue suits the department recently purchased.

Chief John Fischer said their February snowmobile Poker Run and two generous donations to the department made the purchase possible.

“We have two older



Linda Fischer, the chief EMT for Hebron Fire Department demonstrates to firefighters Stacey Manny and Colin Dumark how bear claws are used to pull oneself back up onto the ice during an ice rescue. Looking on is Chief John Fischer.

suits, but this gives us greater capability for cold water rescues should we need them,” he said.

Because of its location on the northern shores

of Newfound Lake, Hebron can often be one of the rescue crews called

upon, whether it’s for a snowmobiler, fisherman, swimmer or a boating accident. The chief pointed out that even without ice on the lake, the water can still be quite cold and on a windy day it can feel even colder. Hypothermia can set in quickly without them, the chief said.

With a few new members on the department, a training session on how to perform a cold water rescue was led by Hebron’s head EMT Linda Fischer. Volunteer

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Bristol selectmen review Transfer Station contract

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Having awarded the contract for the first phase of work at the town’s transfer station to one of its own members, the Bristol Board of Selectmen pub-

licly reviewed the bidding process during its April 19 meeting. Chair Rick Alpers raised the issue as engineer Mike Vignale was providing an update on the project. Alpers said that, out of fairness to

J.P. Morrison and the town, it was important to remind people of how Morrison ended up as the lowest bidder. “There was no special consideration to J.P.,” Alpers said. Vignale listed the pub-

lications where the bid request was published, said there was a pre-bid meeting giving representatives of the various construction companies an opportunity to ask questions to clarify their understanding of the job, and explained that six bids were received — all coming in higher than expected.

Morrison Construction LLC was the low bidder, at \$213,950, with the next lowest bid coming from United Construction Corporation, at \$246,937. The highest bid — \$293,800 — came from R.D. Edmunds & Sons. Besides the construction work, the project budget included \$10,300 for engineering, \$28,850 for a new compactor, and \$8,000 for electrical, bringing the total project cost to \$261,100.

Morrison pointed out that United’s bid was \$35,000 higher than his. “If we were \$1 less than the next bidder, it might be something to think about,” he said.

Selectman Les Dion said she was “very comfortable” with that explanation, and added that she was glad the bid went to a local company that also was the low bidder.

Selectman Don Milbrand was not present at the meeting, but the consensus among the other selectmen was that the town should proceed with the signing of the contracts for work at the transfer station.

With the cost of recycling exceeding that of disposing of rubbish in the regular solid waste

bin, town officials are looking at ways of keeping costs down. Alpers said they are reluctant to do away with recycling completely because it might be difficult to get people to resume recycling when the market changes, but he admitted that the town may have to consider that if the costs continue running so high. Currently, it costs \$120 per ton to get rid of recyclables, while regular solid waste costs \$65 per ton.

The town has started asking people to separate glass from other recyclables, to reduce the volume, and they were to visit New London’s setup because that town reportedly continues to make money by recycling.

Other projects discussed included the Millstream Park project, where various groups are looking at providing an informational kiosk, signs, and seating areas. Planner Liz Kelly said they also are considering extending the bike path that now starts at one end of the property all the way through the park. Kelly is looking into grants that might help with the project on town property where the former Millstream restaurant used to operate, alongside the Newfound River.

Selectmen also discussed the prospect of moving the former chamber of commerce information booth from the foot of Newfound Lake to Millstream Park. Across town, Vignale

is assisting with the design of a park and multi-use trail by the old train depot at the confluence of the Newfound and Pemigewasset rivers. He said there are trees that need to be cut, but taking down trees is prohibited between June 1 and July 31, so they would have to fell the trees between now and the end of May. The town plans to put up signs and construction fencing to keep people out during that phase of the work.

Vignale said plans for work on Central Street have been scale down to make sure the work fits within the budget.

He is still looking into what should be done about erosion at Cummings Beach. He expects to recommend extending a wall and placing stone along the slope to stabilize the bank.

Selectmen asked Town Administrator Nik Coates and Fire Chief Ben LaRoche to get additional bids for the architectural and engineering work at the fire station. They had one bid, from Warren Street Architects, but town policy calls for three bids on projects in this price range — \$15,000.

Coates reported that students from Dartmouth College’s Tuck School of Engineering have asked the town to suggest a project they could do, and he suggested a market analysis. The students will weigh proposals from several communities and decide which one they would like to take up.



Donna Rhodes
Everett Begor of the Bristol Lions Club holds his new pal Brock after he received his rabies vaccine from Dr. Jill Prince. Last weekend’s rabies clinic in Bristol is one of many Lions Clubs programs they provide for the community each year.

Bristol Lions excited for annual raffle

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BRISTOL – The Bristol Lions Club is pleased to announce that tickets for their Annual Raffle will go on sale on Tuesday, May 1, and will be available for purchase until Sept. 3, with the drawing taking place the following day. All money raised through the raffle furthers their programs and services to the community.

This year, there are more than 32 chances to win and among those items are a 50 caliber CVA Muzzle Loader from Newfound Sales and Trading Post; 100 gals. of propane or heating oil from Rymes Propane & Oil; a one-day boat rental on Newfound Lake, courtesy of West Shore Marine; two one-night rooms at the Inn on Newfound Lake and a Mount Washington boat cruise for two on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Other prizes have been made available through Bristol House of Pizza, Gilly’s Restaurant, Twin Designs Gift Shop, Hebron Village Store, Bristol Hannaford, Bristol Diner, The Mill Fudge Factory, Bristol Dunkin Donuts, The Purple Pit

and Newfound Country Store. Also donating to the raffle prize list are Cielito Mexican Restaurant, Dead River Company, Fred’s Auto Trends, Kellie’s Grooming, Bristol Aubuchon Hardware, Skip’s Sport Shop, R.P. Williams & Sons, Kathleen’s Irish Pub, Gina’s Place, Village Pizza of Bristol and Lincross Sandwiches & Baked Goods.

“We have some really great prizes this year. There’s something for everyone,” said Everett Begor of the Lions Club.

Begor said money raised through the raffle help the club serve both the local and international communities. Chartered in 1951, members of the Bristol Lions Club offer scholarships each year to Tapply Thompson Community Center along with a Community Service Award scholarship to students at Newfound Regional High School. In addition to that, they donate funds to the community center for their programs, assist with Santa’s Village, and make donations to Bristol Community Services and the U.S. Disaster Relief program.

“As an example of

what we do, we sent help to Puerto Rico after the hurricane destroyed everything,” said Begor.

The organization also hosts a local rabies clinic each spring, along with a Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner. Their food wagon can be found at a number of other events, such as the Lions Track Meet, Old Home Day, Halloween and Christmas events in Central Square, and the Fourth of July parade and fireworks.

And while that seems like a lot, it isn’t all that Lions Club members are involved with. They also support Lions Club International programs through donations to the One Sight Program and Lions NH Sight and Hearing. Locally people will now be able to help out, too, by donating their old eyeglasses and lenses, hearing aides, cellphones, and new this year, used ink jet cartridges. Toner cartridges however, are not being accepted, Begor cautioned.

Drop boxes for those items can be found at the Hebron Post Office, Hannaford’s Supermarket in Bristol, Franklin Savings Bank and Newfound Sales & Trading Post.

The group also holds eye screening clinics periodically and provides assistance for those in need of eye exams, glasses and hearing aides.

In the meantime, to help fund all those efforts, tickets for their raffle are available at The Purple Pit, Inn on Newfound Lake, Andy & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Newfound Sales & Trading Post, or through any Lions Club members. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and winners will be notified by phone after the Sept. 4 drawing.

Anyone who would like more information on the raffle, the Lions Club in general, or any of their services is asked to contact Merle at 481-0217 or Everett at 744-3335.



Donna Rhodes
Hannaford Supermarket in Bristol presented a check for \$4,000 to the N.H. Marathon committee last weekend in support of the annual race that benefits the Circle Camp program for girls, the Mayhem Program for boys, and the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. From left to right are Monica Zulauf of the Mayhem Program, Bristol’s Hannaford Supermarket Assistant Manager Mike Daughn, marathon co-director Karen Schaffner, Circle Program Executive Director Kathleen Kearns, Carol Hueber of the marathon board, and New Hampshire Marathon co-chair Bob Watson.

Hannaford signs on again as sponsor of NH Marathon

BRISTOL – With a generous \$4,000 donation from store manager Joel Lloyd, Hannaford Supermarket in Bristol, has become the title sponsor for the second year running in support of the New Hampshire Marathon.

The NH Marathon, first held in 1993 as a single race event run mainly around Newfound Lake, has evolved into four different events: the 26.2 mile marathon, a 13.1 mile half marathon, a 10k race, as well as a kids’ marathon run in sections that finishes on race day.

Now, more than 600 runners with their friends and families come from New Hampshire, across the U. S.

and international runners flock to Bristol, NH to compete in these prestigious events. Both the marathon and half marathon have been recognized as superior events by Runners’ World and the 100 Half Marathons Club. This year, the 26th NH Marathon events will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Over the years, donors’ fees, race entry fees, and funds from related events have contributed over \$275,000 to three local organizations: the Tapply-Thompson Community Center, the Circle Program, and Camp Mayhew. These groups provide important support to area youth

through year-round programs touching and enriching the lives of over 500 children a year. This would not be possible without the support of community partners such as Hannaford Supermarkets and local businesses.

Registration for the 26th annual NH Marathon, half marathon, 10k and kids’ run is now open. Access www.nh-marathon.com to complete the application. Not a runner, but want to help the cause? Please use the registration link to sign up to be a volunteer. You can also contact race headquarters at race@nhmarathon.com or 744-2713.

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Plymouth State University names Robin Dorff, Ph.D., Provost

PLYMOUTH—Plymouth State University (PSU) announced today the appointment of Robin Dorff, Ph.D., as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, following a national search.

Since July 2012, Dr. Dorff has served as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kennesaw State University (KSU), a member of the University System of Georgia. In this role, in which he is the chief academic and administrative officer of the college with more than 6,600 students, he leads, manages, and supervises all aspects of the college operations including more than 340 full-time and 250 part-time faculty, curriculum develop-

ment, teaching, scholarly/creative activity, assessment, strategic leadership, program and fiscal management (budget; \$40-plus million; \$5 million operating), accreditation, human resource management, and fundraising/development.

Prior to Kennesaw State, Dr. Dorff served as Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) where he was the General Douglas MacArthur Chair of Research.

“The selection of Dr. Dorff as our Provost represents an important next step in our reimagining of Plymouth State University,” said Donald Birx, Ph.D., president, Plymouth



Robin Dorff
State University. “As we move fully into our Integrated Clusters model, Robin’s internationally-recognized expertise in strategy and

planning, combined with his success at Kennesaw State in reorganizing a traditional college structure to a collaborative learning environment, will serve us well.”

After completing his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Dr. Dorff held faculty positions at Michigan State University and North Carolina State University. He has served on the USAWC faculty as a visiting professor and as Professor of National Security Policy and Strategy in the Department of National Security and Strategy, where he also held the General Maxwell D. Taylor Chair and served as department chair. Dr. Dorff has been a senior advisor with Creative Associates International, Inc., in Washington, D.C., and served as executive director of the Institute of Political Leadership in Raleigh, N.C.

and in Canada, Europe, Africa, and Asia. He is the recipient of the U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Award, the U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, and the U.S. Secretary of State Distinguished Public Service Award.

“Through a system of strong, shared governance, Dr. Dorff led College faculty and staff from two Universities through one of the largest university consolidations in U.S. higher education, and has facilitated strategy and strategic planning sessions for national non-profit organizations, Fortune 500 companies and U.S. Government Agencies,” said Birx. “I am confident that with this appointment, Dr. Dorff will bring his background in academics as well as strategic operations to play a key role as we continue to operationalize Plymouth State University into the future as a strong, vibrant University.”

Newfound Regional High School honor roll

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School has released its honor roll for the third marking term of the 2017-2018 school year.

- 12th Grade**
High Honors: Quentin Danciewicz Helmers, Emma Howe, Emma Lagueux, Alexis Lane, Makayla Pixley
Honors: Brittney Albert, Bethany Basford, Timothy Bony, Shanley Camara, Elizabeth Croxon, Manon DeGreef, Danelle Duclos, Ketevan (Kate) Gabashvili, Kylee Hanser, Scott Henderson, Hayleigh Letourneau, Bradley MacDonald, Kylee MacDonald, Julianne Marchand, Brian McGlew, Brian Mc-

- Guirk, Abigail Patten, Zachary Patten, Ethan Pruett, Victoria Roman, Mikayla Royea, Kaylan Santamaria, James Shokal, Keeyote Slover Carpenter, Madison Timmins, Brianna Voelbel
- 11th Grade**
High Honors: Jonathan Blake, Hannah Eastman, Cole Frye, Madison Martin, Mason Martin, Reid Wilkins
Honors: Cody Barton, Jillian Buchanan, Makayla Coffin, Julie Costigan, Madison Dalphonse, Kathryn Drapeau, Elliot Economides, Madison Gould, Nicholas Green, Matthew Libby, Deanna Martin, Josiah Page, Madison Paige, Dylan Perkins, Jacob

- Pfister, Cheyenne Reilly, Logan Rouille, Gracie Schilling, Leslie Shattuck, Kaeli Staples, Trinity Taylor, Cheyenne Weisberg, Hayley Young
- 10th Grade**
High Honors: Ashlynn Hatch, Kasandra McClay, Riley Pierce, Valentina Raptis, Kyle Rosendahl, Madison Royea, Anna Watson
Honors: Leah Bunnell, Lillian Colby, Lexie Cote, Evelyn Cutting, Isaiah Dokus, Ashlar Dotson, Duncan Farmer, Maur Geldermann, Hewitt Lily, Gracelyn Huntoon, Jacob Judkins, Caroline Marchand, Brandon Marcoux, Aiden O'Donnell, Sophia, Pettit, Alexis Raimondi, Jacob Reichenthal, Ezekial

- Richardson, Keegan Sanborn, Wil Taylor
- 9th Grade**
High Honors: Jacob Blouin, Mackenzie Bohlmann, Grace Hadaway, Jennifer MacDonald, Gretchen McGowan, Adele Meyer, Meghan Murray, Olivia Obara, Madison Perry, Simon Shedd, Oceanne Skoog
Honors: Autumn Bralley, Tiffany Doan, Haley Dukette, Sadira Dukette, Adrian Ehmman, Bailey Fairbank, Owen Henry, Matthew Karkheck, Serenity LaPage, Tyler MacLean, Michael Macklin, Alyssa McDonough, Jasmine Peterson, Hayden Reynolds, Shyann Seymour, Marisa Stafford, Skyler Torsey, Emma Tucker

Medical call leads Bristol police to discovery of counterfeit currency and drugs

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BRISTOL — At noon on Monday, April 23, Bristol Police Department and Bristol EMS responded to the Dollar General Store on Lake Street for the report of a medical emergency. Upon arrival, the subject was conscious but lethargic, and after an evaluation by EMS personnel he refused further medi-

cal treatment.

Police Chief James McIntire reported that his officers believed the man to be under the influence of some type of substance, however, and he was therefore detained for protective custody until someone could be reached to take custody of him.

While in the process of confirming his identification, the man was also

found to be in possession of approximately \$2,000 in counterfeit \$100 bills, along with what they believed to be illegal drugs.

As a result of that discovery, a search warrant was obtained for the vehicle. With a warrant in hand, officers found heroine and crystal methamphetamine inside, as well as \$504 in cash and other items that indicated he was involved in il-

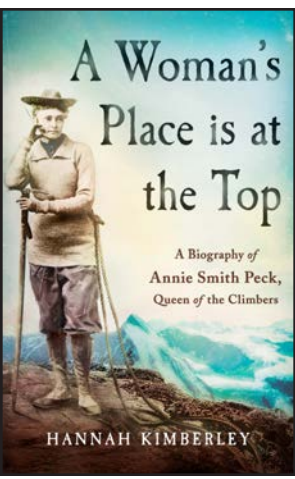
legal drug sales, McIntire said.

The suspect, identified as 30-year-old Nicholas R. Clifford of Bristol, was arrested and charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and one count of possession of heroin with intent to distribute. Clifford refused bail and was held at the Grafton County Jail until he faced a judge on April 24.

The chief said that the counterfeit cash possession case will now be forwarded to the U.S. Secret Service for their investigation.

Museum of the White Mountains & Squam Lakes Association to host author Hannah Kimberly

PLYMOUTH — On Saturday, April 28 from 10 to 11 a.m., the Museum of the White Mountains (MWM) is hosting author Hannah Kimberly as she gives a special look into the life of Annie Smith Peck, one of the most accomplished women of the twentieth century that you never heard of. Until now. In her new book, “A Woman’s Place is At the Top:



A Biography of Annie Smith Peck, Queen of the Climbers,” Kimberly presents the first comprehensive biography of this remarkable woman who transcended the limitations and expectations of her time. An early feminist and accomplished adventurer, Peck first gained fame for climbing the Matterhorn—not for

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Medicine cabinet cleanout

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

Help our community prevent prescription medicine abuse and accidental poisoning by monitoring and properly disposing of your unused, unwanted, or expired medications on Saturday, April 28 as part of the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

In October 2017, Americans nationwide did their part to reduce the opioid crisis by bringing the DEA and its more than 4,200 local and tribal law enforcement partners a record-setting 912,305 pounds—456 tons—of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at more than 5,300 collection sites. That is almost six tons more than was collected at the April 2017 collection event and brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to 9,015,668 pounds, or 4,508 tons.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that most of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Permanent Take Back boxes are available 24/7 at Bristol Police Department, Lincoln Police Department and Plymouth Police Department. You can help prevent prescription drug abuse

by disposing of your unused, unwanted or expired prescriptions in these local Rx Medication Drop Boxes at any time of day.

Substance abuse prevention requires community action and our collective commitment will help keep our children safe from the harms of substance abuse. Thank you for being part of the solution by helping to limit illicit access by decreasing the supply of unused prescription medications in the home!

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, go to <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>, www.cadyinc.org, or contact the CADY office at 536-9793.

Bring your unused or expired medications (just pills or liquids - no pressurized canisters or needles) to the following local police stations on Saturday, April 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Disposal is free, convenient, confidential and safe.

Ashland Police Department, 137 Main St., Ashland

Bristol Police Department, 230 Lake St., Bristol

Holderness Police Department, 922-US Route 3, Holderness

Lincoln Police Department 148 Main St., Lincoln

New Hampton Police Department 24 Intervale Rd., New Hampton

Plymouth Police Department 334 Main St., Plymouth

Thornton Police Department 16 Merrill Access Rd., Thornton

Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety 14 TAC Lane, Waterville Valley

If you or someone you know struggles with addiction or substance use, call the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-HELP (4357).

PET of the Week Duke

Considering Duke has endured much upheaval in his life, it's a wonder he's even interested in the comings and goings of humans, but he still carries himself with noble poise and dignity, exuding a quiet confidence not often seen in a shelter environment. As long as he can carry a soft toy or two in his mouth, he meets each day with optimism, thinking "maybe today I'll find my permanent home?"

He was a 'free dog' on Craig's List who was surrendered to our shelter in August 2017. We placed him in a terrific home but his newest owners had health issues that meant looking after such a big dog



was too difficult; So Duke returned to us in February. He was adopted to a lovely family in March, truly a

match made in heaven, but horrible allergy issues not evident at the shelter meant he had to be returned, again,



through nobody's fault: least of all Duke's.

Now he waits again. This big shepherd/massif/malamute mix takes life one day at a time as he navigates the fickle ways of the universe.

Really a large box of soft toys and being the one and only pet in the household is Duke's wish. Stalwart and true, a more refined companion you will not find anywhere else.

Come and visit him and see what we mean

NH Humane Society will host the third Community Rabies & Microchip clinic Saturday May 5 9-12 noon. Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

In the White House, my Millie would never have had a chance

Finding a local angle to a fast-breaking regional or national story is one of the oldest newsroom tricks in the books. Editors, being a relatively dimwitted and unimaginative lot to begin with, will grab a BBC report on the Loch Ness monster, or perhaps an Associated Press story about a tornado in Missouri, and growl at a hapless reporter, "Get me a local angle on this."

(Caveat: For many years, I was one of those editors, although I swear I never told a reporter to get a local angle.)

Here, then, is a local angle on the passing last week of former First Lady Barbara Bush. And it's not even a stretch.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



but suffered no fools and would brook no obscurity in conversation. If she didn't understand something, you had better be ready to state your case, pronto.

As for Millie, I had been warned about her by Ron Kaufman, a Bush aide who'd gotten me into this running thing with the Vice President in the first place. It all began in a place far, far away, and a long, long time ago (some harp music here).

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A formidable duo: Millie, who taught visitors to respect the White House and not be draping their arms all over the place, and mistress Barbara Bush, who taught Millie.



JOHN HARRIGAN

This Millie definitely does not live the life of a White House dog. Here she is seen checking out some suspicious snowshoe tracks on her morning patrol.

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Because of my parents' friendship with former Governor Hugh Gregg and family, and because the Greggs and Bushes have long been such good friends, I was privileged to spend a little time with Mrs. Bush, events that are crystal clear to this day.

Her dog of the time was named Millie, same as mine is today. During those times everyone around the White House knew that Millie, like her mistress, was not to be trifled with.

Mrs. Bush had a ready wit and a warm heart,

I'd only owned the Coös County Democrat for a year or so when New Hampshire once again found itself playing a key role in who might occupy the White House. This time around, the Republican nomination seemed to be a showdown between Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush.

The Bush team was anxious to point out the age difference between the two men, and indeed the media portrayed Bush sailing, playing tennis, golfing and running. The Reagan team's

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Letters to the Editor

Irvine will serve NHEC's membership well

To the Editor:

As a New Hampshire Electric Co-op member, I am casting my vote for Neil Irvine in this year's election for the Board of Directors.

I have personally known Neil for almost 10 years, and his dedication to the community he serves is well documented; he has shown he has the ability, the desire and the leadership skills to be the right

choice to join the NHEC Board of Directors. I know he will serve the members of the Co-op with the same integrity, thoughtfulness and passion that he exhibits in all his endeavors.

Please join me in voting for Neil Irvine in this year's election.

*Tim Stearns
New Hampton*

Services planned for Harold Hanaford

BRIDGEWATER — Hanaford, who died on March 17, 2018, will be held on Saturday May

5, 2018 at 859 River Rd. in Bridgewater beginning at 11 a.m.

Arnold Parker, 88

MEREDITH — Arnold (Cy) Parker, passed away peacefully with family and friends standing around him singing, "It Is Well With My Soul" at The Retreat at Golden View, on April 15, 2018 in Meredith.

Arnold is survived by his children, Nancy Larrimore and husband Andrew of Hope, Maine, Robert Reece and wife Susan of Beverly, Mass., Edward Parker and wife Lynnda of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bruce Parker and wife Charity Parker of Gilford; grandchildren include Emily Parker of Boston, Mass., and Austin Parker of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Arnold was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Velma Ellis Parker, and later wife of nine years, Jane Pitman Parker.

Arnold was born on Sept. 9, 1929 in Lancast-



er to Austin and Helen Parker. He grew up in Jefferson until the age of 13, when he moved to Tamworth, where he worked for Dr. Remick on his farm. That is where he met Velma (Peggy). After marriage, they moved to the Lakes Region, settling in New Hampton, where they raised their family. For over 45 years, Arnold worked for Irwin Motors in Laconia, as a mechanic, until retirement in 2010. Arnold was actively involved at Calvary Bible church in Meredith, where he was an elder and deacon.

Arnold will be remembered for his love of God, his willingness to pray, teaching a Sunday School class, and later, at his post, passing out bulletins and giving hugs.

A memorial service was scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Bible Church, St. James Street, in Meredith, with a reception to follow. Rev. Roger Brown officiated the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Arnold's (Cy's) life.

In lieu of Flowers, please send donations to the NH Audubon Society, 84 Silk Rd., Concord, NH 03301.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Retreat at Golden View for their exceptional care and comfort of Arnold.

To sign Cy's Book of Memories, visit www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com.

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 75

WILSON, N.C. — Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 75, of Wilson, N.C., formerly of Groton, passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2018 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, N.C.

Born in Manchester, he is the son of the late Normand and Claire (Auger) Desrosiers. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, foster parent and friend. Bob was faith filled

and a pillar of strength for his family. He was employed at Verizon / New England Telephone Company for 30 years until his retirement.

Bob is survived by his wife, Anne (Kenney) Desrosiers, with whom he shared 53 years of marriage; sons Robert, Jason, and Andrew; daughters Michelle (and husband Trevor) Griffin, Anne-Marie Randazzo, Christina and Katherine

(and husband Cody) Lee. He is also survived by his brother, Danny (and wife Dori) Desrosiers and his sister Patricia Avery and by several grand-children, great grand-children, nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his son Normand and his brother, Gerald Desrosiers.

Per Robert's wishes, there will be no services.

Harold Hardy Wiggin, 90

ALEXANDRIA — Harold Hardy Wiggin, known fondly as "Tad" or "Uncle Haddy" to friends and family, died on Thursday, April 19, 2018, one day after his 90th birthday.

Harold was the youngest child born to Roscoe and Nellie Wiggin in Tamworth in 1928, and attended local schools during the Great Depression. The family raised their own livestock and vegetables, a practice Harold continued his entire life. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the 279th Infantry Division in Japan during the Korean War. Upon his return, he worked as a tractor-trailer driver, delivering lumber from yards in Carroll County to New York and Boston. He later began working as a lineman for the Seaward Construction Company, installing and repairing power lines throughout New England.

He married his wife Marilyn in September of 1954, and they settled in their first home in Center Ossipee. In the early 1960's, he was hired by the former Public Service Company of New Hampshire as a lineman, and was an active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This position resulted in the family moving to Bristol.

Just a few years later, he and Marilyn purchased their current home in South Alexandria. Harold retired as



a line supervisor from Public Service in 1985 when the company was reorganized. This gave him the opportunity to pursue endless projects around the house, including maintaining a large vegetable garden every year. He and his good friends "Bud" and Russell Lowell built a sap house and made maple syrup for many spring seasons. Harold was always busy, either with one of his own projects, or helping a friend or neighbor with theirs. Much of his time was spent at the nearby Robbie and Walker farms, where he was very much in his element. He was highly active in the Pemigewasset Valley Snowmobile Club, serving as President and Trail Master for many years. He was named Groomer of the Year by the NH Bureau of Trails for his dedication and hard work maintaining and grooming the local trail system. He was also very active in the Whittier Lions Club in West Ossipee.

The family spent many summers enjoying the camp on West Pond in Parsonsfield, Maine. Many good times were spent with friends and family, fishing on

the pond, playing horse-shoes, or hours of cribbage on the screened porch. One of Harold's great joys was spending time with his family and many friends.

Harold was predeceased by his parents and by three brothers, Philip, Richard, and Kenneth, and his sister Evelyn.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn (Mudgett) Wiggin; a son, Craig Wiggin, and his wife Nancy of Meredith; a daughter, Terri Wiggin Glines, and her husband Roger Glines of Tilton; a grandson, Corey Wiggin of Meredith; and granddaughter Casey Wiggin of Washington, D.C., and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Harold's request, there will be no calling hours. A memorial service celebrating Harold's life will be held on Saturday, May 26 at 11 a.m. at the Bristol United Church of Christ, 15 Church St., Bristol. A private graveside committal at the Chocorua Village Cemetery, Chocorua, will take place at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to do so is encouraged to make a donation to a worthy veteran's organization in Harold's name.

Lord's Funeral Home in Center Ossipee is assisting the family with arrangements. If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory, please visit www.lordfuneralhome.com.

Towns

Alexandria

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Oh my goodness, I'm a bit behind, having too fun in the fresh air and sunshine! Hope the children are enjoying their vacations, along with the teachers and bus drivers. There is still a little snow around, but enough is gone to start on yard projects. I got started on my projects with some help from my little sidekick, Miss Kayleigh. So wonderful to hear giggles in the morning!

Town

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Alexandria UMC

Sunday, April 29, services at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Vestry.

Wednesday, May 2: NAC Meeting at 9 a.m. at Bristol UCC.

Saturday, May 5: Community Dinner at 5 p.m. On the menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverages. Come one, come all and enjoy a wonderful meal and cheerful companionship. This dinner is by donation and everyone is welcome!

Sunday, May 6 is the CROP Walk with NAC in the afternoon. For more information, please leave a message at AUMC for Amy Clayman. The telephone number is 744-8104.

Time for me to get back outside. I am so thankful to be able to move around better since having a shot in one of my knees and hip. Not a cure, but keeping any replacement at bay. Have a happy and safe week ahead! Probably wise to start checking for those nasty little ticks too, on yourself, and your furry friends, big and small, too!

Danbury

Donna Sprague
huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury Church

Sunday worship at the South Danbury Christian Church on April 29 will be at 11 a.m., with conversation and refreshments afterward. Everyone is welcome! For anyone who would like to attend worship or church events but needs a ride, contact us by email or Facebook Messenger to make arrangements. We'll be happy to help.

Save the date for the antique and much loved tool sale to be held on Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Walker Brook Road. The proceeds will benefit the South Danbury Church Preservation Fund. Donations gratefully accepted.

Bell Ringer Concert

The Granite State Bell Ringers will present Americana at 7 p.m. on May 5 at the grange hall. Sponsored by Blazing Star Grange the, doors will open for the performance at 6:30 p.m.

Groton

Ruth Millett 603-786-2926
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From the Select Board Meeting, April 17:

There was a new appointee to the Road Committee, James Joyce. The road committee met on April 12th and then presented their ideas to the Select Board at the 17th meeting. The Select Board agreed to do the road project differently and get the road repaired to the Groton Line near 118. The project will be going out for bids and the Select Board needs to receive those bids no later than June 18 at 4 p.m. The bids will be opened at the Select Board Meeting on June 19, but not necessarily rewarded on that date. The project has a projected completion date of Aug. 29, though there is some flexibility depending on weather conditions and other fac-

tors.

The Junkyard inspector will be making his rounds the first week in June. We had one Junkyard application already, but this will be tabled till inspections. There was discussion of the Road Weight limit being lifted on paved roads, but not on the dirt roads yet as the much of the frost is not out yet. We had one PA29 tax credit application which still needs more paperwork to complete. There was an abatement request that was denied on recommendation of Avitar Assessing.

Bubba stated that he was thankful for Coursey and Sons who helped out this past winter with the plowing and road maintenance. Chief Thompson spoke about an alleged phone scam that he checked out from the "National Police Support Fund." He personally called and it seemed legit, but please check these organizations out to see what your money is being used for before you donate. Many of these organizations (not necessarily this one), use the money to pay for management of the nonprofit and to pay employees with a very small percentage going to those they propose to help. Check with the Better Business Bureau before making out that check.

Meetings and Closures Coming Up:

Select Board Work Session - May 7 at 7 p.m., May 8 at 5 p.m. and May 15 at 6 p.m. at the Town House

Select Board Meetings - May 8 and 15 7 p.m. at the Town House

The Planning Board will be meeting at the Town House on Wednesday, April 25 & May 23 at 7 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will be meeting at the Town House on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

The Select Board Office will be closed April 24 through April 27 and then on May 3 for training in Concord.

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Ashland Community Church

Ashland Community Church is located at 55 Main St., on Route 3 in Ashland (across from Shurfine Market). Parking is available next to and behind the church.

Pastor Ernie Madden

Phone: 968-9464

Email: accernie@hotmail.com

Website: ashland-communitychurch.com

Sundays:

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

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the sanctuary before the service.

Toddler Zone (for infants - five years old) and KidZone (for K-6th grade) are available during the Contemporary Service.

Special Needs Class - For teens-adults at the Contemporary Service. Participants meet in the sanctuary for singing, and are dismissed to their class at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Kidzone:

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Group:

Monday's at 8 p.m. in the church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace, mercy and love. We believe that you will love Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving, and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior.

Our Vision is to become a church that unchurched people will love to attend.

Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus and to help others to do the

same.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ernie Madden at any of the contact information above.

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Sundays: Pastor: Rev. Andrew MacLeod

Intergenerational Service: 10 a.m. – First Sunday of month Ends May 20, returns in Fall

Coffee Fellowship: Following service

Sunday School: 10 a.m. - ends May 20, returns in Fall

Location: P.O. Box 424, 15 Church St., Bristol, NH 03222

Phone: 744-8132

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to noon – Monday, Thursday, Friday

Rev. MacLeod: 9 a.m. to noon – Monday through Thursday and by appointment

Weekly events:

Mondays: Bible study – 7 p.m. A.A. Step meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Bone Builders – 9:30 a.m. Senior Crafts: 9:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon – noon

AA Discussion – 8 p.m.

Fridays: Bone Builders – 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Events:

WIC (Women/Infant/Children) Clinic – second Tuesday at 9 a.m.

T.E.A. (Time, Encourage, Accept) – for Women

Third Thursday at 4 p.m. Meeting place varies.

Women's Fellowship – second Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Ongoing: Bristol Community Services is in need of everything from food items to toiletries!

Coming Events!

Pot roast dinner – 5:30 p.m. On May 12

For those of you who missed the delicious roast turkey dinner on April 7, you have one more chance this year to join us in May. The dinner includes pot roast, potatoes, vegetable, salad and exquisite desserts. Soft beverages and coffee/tea also provided. All are welcome for great food and fellowship!

Crop Hunger Walk – (ending hunger one step at a time) is scheduled for Sunday, May 6. Registration will be between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Walk will commence at 1:30 p.m. We will gather at Bristol Central Square. The walk is about 1 mile and walkers may take a shorter route back to the square, if they wish. Parking is available at the Bristol Baptist Church parking lot. Restrooms are available in the church. Please sign up to be a walker, or donate to someone who has signed up.

Women's Fellowship — Congratulations to our own Lucille Keegan, who is being honored on April 28 at the Deerfield State

Women's Fellowship “Spring Gathering” for her many selfless acts of kindness and service in both our church and community!

B.U.C.C. cooperates with other churches and community organizations to serve the needs of all people who live near us. Our reach extends around the world through our work with other members of the United Church of Christ.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Day Away Program needs volunteers

At Day Away, as volunteers, we share our gifts with the participants. When we do volunteer, the participant's caregiver can catch a breath for several hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday. For the participant it is good food, great challenges, nice games, and great company. The heart of a volunteer is not measured by size but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference. Volun-

teers are needed. Will you join us? Together we can make a person joke a little easier, and chuckle a little lighter. Day Away is an adult, social day care program for a loved one recently diagnosed with beginning to mid stage Alzheimers Disease or related Dementia.

Campus Ministry

Thank you dinner for parishioners who provided courses for the monthly suppers will be Sunday, May 6, at 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's rectory, hosted by grateful students. Invitations to parishioners have been mailed; please RSVP to Kathy Tardif by Monday, April 30, at 535-2673 or kmtardif@plymouth.edu. Calling all bakers! Food for Finals is around the corner, a time when some of the Plymouth State campus ministries deliver comfort food in the form of homemade goodies – free of nut products, please – to all res. halls and Centre Lodge the first night of Finals Week. Parishioners interested in providing batches of cookies or squares should contact Sandy Abbott at 254-3431 or sandyabbott6@gmail.com with their name, phone number, what they will bake, and the amount. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, May 12. The Center is located on Highland Street, across from Lamson Library, the next building up from Citizens Bank

The Annual Crop Hunger Walk, sponsored by Newfound Area Churches, will be held Sunday, May 6, starting with registration at Central Square in Bristol.at 1:15 p.m. The walk starts at 1:30 p.m., and is a two-mile walk. The Crop Walk raises funds to help end hunger, including in our own community. Bristol Community Services will receive a portion of what is raised. To donate or sponsor a walker, or for more information, call Susan Colby at 744-7975.The Catholic Daughters will be reciting the Rosary every Saturday during May at 3:30 p.m. We invite you to join us!

The relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio, will be on display at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, on Monday, April 30, 2018 (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Saint Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. During his lifetime, Padre Pio was known as a mystic with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge, who bore the stigmata. Pope John Paul II canonized

him in 2002.

Life in the Spirit Seminar May 11, 12 and 13, St. Matthew Hall. Registration Friday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Concludes Sunday, May 13 at 11:15 a.m. Call Peter and Kathy Drexel at 536-7580 for more information, or call the office at 536-4700.

Weekly Meetings:

Thursday, April 26

Day Away Program, Simard Hall, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Meeting Room, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 27

RCIA, St. Matthew Rectory, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

No Faith Formation classes

No Confirmation classes

AA meeting Monday– Saturday St. Matthew Hall 11 a.m.

Restoration Church, Plymouth (Assemblies of God)

Happy New Year and greetings from Restoration Church Plymouth located at 319 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you do not have a home church we invite you to come and join our warm and friendly family here at Restoration Church. Please feel free to contact us at hello@restorationchurch.cc.. Our church phone number is still the same, 1-603-536-1966. Our schedule has changed to the following:

Sunday:

10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and third Monday of the Month

Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

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

Our Mission Statement: Just One More!

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicapped accessible on the east entrance.

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairground Rd., Plymouth, is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

Sunday, April 29

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

Service 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Joyful Noise

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director and Choir

Come with us as we make a “joyful noise” that celebrates the music ministry at Starr King UU Fellowship. This annual service features the choir, friends, and members of the fellowship who share their individual music offerings, readings, reflections, and, of course, congregational singing! The offering this Sunday will be collected for the Mary Hazelton Music Fund and the UU Musicians Network Scholarship Fund.

Visit our Web site

www.starrkingfellowship.org

536-8908

Join us on Sunday, April 29 for the Starr King UU Fellowship annual Music Sunday! This year, we will hear from the choir singing Mozart and Dan Forrest's setting of Howard Thurman's "Work of Christmas.” There will be music making from folks of all ages and abilities - and a variety of instruments! The offering that Sunday will be split between the Mary Hazelton Music Fund, which is set for purchase of music for the fellowship and the UUMN (Musician's Network) scholarship fund for the annual conference. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Tea Party is Coming! The Tea Party is Coming! Don't Be Late! Don't Be Late! Plans are underway for our annual tea party to be on Sunday, April 29 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 6 3 p.m., Will Ogmundson and Tom Dunn will present the musical “Georgia O’Keefe Paints Paradise.” Music and lyrics by Will Ogmundson, who recently performed at the silent auction.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person, at the door.

The Next Meeting of the Wise Women in Training is to be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Obituaries and Announcements of special events such as weddings, engagements, and anniversaries are published **FREE OF CHARGE** in any/all Salmon Press newspapers.

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Artistic Roots announces new and improved and May classes

PLYMOUTH — Stacey Lucas and Karin Beji have led the latest set of improvements to Artistic Roots. On the outside, you will notice new lettering on the windows, the work of Stacey Lucas with help from Karin Beji. A studio sign placed on the back of the building designed by Suzan Gannett with help from Stacey Lucas and Dick Batchelder. On the inside, you will notice that the wall behind the desk is now painted white. Stacey Lucas, Solveig Wolstenholme, Jayden Graubocher Bergman, Barbara McAllister and Dick Batchelder completed this project. There is more to come, so be sure to visit the gallery to see what's next.

This month, Artistic Roots is offering a variety of classes. Jayden Graubocher Bergman will be teaching his second needle felting. His students will learn the techniques to make their own barred owl. All materials for the class are included. The Needle Felting Class will be held on May 19 from noon to 2 p.m.

Suzan Gannett will



Members Stacey Lucas and Pam Charon are painting the wall behind the desk at the Artistic Roots Gallery. Check out the improvements at the Gallery. Visit the Artistic Roots Web site, www.artisticroots.com to see and register for the May classes.

be teaching a series of Watercolor Classes in May featuring Flowers. The classes will be held on May 9, 16, and 23 from 10 a.m. until noon. Students will learn how to paint Poppies in Session 1, Lilacs and Swallowtail Butterfly in Session 2 and in Session 3, Blue Hydrangeas in a bowl. Cost of a single class is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Cost of the series is \$65 for members and \$85

for non-members. On April 17 from 5-7

p.m., Suzan Gannett will offer a Zen Doodle Chicken Class. She will teach students to incorporate Zen doodle designs into a rooster or hen. Cost of the class is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

On May 24, Lynn Haust will offer a Melted Glass Sun Catcher Class from 5-7 pm. Participants will create beautiful glass designs to place in a window and catch the light. They can also make a nightlight. Students will learn to use stringers, frit and how to cut and place glass. Cost of the class is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Annette Mitchell will continue her Landscape/Drawing Class. This class continues into May 1, 8, 15, and 23. Please note this class is already full. By week she will cover the following topics: Using Inks, Drawing on location, weather permitting, and Using soft

pastels.

Each month, Artistic Roots also offers an Open Knitting class held weekly on Sundays from 2-4 p.m., sponsored by fiber artist, Polly Bartlett. This class is free and all are welcome to attend.

All classes are offered in our newly renovated studio. Come and see what a great space Artistic Roots has for offering art classes to our communities. Please note that until a class is paid for, you are not officially enrolled. All classes should be paid for at least by the day before the class.

Become a Supporting Member! The cost is \$25 annually and you receive a discount on all classes offered at the gallery. Artistic Roots is at 73 Main St. in Plymouth. You can register for classes by stopping by the gallery, phoning 536-2750 or visiting the Web site.

Granite State Ringers handbell choir to perform in Danbury

DANBURY —Granite State Ringers will be presenting “AMERICAN!” on May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Blazing Star Grange Hall, 15 North Rd., Danbury. Under the direction of Joan Fossum, Granite State Ringers will be celebrating music of our great country. Selections will include “America the Beautiful,” “All American Hometown Band,” a Tribute to Gershwin, Stephen Foster, and Sousa’s popular march “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” and many more! The suggested donation for this performance is \$5.

Granite State Ringers, a non-profit organization, was formed in 2007 with the mission to offer dedicated handbell ringers the opportunity to promote and perform a varied and challenging music repertoire to audiences all over New Hampshire and to educate the public about the art of handbell ringing. GSR is comprised of ringers from communities throughout New Hampshire including, Rochester, Concord, Meredith, and Laconia. Granite State Ringers performs utilizing 5 octaves of Malmark handbells, four octaves

of Schulmerich handbells, and six octaves of Malmark handchimes and are the proud new owners of a G2 Malmark handbell, the largest that GSR owns. They rehearse twice a month at the United Baptist Church in Concord.

For additional information about the grange or this performance, call 252-440 or 768-5579. If you would like additional information on GSR Ringers please visit www.granitestateringers.org or “LIKE” them on Facebook GRANITE STATE RINGERS.

Bristol Historical Society hosting spring fashion show

BRISTOL — The Bristol Historical Society is sponsoring a Spring Fashion Show on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Historic Town Hall on Summer Street in Bristol.

Nancy Spears, owner of the Imagine women’s clothing shop in downtown Bristol, will introduce some of her new

items from the shop. If you have passed by the windows of the shop lately you have probably noticed the bright and lively spring colors. Fashions will be modeled by her daughter and a friend.

During the show, Estelle Giarrizzo, pianist and organist at the Bristol United Church

of Christ, will play the lovely piano that the Society acquired last summer. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the lot on the corner of School Street. There is no charge to attend. Donations will be accepted toward the kitchen project in the hall.



COURTESY

The Whiffenpoofs of Yale to perform at Plymouth Congregational UCC

We are delighted to welcome the world’s oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group to central New Hampshire. The concert is Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4 Post Office Square, Plymouth. Your donation of \$20 will support the music ministry of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. For information call the church office at 536-2626 or visit our Web site at www.uccplymouth.org.

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Adolescent Athlete Strength & Conditioning

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Athletes go through many changes in the growth and development process during adolescent years; strength and conditioning can provide beneficial training during this period. Training for athletes is broken up into three different phases throughout

the year know as the off-season or post-season, pre-season, and in-season. During each of these phases it is important to focus on a certain aspect of training in order to improve athletic performance and decrease the risk of overtraining. The off-season is an important time for young athletes as they transition from the recovery to the preparation phase

of training. Proper training during the recovery and preparation phase of sport can help in the physiological recovery process. The off-season or post-season is a critical time for recovery and preparation for the pre-season. During the off-season athletes focus on strength training and aerobic conditioning. Athletes do not specifically train

for their sport during the off-season; instead they focus on training that challenges their physiology in multiple aspects from strength and conditioning to flexibility and mobility. The pre-season is the time to begin training specifically for the sport. During the pre-season, the focus should be placed on sport and position

specific movements. Strength and conditioning is improved a small amount but is mostly maintained during the pre-season. While pre-season translates movements to specifics to the sport, the focus is not on strength and conditioning that should have been established throughout the off-season

The in-season is the competition period where athletes take part in their games and athletic events. During the in-season, the focus increases on the sports-specific movements that are necessary for their sport. Strength and conditioning is maintained during the season using weight room training but is not the major focus during this phase.

In order for an athlete to be successful in their sport, it is important to focus on each phase of training. Athletes that take advantage of proper training during the off-season tend to be the most successful athletes during the pre- and in-season. Strength and conditioning provides athletes with the necessary training to become a better-rounded individual as they advance through their athletic careers. Off-season training improves athlete proficiency in proper movement patterns that limit injury and continue to develop the athlete. Strength and conditioning can help an athlete become more resistant to injury by improving core stability, distribution of bodyweight, and increasing strength. A properly designed strength and conditioning program

prevents over development of a specific muscle group by incorporating exercises that improve muscular balance and provide joint stability. Athletes who are well trained across the board in balance, strength, and flexibility are the least likely to be injured. Strength development is important in athletes for muscular coordination and efficiency; this provides the athlete with muscles that are more powerful due to being trained to work together as a unit. Endurance training improves the use of the muscles and reduces muscular fatigue. Strength and conditioning during the off-season is vital for the growth and progression for an athlete to the next level.

RehabFit's Jump Start is an off-season training program focused on the main aspect of building strength for high school athletes, which is crucial for improving athletic performance and reducing the potential of injury. The training program includes components of strength, plyometric, speed, agility, endurance, and flexibility training. The program was created to instruct age-appropriate exercises and training techniques to provide safe and effective means of increasing their athletic performance. The program is 6 weeks in length with two sessions per week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. The program begins June 18 and ends Aug. 1. The cost is \$125 before May 18 and \$150 after May 18. Athletes interested in signing up should contact RehabFit at 238-2225.

“American Pickers” to film in New Hampshire

REGION —Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to New Hampshire! They plan to film episodes of the hit series “American Pickers” throughout the state.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as

they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historical-

ly significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

“American Pickers” is looking for leads

and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

Rainbow Girls Pemi Assembly welcomes new members

TILTON — Pemigewasset (Pemi) Assembly #28, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, welcomed three new members into the Order on March 14 at the Masonic Temple in Tilton. Joining from New Hampton were Iris Adams, Katelyn Cabral, and Kaylee Fournier. Prior to turning 11 years old, these girls had been active as Rainbow Pledges. Four generations of one family and three generations of another family witnessed the beautiful initiation performed by Rainbow Girls throughout New Hampshire.

Two weeks later, Pemi Assembly welcomed Amanda White, Grand Worthy Advisor, and Joan Smith, Supreme Inspector for NH Rainbow, for their official visitation. In addition to opening their meeting in ritual form, the Pemi girls entertained everyone with a skit that they created about Aman-



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Front row (left to right): Katelyn Cabral, Kaylee Fournier, Iris Adams, Shelbee Hawthorne (Manchester). Second row (left to right): Dad Advisor Jay Peringer (Alexandria), Sarah Jache (Concord), Aria Peringer (Alexandria), Tapanga Cook (Manchester), Autumn Rogers (Penacook), Armille Stickney (Tilton), Mother Advisor Beth Nemchick (Concord).

da's and Mum Smith's adventures in China.

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| Ashland | 22 Circle Dr., Unit 38 | Condominium | \$92,533 | Mountain River East Association | Mark A. and Kathryn D. Leahy |
| Ashland | 12 Squam Point Lane, Unit 12 | Condominium | \$239,000 | Kenneth M. Rodrigues and Claire M. Murphy | Christopher D. Rinck and Kaitlin M. Rodrigues |
| Ashland | Squam River Landing, Lot 16 | N/A | \$197,000 | Ehfar LLC | Albert G. Jagoda and Inge Jacobs-Carmola |
| Ashland | N/A | N/A | \$450,000 | Waldhausen Farms LP | Mark J. and Anne-Marie Kelley |
| Bristol | 50 Robieson Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$205,933 | James C. Simon | Evan D. and Rebecca A. Hickey |
| Campton | 108 Bell Valley Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$200,000 | William J. Franks (for W&E Franks NT) | Carolyn C. Erickson (for Carolyn C. Erickson Trust) |
| Campton | 84 Birch Circle | Single-Family Residence | \$165,000 | Tod Marvell and Nicole Pirog | Drew and Kristin Bourn |
| Campton | 23 Cindys Lane | Single-Family Residence | \$405,000 | Nancy C. Rosselot (for Nancy C. Rosselot Trust) | Andrei Shesternev |
| Hebron | Cooper Road | N/A | \$349,000 | Pierre M. and Denise F. Coutu | John C. Stokoe (for John C. Stokoe 1997 Trust) |
| Hebron | 7 Oak Lane | Single-Family Residence | \$770,000 | Michael A. Fiorito | Curtis R. and Abigail E. Mooney |
| Holderness | 9 Troon Terrace, Unit 16 | Condominium | \$191,000 | Deborah A. Moore | Eileen Jones-Shaw and Frederick Shaw |
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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

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MARK ON THE MARKETS



BY MARK PATTERSON

I really don't hate all annuities, but that statement “I hate annuities,” is used by people to get your attention and divert you to what they are selling. Most people that I meet with regarding their portfolios have an opinion regarding annuities. But it is a common mistake to think that all annuities are the same, because they're not.

It was common some time ago to receive a pension upon retirement from their employer, whereas the retiree had to make choices about the distribution of their retirement. That retirement choice was in fact an annuity. Today that style of annuity is called a “single premium immediate annuity.” The problem with these annuities, that are still offered, is that the insurance company has control of the money and you must make choices for the distribution if you want to include spouse or beneficiary in return for a lower amount paid to the annuitant. The only reason I can see to use the style annuity today is in the person receiving the annuity payments had no beneficiaries or heirs.

Then you have an an-

nuity that is really the subject of most people's disdain for annuities known as the “variable annuity.” These are typically mutual funds wrapped with an insurance product that does not protect the principal from market losses and potentially carries high fees. They are complicated, and many times not fully explained by the broker selling the product. The broker typically points out the guarantees but does not explain that the guarantee is not towards the principal amount, but only to the income feature or benefit base. They are called “variable” for a reason

Then there is the “fixed annuity” that likely has an attractive first year rate, but all too often reverts to the minimum rate of return.

There is a “multi-year guaranteed annuity” that typically has a fixed rate guaranteed for a period that are attractive to savers. These are often alternative to CDs.

The “fixed indexed annuity” is structured totally different than a variable annuity. The fixed indexed annuity does not put your money at market risk and is typically guaranteeing your principal. When I use the term “guarantee” speaking about insurance product understand that the guarantee is provided by the insurance carrier and backed by their creditworthiness, so it is important to make sure that it is a very solid insurance

company.

The fixed indexed annuity can be a useful tool for those who want “market like” gains and principal protection. The gains are muted, but that trade-off for principal protection is often worth it, especially as they near retirement. The fixed indexed annuity is usually easier to understand than a variable annuity because it has less moving parts and the fees, if any, and

in my opinion are more transparent.

As an asset manager that works for their client, I see potential value with fixed indexed annuities and the multi-year guaranteed annuity for a portion of a client's money that fits the criteria for these annuities to be used as a good tool to meet the client's objectives. The fixed indexed annuity has also had controversy around it but not be-

cause the product is not good, but the agent selling the product may have not placed the clients interest first or maybe used the wrong product for the client's objectives.

I'm not suggesting that you buy or hate annuities. I'm just suggesting that annuities are not all bad if used in the correct amounts and for the right reasons. And that anyone making a broad statement about hating

annuities is likely attempting to divert your attention to what they are selling.

As I have said in previous writings, if you don't understand a products benefits, cost and fees, don't buy it! These are my opinions, and yes, I am biased.

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Annmarie and Tom, owners of the Tuckernuck Inn.

One more stop on this year's Muffin & Scones Tour: The Tuckermuck Inn

MEREDITH —The Tuckernuck Inn Bed and Breakfast is a charming Lake Winnepesaukee bed and breakfast located in Meredith. The Tuckernuck Inn B&B is located just a short stroll away from the beautiful and serene Lake Winnepesaukee. The Tuckernuck Inn B&B provides a quiet and tranquil environment for people looking for their next romantic vacation or a relaxing place to unwind after a fun filled day of outdoor activities.

Surrounded by pines, aromatic lilacs,

dogwoods and flowering crab trees the Tuckernuck Inn B&B offers multiple outdoor seating areas that not only exemplify beauty, but also exude comfort, relaxation and romance. Staying at the Tuckernuck Inn B&B can be summed up as an unforgettable and enjoyable experience. If you are looking for a unique and charming bed & breakfast in New Hampshire, this is the place.

Centrally located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the Tuckernuck Inn B&B is a perfect location to

make your home base as you venture out on daytrips to explore the multiple lakes, mountains and hiking trails within the region, as well as venture north to explore the White Mountains. If you choose to stay close for the day, you are a quick two minute walk down the hill to Meredith's charming Main Street filled with shops, antiques, wonderful restaurants, and the boardwalk along Lake Winnepesaukee. The Tuckernuck Inn B&B is also close to wonderful attractions and sights, such as the Squam Lake

Science Center, the Mt. Washington Cruise, the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, Castle in the Clouds, the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, and the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion Concert venue in Gilford.

Annmarie and Tom are pleased to be your innkeepers at The Tuckernuck Inn Bed & Breakfast. They have had the pleasure of being the innkeepers at the Tuckernuck Inn B&B since 2014. Prior to coming to the Tuckernuck Inn B&B, Annmarie spent 20 years in the non-profit sub-

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Clean Up

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by a group known as Green Acres. All that natural beauty, however, can be marred by roadside trash and the commissioners said they will try to get together

again soon to continue the clean up. “Maybe we can even do this monthly throughout the summer,” said Gaffey. While everyone is invited to join them when the commission sets another clean up day, Spafford said he

hopes people can do some on their own as well. “I’d love to see others take up the initiative by picking up trash along their own roads and around their neighborhoods,” he said.

Kimberly

FROM PAGE A3

her daring alpine feat, but because she climbed wearing pants—and would eventually be the first climber ever to conquer Mount Huascaran (21,812 feet) in 1908. “This biography involves a more intimate view of Peck and her accomplishments,” said Kimberly. “One that recreates her dramatic achievements and iron resolve to explore uncharted territory in a world dominated by men.” This special event will take place at the Museum of the White

Mountains, a local museum located in Plymouth working to obtain, maintain, and provide access to resources and activities that educate and engage the community with the region’s artistic, historical, geographic, and cultural treasures. Free and open to all, this event is presented in partnership with the Squam Lakes Association (SLA), a local non-profit organization that promotes the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region. Copies of Hannah

Kimberly’s book will be available at the event for \$25. Both the SLA and the Museum of the White Mountains will get \$1 donation per book sold. Sales are cash or checks only- checks made out to Bayswater Books. Afterwards, the Squam Lakes Association will be leading a guided hike at Whitten Woods located just down the road in Ashland, NH. The hike will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sign ups for the hike will take place at the event! For more information about this event, please contact the Squam Lakes Association by calling 968-7336, or email info@squamlakes.org.

Towns

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Hebron

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Curbside Trash Collection Will Resume on April 23
The Hebron Select

Board is very happy to inform you that curbside trash collection will resume on April 23! Hopefully, this is the beginning of SPRING in Hebron and nice weather will soon follow. Casella Waste is still asking the residents of Sanborn Drive to bring their trash

containers to North Shore Road due to the shady areas on this road. Please have your trash and recyclable containers out by 7 a.m. to be collected. Thank you again for your patience. —Hebron Select Board

Rainbow Girls

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acter, respect for the out-of-doors, a concept of higher ideals in life, the importance of a belief in a Supreme Being, cooperation, love of home, family, and friends, unselfish service towards others, and mutual respect for all. Girls have a chance

to achieve and excel, fostering self-esteem in a fun and exciting way. Members earn awards for their activities and scholarships are available for those seeking higher education. The Pledge Group is also available for younger girls ages eight to 11. This group gives younger girls the

chance to participate in Rainbow activities, earning awards and having lots of fun along the way. Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life! For further information, please visit www.NHRainbow.org, or www.gorainbow.org, or www.facebook.com/NewHamshireRainbowforGirls.

Tuckermuck

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stance abuse and mental health sector and Tom was an engineer and worked in real estate in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Finding the perfect fit for a bed and breakfast on Lake Winnepesaukee was an 8 year process for the pair, and both could not be more pleased to welcome you to the cozy, romantic, and relaxing Tuckernuck Inn Bed and Breakfast. One of the most obvious benefits of a stay at the Tuckernuck Inn B&B is the wonderful 3 course homemade breakfast served each

morning. Annmarie bakes up scrumptious treats such as decadent Crème Brule French toast that will surely fuel you for a day of hiking; plump and lusciously sweet blueberry muffins jam packed with fresh blueberries; homemade English muffins serve as the perfect vessel for Annmarie’s homemade strawberry lemon preserves; and last but not least, Tom’s banana bread! Your breakfast experience not only includes luscious food, but also lively and heart-felt conversation as you quickly move from guests to treasured fiends of Annmarie and Tom and the

Tuckernuck Inn B&B. Annmarie and Tom look forward to welcoming you as guests at The Tuckernuck Inn B&B and hope you will join us for the 2018 Lakes Region Bed & Breakfast Association Muffin & Scone Tour April 21 and 22 (1 – 5 p.m. both days). Two night stay packages and information for the Muffin & Scone Tour can be found at www.thetuckernuckinn.com or feel free to call Annmarie at 279-5521. Treat yourself to the Tuckernuck!

Take-Back

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bag is resealed, it can then be thrown safely in the trash. Medications should never be poured down a sink or flushed as they could contaminate the local water system. Next Saturday medications will be accepted from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at any of the fol-

lowing police departments in central New Hampshire: Ashland, Belmont, Bristol, Gilmanston, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Thornton and Waterville Valley. In addition, officers from Franklin and Tilton will host a drop-off site at the CVS parking lot, located on Central

St. by the Franklin/Tilton town line, and Gilford will accept medications outside the CVS on Lakeshore Rd. in their community. In Sandwich collections will also take place at the town transfer station. For more information or to check for other locations in the area, please visit www.des.nh.gov.

Notebook

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best effort seemed to be their candidate working up a pile of firewood, which the Press Corps invariably described as “chopping wood.”

Former New Hampshire Governor Hugh Gregg and family were thick with the Bushes, and the Bush entourage happened to be staying at the Gregg family’s summer place in Jefferson during a campaign swing around the North Country. And then one day along came Ron Kaufman, skipping up the stairs to the Democrat’s newsroom. “How would you like to come out to Jefferson to go running with Bush and maybe do an interview with him?” he asked. The ploy was plain enough---it would project the Bush campaign’s image of youth and vigor, opposed to a seemingly old and stodgy Reagan campaign.

So out I went to the Gregg summer cottage, up the ridge and across the road from the Wumbek Golf Course. And after pleasantries, the former head of the CIA and I set off for a three and a half-mile run, visiting all the while as we made the big loop back to town. At some point, political pundit Bob Novak’s wife rode by and took some photos, one of which wound up in the New York Times. It was a pleasant run, with small-talk touching on everything from treacherous politics to the relative abundance of moose. I more or less chalked it up as just one more strange but fun campaign experience, one out of many, and forgot about it. Except for this: “You’ll have to come down to run with me in Washington,” Bush

said as we shook hands goodbye. I soon forgot this somewhat fuzzy invitation, but Barbara Bush didn’t.

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Several years later, I was down in Florida visiting friends and relations when my ancient Aunt Hattie answered the phone, and then, peering up at me through glasses as thick as Coke bottles, handed it to me and said “It’s the White House!” It was Ron Kaufman, who was still working with the Bush team. He knew I was in Florida, and wanted to know when I was flying back. “Why don’t you rebook your flight and stop in D.C.,” he said. “The Boss is in the air over Libya right now and he always feels like loosening up when he gets home. He wants to know if you want to go for a run.”

A limousine half a block long with flags on its fenders was waiting for me at Washington’s National Airport. By then it was Vice President Bush, and in no time the two of us were trying to sneak into Blair House to change, to avoid getting caught up in some sort of social event. Mission accomplished, we rode in an extremely long limo---Bush is a tall man, and stretching out takes some room---and, after being waved through dozens of police-barricaded intersections, arrived at an Episcopal boys’ school---St. Swithen’s, or something. Bush and other senior government officials took their runs at a or so such schools for the extra security they offered. The school was having a track meet when we arrived, and Bush waved at the coach, who waved back and said “Going for a run, Mr. Vice

President?” Bush suggested that his runners yell “Track!” whenever they caught up with us, so we could hop aside. A baseball game was underway in the track’s center, and Bush stopped to visit with that coach as well. “You’ll give us a heads up if someone hits one our way, right?” Bush said with a grin, getting a wave in reply. I remember thinking that in some countries they’d have simply shot the coaches and teams. We stretched a bit on the nearby bleachers, and were off. But this was nothing like going for a run in Jefferson. Two guys trotted along ahead of us, and two more behind, all carrying what looked like Uzis.

After our half-hour run around the cinder track, George suggested a beer and some cheese and crackers, so into the living room we traipsed. Barbara Bush was sitting over in a corner chair, reading. “Just don’t hang your arm down over the side of your chair,” she warned, “because Millie will bite.” Millie, however, seemed content to lurk around, hoping for stray bits of crackers and cheese. She didn’t look like a biter to me, but her reputation proceeded her. So I didn’t drape my arm, and Millie didn’t get a piece of it. And I left the Vice Presidential Mansion with a box of monogrammed golf balls, instead of souvenir teeth-marks from Millie.

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Baby Book

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Safira's September birth date will be remembered by the book, "Little Yellow Leaf." Ollie Tyrell's November birthday, not long after Veteran's Day, prompted the selection of "Dreams of Freedom." Finally, "Over and Under the Snow" and "Winter is the Warmest Season" were chosen for Decem-



DONNA RHODES

Seated on his mom Danielle's lap, little Ollie Tyrell enjoyed the Dr. Seuss board book he received from the Hill Public Library at the Baby Book dedication ceremony last week.

ber babies Luke Martin and Adelia Bain.

"This is our 26th year of dedicating baby books. Many of the students here at the school have baby books in the library and there are even some now who have babies of their own, so we're getting into the second generation," said Christopher.

Ollie's mom Danielle was excited to have her son's birth commemorat-

ed in such a unique manner and looks forward to reading it with him one day soon.

"I think this is awesome," she said. "We have so many books at home already and it's so cool to know that he'll have one in the library now with his name inside."

Following the book

presentation, juggler Bryson Lang performed for the students and their young guests. In honor of the special occasion and as a new dad himself, Lang even juggled baby bottles and a few diapers for his enthusiastic audience before moving on to more daring and hilarious stunts.



DONNA RHODES

Stacey Manny (left) and Colin Dumark of the Hebron Fire Department practiced cold water rescue procedures while testing two new rescue suits the department recently purchased.

Training

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firefighter Colin Dumark was eager to learn about the procedures and was the first in the water last week.

Fischer first showed him how to get into the suit and what it would do to protect him. Adjustable hand and leg straps help trap air around the core of the body to not only keep the rescuer warm but to provide buoyancy as well. There is also a tightly fitted headpiece that prevents icy water from seeping in around the neck as well as built in gloves and boots. A rope is then fixed to the back of the suit so an onshore crew can pull the rescuer back to shore once they have reached the victim.

Walking out into the lake off Grey Rocks Conservation Area Dumark was instructed to paddle with his hands while lying on his back.

"The secret to this now is to turn yourself around and face the person you're rescuing before they can grab you by the head," Fischer instructed. "Make eye contact and talk to them as you approach."

Firefighter/EMT Stacey Manny soon joined Dumark in the water and they practiced pulling a

victim up onto their chest then signaling to the rope crew to tow them in.

Capt. Bill Roberti has been on the department for 40 years and said cold water and ice rescue can be a time consuming endeavor for any fire department. Besides the time that it takes to get into the suit, rescuers also have to consider their own safety as they head out onto the ice or frigid water. It can also require additional equipment, depending on the conditions, such as bear claws, which are used to climb back up onto the ice if the victim has fallen through to the water.

Dumark said it was exciting to be able to practice with the rescue suit. While he could sense the cold temperature of the water he said it didn't affect him as he paddled in the lake.

"It felt good. I've been waiting to do this for a few weeks and it was a great experience," he said.

Manny agreed but noted that the older suits were a bit smaller than the one she used that night and were probably more suited for someone her size.

Chief Fischer said the new suits cost \$795 each, but are worth every penny when it comes to saving a life.

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Late rally not enough for Newfound softball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

LACONIA — Despite

What's On Tap

It's been a tough first few weeks of the regular season for the local teams, but as a new month looms, the schedule continues with a full slate of games.

At Newfound, the baseball and softball teams will be at Mascoma on Monday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m. and will be at Kearsarge for a doubleheader on Wednesday, May 2, with a start time of 3 p.m.

The Newfound track team has a home meet tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 3, at 4 p.m.

At Plymouth, the track team will be traveling to Coe-Brown on Saturday, April 28, for a 9 a.m. meet and Hanover for a 4 p.m. meet on Tuesday, May 1.

The Plymouth baseball and softball teams will be hosting Lebanon on Monday, April 30, at 4 p.m. and will visit Sanborn for 4:30 p.m. games on Wednesday, May 2. The baseball team will be at Kingswood on Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m., while the softball team is at Kingswood on Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m.

The Bobcat lacrosse girls will be hosting Pelham at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 30, will visit Campbell at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 and will be at Laconia at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

The Plymouth boys' lacrosse team will be at Pelham on Monday, April 30, and will be hosting Campbell on Wednesday, May 2, both with 4 p.m. start times.

The Bobcat tennis girls will be hosting Milford at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30 and will be at Windham at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1.

The Bobcat tennis boys will be at Milford on Monday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m. and will be at Kennett for a 4:30 p.m. match on Thursday, May 3.

the winter-like weather early in the week, the Newfound softball team was able to get its game at Laconia in as scheduled on Wednesday afternoon, April 18.

The bad news for the

Bears was that the bats were still in hibernation from the winter weather and it took them six innings before they woke up. The Bears scored all four of their runs in the top of the seventh, dropping

a 6-4 decision to the Sachems.

"Overall, I think we just needed to start our bats earlier in the game," said coach Kelly Meegan. "Consistency is important and we need

to strive for it every at bat."

The Bears were able to out-hit the Sachems by an 11-7 tally but only managed to get the big hits in the final inning.

In the seventh inning,

Tiffany Doan started the rally with a double and singles from Victoria Roman and Kylee MacDonald. Kasey Basford then cleared the bases with a triple and she

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Zack Ross fights through the defense on his way to scoring against Bishop Brady on Friday.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Bobcats fire on all cylinders, beat Brady

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

CONCORD — It has certainly been a weird season for the Plymouth boys' lacrosse team.

That weirdness continued on Friday, April 20, as the Bobcats traveled to take on Bishop Brady.

While that may not

seem especially weird, the fact that the Bobcats wore white and were the "home" team for the game was a bit weird.

With the construction at the technical center at the high school, the team does not have access to its field. And coach Glenn Mausolf noted that on Friday there

was standing water on George Zoulialis Field, where the Bobcats are slated to play their home games this year.

That led to the team traveling to Concord for the game, which was played prior to the girls'

game against Bishop Brady.

"It's been interesting in terms of where we practice and when we practice," Mausolf said of the early season struggles. "We're just learning to be flexible with

what the situation gives us."

The Bobcats didn't let the change of venue slow them down, as they jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, defeating the Gi-

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Belmont's fast start sinks baseball Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont baseball team put up four runs in the bottom of the first inning and Newfound could never recover, dropping a 7-2 decision on the road on Friday, April 20.

Logan Rouille got the start on the hill for the Bears and went the distance, striking out three without giving up a walk in the six innings. He surrendered nine hits on the day while Newfound managed six hits off Belmont starter Brett Lima.

Nick Lynch led the way on the offensive side of things for Newfound, as he was three for three on the day.

Coach John Larsen was pleased with the fact that his team didn't make any errors on a cold and windy after-

noon in Belmont.

"We played pretty good defensively," the Bear coach pointed out.

The Bears are scheduled to be at Msacoma on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m. and then will be at Kearsarge on

Wednesday, May 2, for a doubleheader with the Cougars, slated to start at 3 p.m.

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Bobcats rally past Indians

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth softball team rallied from an early deficit on the way to a chilly 6-4 win over Sanborn on Friday, April 20.

The Bobcats saw the visitors get on the board with two runs in the top of the first inning and two more in the top of the third inning to take a 4-0 lead.

However, Plymouth battled back and started the comeback in the bottom of the third inning.

Base hits from Kacie Johnston and Alexa Thompson put two runners on and Jenna Flaherty drove in both runs with her own base hit to make it 4-2.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Taylor Shamberger started the inning with a triple and scored on an Emily Boyd base hit. Johnston then drove in Boyd with her own base hit and the game was tied at four.

The score remained tied at four until the bottom of the sixth inning. Jackie Gaumer started the winning rally when she was hit by a pitch and then Tristan Keller laced a triple that drove in the go-ahead run. Keller scored on an overthrow and the Bobcats had the 6-4 lead, which



Tristan Keller takes a throw at first base during Friday's chilly contest with Sanborn.

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“Sanborn's a good team,” Blanchard said. “We struggled with that pitcher last year.

“But the girls didn't quite and came back from the 4-0 deficit,” the Bobcat coach continued. “I am happy with their effort.”

Plymouth will be in action on Saturday, April 28, as they travel to Kingswood for a makeup game with a 2 p.m. start. On Monday, April 30, they will be hosting Lebanon at 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 2, there will be a rematch with Sanborn at 4:30 p.m. in Kingston.

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they held on to in the top of the seventh.

Johnston went the distance in the pitching circle for the Bobcats and earned the praise of her coach.

“She's doing a very good job for us,” coach Brian Blanchard stated. “And as cold as it was, I was really surprised our defense was as solid as it was.”

Blanchard noted that it was about 38 degrees and there was a stiff wind throughout the game but the Bobcats held tight through it and didn't make a single error.

What a great time of year for sports fans

Is there really a better time of the year than this? At least as far as sports fans are concerned, my answer probably has to be no.

The wacky winter weather that has taken over our April has put a damper on the local sports season, essentially postponing games on a daily basis. So that's not really the great time of year that I'm talking about.

I'm talking about the fact that baseball season has officially begun and

both the Bruins and the Celtics are in the beginning of what fans can only hope are long playoff runs.

As I've mentioned before, baseball is my favorite sport and the Red Sox are my favorite team. I make an effort to watch or listen to every single game, as much as possible, anyway. So, the start of baseball season means me turning on the radio (101.5 pretty much reaches all of my coverage area, though 96.3 is a safer bet once you get into the Conway area) after covering a game and listening to Joe Castiglione and Tim Neverett. And when I get home, the television goes to NESN, where Dave O'Brien and Jerry Remy tell their story. While the start of the West Coast road trip isn't ideal for keeping track, I usually am at least able to see or listen to parts of games before I fall asleep after a long day.

With the Bruins and the Celtics in the playoffs, there is seemingly action almost every night and while the aforementioned 101.5 carries those games (if they don't conflict with Sox games), I am able to tune in on satellite radio to listen no matter where my coverage takes me and I will often flip between those games and the Red Sox games as I drive around.

The thing about the Boston teams this spring is that they are all seemingly likable bunches of people. I know that winning makes everyone more likable, but the Celtics are playing the role of underdog as they battle injuries and underdogs are always likeable. Without Kyrie Irving, Gordon Hayward and Marcus Smart, to name a few, the boys in

green are still playing at a high level thanks to some pretty impressive youngsters.

And speaking of youngsters, the Bruins collection of young talent bodes well for the future as well, as Jake DeBrusk, David Pastrnak, Danton Heinen, Charlie McAvoy, Ryan Donato and company are a pretty fun group to watch. The black and gold certainly have the chance to make some noise in the playoffs and that's exciting.

Not to be outdone, the Red Sox have a pretty good core of young talent in Mookie Betts, Andrew Benintendi, Rafael Devers, Xander Bogaerts and Christian Vazquez. With an energetic new manager, a solid pitching staff and a seemingly revitalized Hanley Ramirez, this is a team that is fun to watch day in and day out.

Every day, as I eat my lunch in the break room in our office in Meredith, I call up the Boston Globe sports section on my iPad and read game stories and features from that day's paper. Some days it's a quick read, but this time of year, it takes up most of my lunch time with all the great stuff going

Softball

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came around to score when Hayleigh Pabst reached on an error to cut the lead to 6-4. Pabst was gunned down at the plate trying to score a few plays later to end the rally.

Basford got the start in the circle and worked into the fourth inning, striking out six. Pabst came in and closed out the game, striking out two in her two-plus innings.

“Defensively I think we are a stronger team, minus the first inning with some passed balls and walks that needed to settle down just a little sooner,” Meegan

noted. “However, the bottom line is we have to score in order to win.

“I think if we were more consistent and made adjustments from the first inning and started making more solid contact, then we could have put a lot more balls in play that could have forced Laconia to make errors,” she continued. “The rally at the end was great though, and I am so far impressed with this team's ability to not quit before the game is over.”

Newfound traveled to Belmont on Friday and fell behind early, eventually dropping a 17-0 decision.

The Red Raiders got five runs in the

first inning, taking advantage of walks and passed balls. The hosts also plated seven in the third inning.

Pabst went the distance in the circle, striking out four in the four innings, while Roman went two for two at the plate to pace the offense. Defensively, Meegan praised the outfield for its play, with Bailey Fairbank in center with three solid plays and Skyler Torsey and Madison Perry each had a solid play in right field.

“Overall I think we can observe and learn from Belmont's aggressive base running right from the beginning of the game,” Meegan

said. “This one's behind us now and we're ready to make adjustments for Raymond on Monday.”

The Bears were scheduled to play Kearsarge last Monday, but that game was postponed and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on May 2 in Sutton.

The Bears are slated to be at Macoma on Monday, April 30, at 4 p.m. and then play the aforementioned doubleheader at Kearsarge on Wednesday, May 2, at 3 p.m.

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Tax Season is finally over. Of course, how much you pay in taxes depends on a variety of factors, many of which you can't control. But you might give some thought to how you can manage your investment-related taxes.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

Contribute to your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), contribute as much as you can afford. The more pre-tax dollars you put in to your

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Contribute to an IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA. With a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income level; with a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but

your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

Follow a “buy-and-hold” strategy. You can't control the price movements of your investments, but if you do achieve gains, you can decide when to take them – and this timing can make a substantial difference in your tax situation. If you sell investments that you've owned for one year or less and their value has increased, you may need to pay capital gains taxes at

your personal income tax rate, which, in 2018, could be as high as 37 percent. But if you hold investments for more than one year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which is 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the higher tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is typically free of federal taxes, and possibly even state and local taxes. Interest from some types of munic-

ipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). However, because of the new tax laws, the AMT exemption amounts were increased significantly.

You might be wondering what these new laws mean to investors. In terms of your regular investment activities, the effect might not be that significant. The tax brackets for capital gains and dividend gains – such as those realized when you sell stocks – will remain about the same. This means that most investors will contin-

ue to pay 15% to 20% on long-term capital gains and dividends. Consequently, the new tax laws shouldn't really affect you much in terms of your decisions on buying and selling stocks or investing in companies that may pay dividends. Of course, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor on how the totality of the new laws will affect you.

Ultimately, your investment decisions shouldn't be driven only by tax implications – nonetheless, it doesn't hurt to take steps to become a tax-smart investor.

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Bobcats rally past Indians

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth softball team rallied from an early deficit on the way to a chilly 6-4 win over Sanborn on Friday, April 20.

The Bobcats saw the visitors get on the board with two runs in the top of the first inning and two more in the top of the third inning to take a 4-0 lead.

However, Plymouth battled back and started the comeback in the bottom of the third inning.

Base hits from Kacie Johnston and Alexa Thompson put two runners on and Jenna Flaherty drove in both runs with her own base hit to make it 4-2.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Taylor Shamberger started the inning with a triple and scored on an Emily Boyd base hit. Johnston then drove in Boyd with her own base hit and the game was tied at four.

The score remained tied at four until the bottom of the sixth inning. Jackie Gaumer started the winning rally when she was hit by a pitch and then Tristan Keller took an overthrow and the Bobcats had the 6-4 lead, which they held on to in the top of the



Tristan Keller takes a throw at first base during Friday's chilly contest with Sanborn.

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seventh.

Johnston went the distance in the pitching circle for the Bobcats and earned the praise of her coach.

"She's doing a very good job for us," coach

Brian Blanchard stated. "And as cold as it was, I was really surprised our defense

was as solid as it was."

Blanchard noted that it was about 38 degrees and there was a stiff wind throughout the game but the Bobcats held tight through it and didn't make a single error.

"Sanborn's a good team," Blanchard said. "We struggled with that pitcher last year."

"But the girls didn't quite and came back from the 4-0 deficit," the Bobcat coach continued. "I am happy with their effort."

Plymouth will be in action on Saturday, April 28, as they travel to Kingswood for a makeup game with a 2 p.m. start. On Monday, April 30, they will be hosting Lebanon at 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 2, there will be a rematch with Sanborn at 4:30 p.m. in Kingston.

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ants 16-1.

Nolan Farina and Jake Little teamed up on a couple of early chances and Zack Ross fired a shot off the post in the first few minutes before the Bobcats were able to get on the board with just more than two minutes gone in the frame. Connor Magowan got the opening goal for Plymouth.

After Farina sent a shot off the post and Max Homer had a shot go wide, the Bobcats struck again with 6:20 to go in the first, with Farina coming out from behind the net and firing the ball in for the 2-0 lead.

Marcus Morel had a shot go off the post but kept on firing and his next shot with 5:40 to go found the net for the 3-0 lead.

Just 23 seconds later, Josh Johnston came through with a steal on the defensive end and fed the ball ahead to Farina, who buried the ball in the net for the 4-0 lead.

With 4:03 to go, Ross made a nice move through the Brady defense and potted his first goal of the game for a 5-0 lead. Morel had another bid and keeper Chris Patnaude turned away a late Brady shot for a 5-0 lead after one.

Farina made it 6-0 just 16 seconds into the second period and then Patnaude came through with a couple of nice saves as the Giants made



Chris Patnaude makes a save during action Friday at Bishop Brady.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

a run in the zone.

Morel was able to finish off a nice feed from Ross with 7:30 to go for a 7-0 lead and then Magowan fired a shot off the post, Morel had a shot saved and Farina had one go wide. Camden MacDonald was solid on defense as well for the Bobcats.

Ross scored Plymouth's eighth and ninth goals just more than a minute apart and the lead was 9-0 with 3:28 to go.

The Bobcats made it 10-0 at the break when Ross made a nice move on the defense and

bounced a shot home with three seconds to go.

The Bobcats wasted no time in instituting running time in the second half, as Farina scored twice in the first 44 seconds for the 12-0 lead.

After a Patnaude save at the other end, Magowan found Steve Shute for a bid that he buried for a 13-0 lead. Shute and Little had bids that missed finding the net but Little was able to score on a bounce shot with 7:35 to go for a 14-0 lead.

Morel took advantage of a Brady miscue, picking up a loose ball in front of the open net and putting it in with 3:10 to go and then the Bobcats added a goal with 18 seconds to go, as Darren Pratt made it 16-0 heading to the fourth quarter.

Vance Acton and Pratt teamed up on a bid that was denied and Shute also had a bid stopped. Patnaude surrendered his first goal of the season with 5:15 to go to make it a 16-1 final.

"Perhaps all the crazy things are helping us develop the right attitude and mindset," Mausolf said of his team's unusual start to the season, which has seen one game cancelled, one postponed and one moved. The team is also practicing wherever it can find room, including the Tenney Mountain parking lot.

"There are still things to work on that we want to improve," Mausolf noted. "But it's only the second game of the year."

The Bobcat coach also praised his keeper for another solid effort in net.

"Chris has done a great job, he really helps to organize the defense," Mausolf stated. "And his clearing passes have been on target."

The Bobcats' game with Laconia on April 16 was moved to May 11.

The Bobcats will be at Pelham on Monday, April 30, and host Campbell on Wednesday, May 2, both at 4 p.m.

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