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Unified athletes dance the night away at regional prom

BY DONNA RHODES
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BRISTOL — Many stars of Unified Sports teams from six local high schools had a special night to shine last week when they attended central New Hampshire's first ever Unified Prom.

The idea for the prom came from Alex Sobolov, a Special Education Paraprofessional at Newfound Regional High, their Unified basketball coach and next year's new Athletic Director. Sobolov said his father is the AD for Londonderry High School and a few years ago introduced that school's Winter



(Left) Wearing his tux and tails, Zeke Richardson of Newfound Regional High School was all smiles last Friday night as he and his sister Hayley walked the red carpet to the Unified Sports prom.

Ball for Unified Sports students; an idea Alex was proud to bring to the Lakes Region last Friday.

"I figured why not? We held it this weekend because the biggest benefit is that the school is holding their prom tomorrow night and they were generous enough to let us use the setting with all their decorations," said Sobolov. "We all

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DONNA RHODES

Voting day in Hebron

Hebron Town Moderator Roger Larochelle is shown here on Tuesday, accepting a ballot being cast by Supervisor of the Checklist Barbara Brooks. Breaking from the traditional March Town Meeting format, Hebron elected their new town officials this week. The business portion of Town Meeting took place on Thursday, May 16, when articles on this year's warrant were decided upon. For the final results of Hebron's 2019 vote, please see next week's edition of this paper.

Bristol to enforce beach parking restrictions

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributor

BRISTOL — Residents and guests going to the beach this summer will be facing tougher enforcement of the town's parking regulations.

For the last few years, town officials have been fielding complaints

about nearby residents taking beach parking spaces and leaving their vehicles there all day. Yet, dealing with violations could be difficult and police were not always able to respond when they were dealing with more serious problems.

Selectmen last year discussed placing meters or kiosks to control parking, or issuing plaques that could be shared among family members, but they ultimately took no action. This year, they have adopted new beach regulations and plan to have the police department deputize a beach attendant to have the authority to fine violators.

At the selectmen's first meeting in May, Town Administrator Nik Coates reported on the results of a staff roundtable at which officials discussed their options and settled on recom-

mendations to make this year a little smoother on beach days, with a focus on making sure the parking is used by beachgoers only.

The four beach attendants will be adults, rather than relying on younger people, and they will be prepared to "take a hard line" on violators, who would face an \$80 fine for misuse of the parking.

The new policy extends the "no pet" ordinance for the beach year-round, although it will only be enforced during the eight weeks of summer when the beaches are staffed. Instead of starting the summer beach parking regulations on Memorial Day, they won't begin until June 15 when the beaches are actually staffed.

Although they discussed using this year to

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Lewis acquitted on assault charges

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributing Writer

NORTH HAVERHILL — A jury in Grafton County Superior Court on May 10 acquitted former Bristol Police Chief Michael Lewis of simple assault in a case originally filed as a sexual assault charge against him.

The Bristol Board of Selectmen had placed Lewis on paid administrative leave in September 2017 after Lt. Timothy Woodward told them that Lewis had grabbed his wife's buttocks as she was leaving the police station — an incident that was captured on video. Lewis resigned as po-

lice chief on Oct. 4, 2017, and formal charges were filed against him in June 2018.

A grand jury also indicted Lewis on three felony counts of theft by deception for allegedly filing false time sheets for overtime patrols that used New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency grants. Those charges were dropped and then refiled this year to correct defective language in the original documents, and that case is scheduled for trial in August.

On the eve of the current trial, Grafton County Attorney Marsha Hornick reduced the sexual

assault charges to simple assault. Defense attorney Eric Wilson then attempted to cast doubt on the criminal intent by portraying Lewis and Nicole Woodward as old friends and, through multiple showings of the video, argued that Lewis merely touched her on the hip as he was escorting her out of the building.

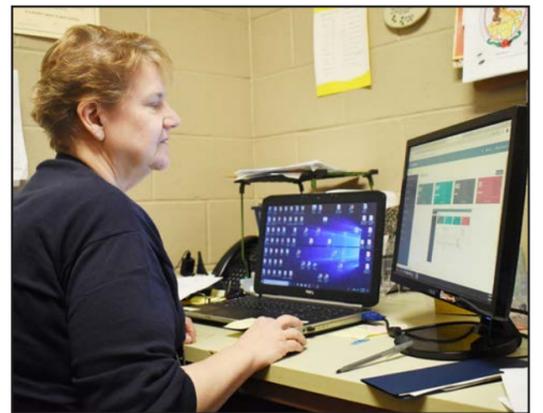
Most of the testimony in the case came on May 9, with closing arguments the next morning. The case went to the jury at 11:50 a.m., shortly before the noon lunch break, and the jury announced its finding of not guilty shortly after 1 p.m.

Newfound district receives grant supporting Project Promise

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BRISTOL — Susan Severance, Director of the Project Promise afterschool program for the Newfound Area School District, was pleased to announce last week that another five-year federal grant to keep the "Lights On" for the program was approved. The grant comes from the 21st Century Community Learning Center through the New Hampshire State Department of Education.

"Lights On" is an annual event that is one of many community offerings from Project Promise, filled with fun and information on numerous afterschool activity options for students. It is just one of many reasons the grant to keep Project Promise operational has proven to be so important to local children and their fam-



DONNA RHODES

After receiving word that a 21st Century Community Learning Center five-year grant was approved for Newfound Area School District's Project Promise, director Susan Severance was back to work last week, planning for the future of the afterschool program.

ilies. "There is a misconception about what Project Promise is all about. We are not a babysitting service—this is a continuation of the school day for students," Severance said.

It begins with homework assistance when students even spend time reading and jour-

naling. The afternoon then moves on to Enrichment programs, such as cooking, sewing, STEM groups, drama, gardening and other clubs that children can sign up for. There are physical activities, nutritional snacks that follow USDA healthy snack guidelines, educational programming

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Meet the "Abolitionists of Noyes Academy" at Minot-Sleeper program

BRISTOL — The Minot-Sleeper Library hosts the presentation "Abolitionists of Noyes Academy" by New Hampshire Humanities speaker Dan Billin on Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. Please note this is a rescheduled

date from its originally planned time. As Bristol celebrates its Bicentennial this year, the library hosts this event and welcomes all to learn more about our region's history.

Just 16 years after Bristol was incorporated as a town, one of the country's first integrated schools was opened in Canaan, less than 30 miles to its northwest. The year was 1835, and the abolitionists who opened the school attracted eager African-American students from as far

away as Boston, Providence, and New York City. Outraged community leaders responded by raising a mob that dragged the academy building off its foundation and ran the African-American students out of town. New Hampshire's first experiment in educational equality was brief, but it helped launch the public careers of a trio of extraordinary African-American leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Alexander Crummell, and Thomas Sipkins Sidney.

Dan Billin plumbs the depths of anti-abolitionist sentiment in early nineteenth-century New England, and the courage of three young friends destined for greatness.

Speaker Dan Billin earned a BA in Communications from Brigham Young University. He worked as a newspaper reporter for the Valley News in Lebanon, New Hampshire for seventeen years. Billin's passion for history and nose for a story led him to uncover a wealth of detail about

the shocking and largely forgotten tale of the birth and death of Noyes Academy.

"Abolitionists of Noyes Academy" will be presented at the Minot-Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant St., Bristol, NH 03222 on Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this free event. Refreshments will be generously provided by the Friends of the Minot-Sleeper Library. Those with questions may call the library at 744-3352 or email librarian@townofbristolnh.org.

Bristol Police Log, April 28 to May 11

BRISTOL — The Bristol Police Department handled 243 calls for service, resulting in six adult criminal arrests, four juvenile arrests, one protective custody arrest, and 26 criminal offense investigations. Officers also performed 80 motor vehicle stops, investigated two motor vehicle accidents, and conducted 166 directed enforcement patrols, area checks, and foot patrols.

Other call reasons included: K9 deployments, shots fired complaint, domestic disturbances, mental health emergency, intoxicated persons, warrant checks, wanted persons, criminal investigation follow-ups, harassment, thefts, noise complaints, suspicious vehicles, suspicious persons, disturbances, drug activity complaints, drug investigations, search warrants, motor vehicle complaints, DWI complaints, neighbor dispute, welfare checks, child abuse, warrant service, residential alarms, business alarms, parking complaints, civil matters, civil stand by, protection order services, protection order violations, paperwork service, child

custody disputes, safe school reports, animal complaints, public assists, motorist assists, sex offender registrations, VIN verifications, juvenile complaints, canine demonstration, community policing events, assist other police agencies, and assist the fire department.

Arrests:

Bradley MacDonald, 19, Portland, Maine- Local Warrant (Indecent Exposure)

Mark Olszewski, 57, Erie, Pa.- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated

Kurt Langley, 35, Danbury- Operating After Suspension

Janette Straub, 30, Bristol- Bench Warrants X4

James Chang, 25, Bristol- Operating Without a Valid License

Glenn Mallon, 43, Northfield- Criminal Warrant

(1) Protective Custody- Intoxicated Person

(4) Juvenile arrests for tobacco violations

Identifying information for juveniles, and persons placed into protective custody are not released.

Minot-Sleeper Library displays extensive bird collection

PLYMOUTH — In the late 1800s Ebenezer K. Pray of Bristol amassed a collection of over 200 stuffed birds, along with a few mammals. Following his death in 1902, his widow Ruth donated the collection to the Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol. When the library built an addition in 2012 it no longer had the facilities to house the collection and it was donated to Plym-

outh State University in Plymouth.

Mr. Pray was born in Parsonfield, Maine, in 1829. Later in life, he moved to Ashland, where he operated a blacksmith shop and hosiery manufacturing business. In 1868 he relocated to Bristol, where he bought and operated a tannery on Lake Street until 1884. He was very active in town affairs and held several positions, in-

cluding those of selectman, town treasurer, and bank trustee, among others. At some time during the 1890s, he also became instrumental in the development of the citrus industry in Florida. He died in Bristol in February of 1902; his widow Ruth died just over a year later in March of 1903.

It is unknown how or when Mr. Pray obtained the various

birds and mammals, or what prompted him to do so. The collection, which includes both native and non-native species, now resides in Boyd Hall at Plymouth State University. Boyd Hall is open to the public, and welcomes visitors. Anyone interested in viewing the collection may call Amy Ueland at 535-2521, Option 1 to make arrangements.

Man wanted on several charges arrested in Hill

HILL — On May 14 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Troopers from New Hampshire State Police Troop D and Headquarters were given information that a wanted subject was staying in a residence at 60 Lynch Rd. in the Town of Hill. The subject in question was identified as 22-year-old Austin Ayer.

Ayer had several warrants for his arrest on offenses including Possession of Narcotics, Falsifying physical evidence, Simple Assault-Domestic Violence related and Driving after suspension. Surrounding towns had relayed information to Troopers that Ayer had been evading police custody for several months.

At approximately 6:14 p.m., Troopers arrived at 60 Lynch Rd. and spoke with home owners who advised them that they were unsure if Ayer was inside the residence, but stated he was not welcome there. Shortly thereafter, a family member confirmed in fact Ayer was inside

the residence, hiding in an upstairs attic. Troopers maintained a perimeter around the residence and attempted to make contact with Ayer through a loud speaker. Once contact was made with Ayer, he surrendered himself and was taken into custody without

further incident. Ayer was transported to Belknap County Jail to be held until his arraignment. Anyone with information regarding this is urged to contact Trooper Nicholas Post at 223-4381 or via email at Nicholas.Post@dos.nh.gov.

include a surprise gift from the Red Sox, Yankee Candle gift set, State Quarters Set, Santa's Village passes, Google Hub, and much, much more!

There will be concession items for sale. All proceeds from this event will help the TTCC Teen Council "Window Replacement Project."

TTCC hosting BINGO fundraiser

BRISTOL — Come join the Tapply-Thompson Community Center this Saturday, May 18 for a fun afternoon of Bingo! Fun for the whole family! Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and the calling starts at 2.

There will be all sorts of prizes from gift cards, to gift baskets to assorted gifts! Some of the gifts

include a surprise gift from the Red Sox, Yankee Candle gift set, State Quarters Set, Santa's Village passes, Google Hub, and much, much more!

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BEFORE

- Follow directions from local officials
- Check flashlight and radio batteries
- Charge mobile devices
- Add warm clothes and blankets to emergency kit
- Keep gas tank full
- Take cash out (ATM's may not work)

DURING

- Conserve energy
- Go to community warming shelters & check on neighbors, family, seniors and homeless
- Only use generators in open areas away from windows and home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

AFTER

- Throw out unsafe food

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The Mary Baker Eddy Historic Houses at 29 Hall's Brook Rd. in North Groton (left) and 58 Stinson Lake Rd. in Rumney (right) are opening for the season.

Mary Baker Eddy historic houses open for the season

REGION — The Rumney are opening Mary Baker Eddy Historic Houses at 29 Hall's Brook Rd. in North Groton and 58 Stinson Lake Rd. in

From May through October, the houses are open for visitors Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours for the houses are paired and start at the Mary Baker Eddy His-

toric House in Rumney. Arrangements for tours at other times may be made with prior notice by calling (800) 277-8943, ext. 100.

Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910) discovered Christian Science, founded a church and worldwide religious movement and, by 1900, was one of the most notable women in America. During her five years (1855-1860) in the four-room cottage in North Groton, Mrs. Eddy's health declined. She was often a bed-ridden semi-invalid. But for spiritual sustenance she looked—as she always had—to her Bible, where she found solace, strength, and hope, and intuitions

about healing stirred in her thought. During her two years (1860-1862) in the five-room cottage in Rumney, Mrs. Eddy persisted in her search for health and began to write down her thoughts on the spiritual meaning of the Bible.

The North Groton and Rumney houses are two of eight residences in which Mrs. Eddy lived which are now managed by Longyear Museum. Additional information about Longyear and Mrs. Eddy can be found at Longyear.org.

Newfound Area Nursing Association to hold 59th Annual Meeting

BRISTOL — The Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) will hold its 59th annual meeting at the Bridgewater Town Hall, Route 3A, Bridgewater, on Monday, May

20 at 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include committee reports, annual update, election of officers, and scholarship awards. The meeting is open to the public. All are invited to attend.

Newfound Area Nursing Association, 214 Lake St., Bristol, is a not-for-profit community-based home health and hospice care organization, serving patients of all ages in the

Newfound Area since 1960. NANA's mission is "to provide quality and compassionate nursing, therapeutic and hospice care to families in our communities."

Make and taste your own tea at the Minot-Sleeper

BRISTOL — The Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol will host DIY Tea Making and Tasting on Thursday, May 16 at 4 p.m. Leading the discussion and tasting will be Josh Trought, leader of the D'acres Permaculture Farm and Educational Homestead.

D'acres, in Dorchester, is an innovative agricultural non-profit organic farm and educational homestead. Its mission is to teach agricultural and stewardship skills. The DIY Tea Making and Tasting event at the library will demonstrate to participants how to

dry, blend and enjoy herbal teas. A tea tasting will follow.

The Minot-Sleeper Library will host the DIY Tea Making and Tasting event at the Minot-Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant St. in Bristol on Thursday, May 16 at 4 p.m. Light refreshments will

be served thanks to the Pasquaney Garden Club. The event is free and open to the public with generous support from the Pasquaney Garden Club as a co-sponsor of the event.

Senior Center unveils Little Free Library

PLYMOUTH — On Wednesday, May 15, Plymouth Regional Senior Center unveiled Plymouth's newest Little Free Library, on the deck with freshly popped popcorn and entertainment. Little

Free Libraries are a bring a book ~ take a book concept leading an effort to get books into the hands of as many people in a community as possible. We've located ours undercover, on the deck

at the main entrance, of the Senior Center, 8 Depot St., Plymouth.

Many thanks to David Hiltz and Pemi Glass for their donations of time and materials, and to Alex and

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CADY Corner

Mental illness and substance use disorders

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

With May being National Mental Health Month, it is important to bring awareness to the fact that both substance use disorders and mental illnesses can often co-occur. Some overlap of the areas of the brain involved in both substance use disorders and other mental illnesses suggests that brain changes stemming from one may affect the other. For example, substance misuse that precedes the first symptoms of a mental illness may produce changes in brain structure and function that kindle an underlying propensity to develop that mental illness. If the mental health disorder develops first, associated changes in brain activity may increase the vulnerability to misusing substances by enhancing their positive effects, reducing awareness of their negative effects, or alleviating the unpleasant affects associated with the mental health disorder or the medication used to treat it.

A particularly active area of co-occurring disorders research involves the search for genes that might predispose individuals to develop both substance use disorders and other mental illnesses, or to have a greater risk of a second disorder occurring after the first appears. It is estimated that 40-60 percent of an individual's vulnerability to addiction is attributable to genetics; most of this vulnerability arises from complex interactions among multiple genes and from genetic interactions with environmental influences.

Some areas of the brain are affected by both substance use disorders and other mental illnesses. For example, the circuits in the brain that

use the neurotransmitter dopamine—a chemical that carries messages from one neuron to another—are typically affected by addictive substances and may also be involved in depression, schizophrenia, and other psychiatric disorders. Indeed, some antidepressants and essentially all antipsychotic medications directly target the regulation of dopamine in this system, whereas others may have indirect effects. Importantly, dopamine pathways have also been implicated in the way in which stress can increase vulnerability to drug dependence. Stress is also a known risk factor for a range of mental health disorders and therefore provides one likely common neurobiological link between the disease processes of addiction and those of other mental illnesses.

It is often difficult to untangle the overlapping symptoms of substance misuse and other mental illnesses, making diagnosis and treatment complex. Correct diagnosis is critical to ensuring appropriate and effective treatment. Ignorance or failure to treat a comorbid disorder can jeopardize a patient's chance of recovery. We hope that our enhanced understanding of the common genetic, environmental, and neural bases of these disorders—and the dissemination of this information—will lead to improved treatments for comorbidity and will diminish the social stigma that makes patients reluctant to seek the treatment they need.

For more information please visit the CADY Web site at cadyinc.org. If you or someone you know struggles with addiction or substance use, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGHealthcare (934-8905) for help.

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Ecosystem services – What nature provides

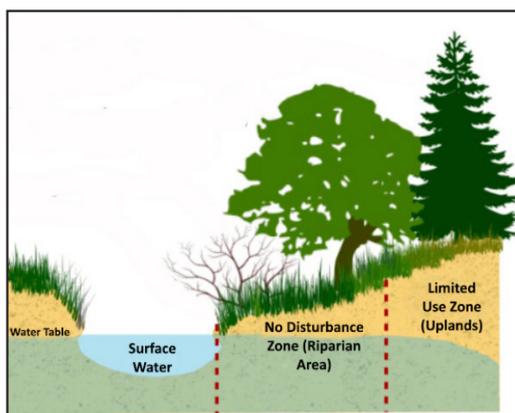
BY BOYD SMITH

Newfound Lake Region Association

“Ecosystem services” is a term used to define critical needs that Nature provides. Enjoy breathing oxygen? Thank the Amazon and temperate forests for photosynthesis. Prefer to eat fresh and wholesome food? Be grateful to the insects, plants and microorganisms that build soil. Want clean water to drink? Appreciate forests and grasslands that filter rain and snowmelt, feeding fresh water to our streams and aquifers in manageable amounts.

Without these free services, humans would not be alive and thriving around the world, from millennia past to present times. There is no way we can duplicate these benefits on a global scale, at any cost. And yet, while the Earth is a closed system, surrounded by sterile and inhospitable space, we act as though these services and the life-sustaining resources they provide are infinite and will always exist to support us.

Perhaps we are beginning to notice the strain on our critical life-sup-



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Riparian buffers provide and protect clean water.

port systems as storm events become bigger and more frequent, washing away roads, driveways and shorefront. News of year-long fire seasons, record hurricanes and rainfall, winter tornadoes in the south, and increasingly inundated coastlines from Florida to New Jersey is more common than ten years ago. Our own experience reinforces long-standing concerns from the international scientific community about climate change.

In 2014, as part of the Newfound watershed management program, Jeff Schloss of the UNH Cooperative Extension

Service estimated ecosystem services values provided by riparian buffers and wetlands. Riparian buffers are the areas immediately adjacent to surface waters, such as streams, ponds and Newfound Lake. Left in a naturally-vegetated state, a 25-foot-wide riparian buffer removes roughly 80 percent of storm water pollutants, such as the key freshwater nutrient phosphorus. Wetlands also reduce phosphorus loading, while slowing floodwaters and reducing unwanted and damaging impacts of large rain events.

Based on multiple models and some basic,

conservative assumptions, Jeff's study indicated that the cost to duplicate Newfound's riparian buffers' ability to remove phosphorus is roughly \$4 million per year. This value is roughly \$40,000,000 per year for the services that wetlands provide. Thus, a low-end dollar value for just two of our watershed's key ecosystem services is roughly \$44 million each and every year. As people cannot effectively duplicate these and other life-sustaining services, their true value is beyond measure.

The NLRA's core message is that our watershed faces steady and increasing pressure and that, together, we can each take small steps to protect priceless ecosystem services, as well as the less tangible but equally important quality of life that calls us to Newfound year after year, and generation after generation. Please help protect the ecosystem services that provide for you and your family, both through your individual actions and by supporting your local watershed association.

To Northern Pass — enough is enough

BY JEANIE FORRESTER

Former State Senator

District 2

Fifteen months ago, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee gave Granite Staters an important victory against Northern Pass, thoughtfully considering – and then rejecting – its application to build a 192 mile long transmission line through the heart of our state. The SEC decision was arrived at carefully and deliberately, supported by a well-developed record of harmful impacts that would be visited upon New Hampshire, if Northern Pass were

to be built.

As State Sen. for Senate District 2 from 2010 to 2016, representing most of Grafton County along with part of Belknap County, my district and constituents lay directly in the path of the gash that Northern Pass proposed to slice through our state. I was proud to stand alongside municipalities, community leaders and activists from both sides of the aisle to fight the project as proposed and demand concessions from Northern Pass that would protect our tourism economy, our small towns and our

beautiful landscape. I was particularly proud to have led the effort in passing HB 648 which prevented private developers from using eminent domain to take private property.

To its credit, Northern Pass did make some concessions in response to our efforts and grassroots opposition, but what they never did what they should have done from the start - agree to bury the entire transmission line. This was particularly disappointing because it was clear the companies involved in the project could have

afforded to bury the lines and offered more protection for New Hampshire. They just chose not to. And so, as presented to the SEC, Northern Pass clearly remained overly harmful and disruptive to our state, with virtually no real or lasting benefit to us for the burden of serving as an extension cord between Quebec and Massachusetts. The SEC last year made the right and reasonable decision.

As I have seen firsthand, the fight against Northern Pass has brought together an

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Letters to the Editor

Is sexual harassment training legal?

To the Editor:

This report to my voters will not focus on all that was the subject of legislation in Concord (although I will touch on one bill that I particularly dislike and find dangerous), but on an attempt by the leftist legislators to turn back reality and enforce rules they do not have the authority to do.

The one piece of legislation I will highlight is HB481 commonly called “marijuana legalization.” It does use a catchy phrase “advancing individual freedom” to hide the disastrous effects of the bill. Other states that have traveled this road have seen massive increases in accidents and emergency visits to the hospital. Opponents from Colorado, New York, and others who know the impact first hand, were able to sharply show this in Senate testimony. This is in sharp contrast to the House Criminal Justice Committee that limited any effort to debate health and welfare and concentrated on how to regulate the weed through a huge bureaucracy. They ignored facts and the impact on society, especially the youth. The bill will have final votes this week and hopefully will die in the Senate. I asked you in my last letter to email Senator Harold French at Harold.French@leg.state.nh.us who is on the Senate committee hearing the bill. Please contact him again.

Now... my real diatribe. The heavily leftist house instituted a rule this session that all members must attend “sexual and other unlawful harassment” training. They intend to publish a list of all who don't attend. For over almost 50 years of work my employers have required similar training and train-

ing has become more intensive and prevalent over the last several years. This was a requirement by my employers. I don't work for the New Hampshire General Court, I work for you. You judged, by your votes, that I have the character and integrity to serve you morally and honorably. I do not intend to break the trust you have placed in me.

This country has become so enamored with political correctness, and frankly radical beliefs. I do not intend to participate. Popular TV shows portray the family as an anachronism that is not to be tolerated. Instead we really portray “sexual and other unlawful harassment” as normal and we redefine this to assume that gender ambiguity and toxic masculinity are among the real issues. We have female members of the House that assume “feeling homicidal” and admitting to assaulting a citizen are normal actions and they are lauded by their fellow party members. I do not agree. So, I will not under threat of embarrassment accept any training that they claim is normal and useful from the radical opposition. They flat do not have the right to demand my attendance. I'll provide you with a list of all the violators when it is published and assure you that I will be on the list.

Enough of my thoughts, I'd like to hear from you or just have a cup of coffee call me at 320-9524 or email dave@sanbornhall.net.

Cheers!

Dave Testerman
State Representative
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Notes to self, rattlesnakes (yep), and "orphaned" wild creatures

Cleaning up my computer desktop is almost as much fun as going through my pants pockets to catch those ubiquitous pieces of paper flagged with "Note to self" before they go through the wash. (Note to self: I have finally done it--used "ubiquitous," even though I long ago vowed not to. There's no logic to it-- I just hate the word. What does it mean? It's all over the place. If memory serves me, Time Magazine began using the word about 40 years ago, and in a heartbeat it was here to stay.)

My computer guru says my machine boots up easier and runs better if I keep the desktop clean. This meshes perfectly with the ethic that should be followed with clothing. There's nothing to provoke a string of bad words quite like discovering that you've overlooked two or three "notes to self" in a pants pocket that the washer and dryer have turned into a gazillion snowflakes--and now, they're all over your clothes.

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As I've written before and probably will again, Fish & Game's publica-

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK



By JOHN HARRIGAN

tion "Wildlife Journal" is a good read every issue, and along with enjoyment you're sure to pick up on something on wildlife or the outdoors you didn't know.

Although many people are unaware that New Hampshire has rattlesnakes, it's a fact that we had them when the Europeans first stepped ashore, and have them now. Only two or three small populations remain, however, and Fish and Game protects them zealously, seldom even mentioning the towns.

Well, when Fish and Game was part of my beat 40-plus years ago, I hung out at the Game Division quite a bit, and one of the characters within was veteran wildlife biologist Henry Laramie. Henry was the go-to guy for anything at all about any of the 11 species of snakes found in New Hampshire. And by fiat he also became the official Keeper of the Rattlesnakes, protector for the two or three small but viable rattler populations that somehow have sur-



PHOTO BY CASEY KANODE

COURTESY CASEY KANODE, JAKEJARVIS.CLUB

Snake experts generally hate this kind of photo because they want the public to get the message that snakes are fine if left alone, but newspapers really go for the attack shots (see?).

vived humanity's ancient hatreds and sheer ignorance.

Over time, I wheedled the rattlesnake locations out of Henry, because he knew I'd never tell. The snakes gather and form a big ball when they den up for winter, and one person with one stick of dynamite could wipe out an entire population.

By the by, Mike Marchand had a fine photograph on the cover of Wildlife Journal's spring issue--a mother timber rattler with her young, known as a neonate. The little one is coiled within its Mom's coils--a protective enclave if ever there was one.

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One dry spring a brush fire broke out in a town in the greater Manchester area, and I was sent to cover it. By the time I got there, another call had gone out, and two line-crews were busily spraying water and digging fire-breaks.

I asked the guy running the pump that was sending water from a nearby beaver pond up the hill if he could tell me where the worst of the fire was, because I knew the country. "Just follow the hose," he said.

A few minutes later I was clambering over stone outcroppings and tumbled slabs. The strong sunlight was warming the rocks. "Perfect place for a snake," I began



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You don't often get a snake out into good light, where you can see every stripe. This rattler seems at ease or drugged, or both.

thinking, and a sudden rasping, buzzing sound erupted from where I had just thrust my uphill arm for a new grip.

I threw myself backward, not caring where I landed, and was thankful for a clump of alders. And up on top of the ridge was a fire-fighting line crew, all of them pointing and laughing at me, because they knew very well that there was a small hole in the hose right there, perfect for making just the right sound.

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There's usually a director's message in each issue of Wildlife Journal, and Glenn Normandeau's was particularly appropriate for its May/June issue date: Leave wild animals alone. Even in situations that look for all the world as though

the mother has abandoned her young, it's also an almost certain bet that Mom is hiding nearby, waiting until it's safe to come back for her young.

Every spring I'm sure to get calls on this, as in "What do I do with this orphaned baby robin I found on my front porch?"

The answer is "Leave it alone, unless your cat is right there too, licking its lips, in which case you put the chick where it can be seen and heard, grab the cat, and go inside to watch a baseball game or something, anything to get the real problem--you--out of the equation.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Pauline May Thompson, 79

BRIDGE WATER — Pauline May Thompson 79, died at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester following a sudden illness on May 11, 2019.

Born in Clymer, Pa. on May 20, 1939, she was the daughter of Arthur R. and Elizabeth A. [Shields] Boisvert. Pauline was raised in Ashland, went to the local schools and graduated from Ashland High School, Class of 1957. She was married to E. Wayne Thompson on July 4, 1958 in St. Matthews Church in Plymouth. She was employed at John Kelly Accounting, Perry Lamp Company, O'Brien Lumber, Avon Dealer, Bursing at Plymouth State College, and for many years at



New Hampshire Electric Co-op. Pauline was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Ashland, Ellacoya Chapter #43 Order of Eastern Star, Bridgewater Bi-Centennial Committee, Plymouth Assembly Advisory Board member of The International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She also enjoyed painting with oils and acrylics and making crafts; Polly's

Crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, E. Wayne Thompson of Bridgewater; her daughters, Roberta Thompson of Iowa, Karen Thompson Graton and husband Stanley of Holderness, Pamela Thompson Schofield and husband Maurice of New Hampton; her grandchildren Jamie Lord York, Tracey Lord Daniels, Garrett Graton, Kendall Graton, Regina Schofield Adams, Alisa Schofield St. Amour, Avery Schofield and she was blessed with 11 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister, Janice Boisvert Ray, and brothers Raymond Boisvert, and Wayne Boisvert.

She is survived by her

brother, Philip Boisvert; sisters Carol Boisvert Stark, Kathryn Boisvert Jaquith, Sarah Jane Boisvert Vittum, and Winnifred Boisvert Boynton.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, May 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 11 Hill Ave. in Ashland. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 17 West Shore Rd. in Bristol. Donations may be made to Ellacoya Chapter #43 Order of Eastern Star, c/o Vicki Nielsen, 28 Christian Lane, Holderness, NH 03245. Dupuis Funeral Home in Ashland is handling the arrangements. For more information go to Dupuisfuneralhome.com.

Services planned for Bob Smith

ALEXANDRIA — A memorial service for Lyndon "Bob" Smith, who

passed away in December, will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. at

the Alexandria United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.

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Towns

Alexandria

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Chilly morning today, but at least the green grass is showing on the side of the mountain. Higher elevations got another blast of white through the night. Here's hoping the days are consistently warmer and drier in the coming days!

Town

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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

In case you didn't know, the Transfer Station is now open until 4 p.m. on Monday. Here is the complete hours of operation: Monday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. You may pick up your Resident Transfer Station stickers at the Transfer Station.

Bog Road remains closed.

Alexandria UMC

There will be no Office Hours on Thursday, May 16 but will resume Thursday, May 23. If you need to reach Pastor Faith please call or text her at 491-4028.

A Memorial Service for Lyndon "Bob" Smith will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 1 p.m. at Alex-

andria UMC. A Celebration of Life will follow in the Vestry.

Children's Day is Sunday, May 19, beginning at 9 a.m. This is the closing program for Sunday School until the Fall.

Sunday, May 19, there will be an Administrative Council Meeting at 10:15 a.m. for all Committee Chairs. Spring clean-up for the church grounds and buildings is scheduled for today also. Anyone is welcome to join the clean-up crew and your help is greatly appreciated.

Special prayers go out to Laura Plummer who is having heart surgery. May you soon be home and well on the way to recovery!

Coming events: Vacation Bible School will be Monday, July 1 through Friday, July 5 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. daily. More information will be noted as it becomes available. All are welcome, no matter what faith.

Hi ho, hi ho, I'm off to the out and about with errands to run and people see. Have a wonderful week ahead. Be safe in your travels, kind in your words and make a smile a part of your wardrobe!

Danbury

Donna Sprague
huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury Church

The South Danbury Church will have its regular Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. on May

19. All are welcome to attend, and to enjoy refreshments and conversation afterward.

Blazing Star Grange Supper

Blazing Star Grange will hold their May supper on this Saturday, the 18th from 5-6:30 p.m. The menu roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and brownie sundae dessert. The price is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Under three is free. The grange hall is located at 15 North Rd. in Danbury.

United Church Dutch Auction

The United Church will hold their annual dutch auction at the grange hall during the grange's supper on Saturday, May 18. Ticket sales start at 4:30 p.m. with drawing at 6:30 p.m. They have a lot of great items as well as gift certificates. And... it's fun. Buy Dinner and see how lucky you are while supporting two of Danbury's organizations...both of which are maintaining Danbury's historic structures.

School Plant Sale

The elementary school plant sale will be held on Memorial Day weekend. If you haven't bought your Merrimack wonder pepper seeds, you can buy started plants at the sale along with many other varieties of plants and seeds that the students in the classes and afterschool program have saved,

dried, packaged, planted and grown. Watch for posters for time and day. Plan to support a growing program in our community.

Groton

Ruth Millett 603-786-2926
rem1752nh@gmail.com

There was a Select Board Meeting on May 7 with many folks in attendance. It was great to see so many out. The Conservation Commission brought concerns they have about recycling at the Transfer Station. They are planning to put us some signs there to help residents know what types of things should and should not go into the recycling bin. There may be a representative there to answer questions also. The members of the Conservation Commission are learning all they can to help out with the recycling program. We hope that in the future Groton will have a viable program set up to handle the Town's waste and recycling appropriately.

Discussion came up about the 1214 N. Groton Rd. property and the Select Board is acting to get this cleaned up. The DES has been contacted and the property owner has been sent a letter.

Current use application was signed for map 1, lot 22 for 29.8 acres.

Disposal agreements were signed.

Avitar will be going out to assess properties. If they are not allowed on the property, then they

will assess what they are able to see which may or may not be an advantage to the property owner. They have sent out letters to those residents they will be visiting. If you would like to make an appointment for the inspection, call the Town Offices and one can be arranged with the assessors.

Anyone interested in the used culverts that the Town has meet Bubba on site May 29 at 5 p.m. There are various sizes and most are damaged in some way.

Announcement from Groton Historical Society

On Memorial Day, May 27, at 11 a.m., Groton Historical Society will present a program for Veterans and all residents of Groton and surrounding towns. Retired Rev. John Fischer will lead us in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speaker, George Morrison, will tell us about Benedict Arnold, Patriot. In our schooling we were told about Benedict Arnold, the traitor. How wonderful it will be to hear a different truth about Arnold.

When Mr. Morrison is finished, Slim Spafford will raise the flag with taps.

Attendees are invited to enjoy light refreshments in the Community Room of Groton's Town House, 754 N. Groton Rd.

Scheduled April Meetings and Office Closures:

Select Board Work Sessions -Tuesdays, May 21 and June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Town House.

Select Board Meetings Tuesdays, May 21 and June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Planning Board Meeting at the Town House, Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

All Town Offices will be closed May 27 for Memorial Day Holiday

Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by the Conservation Commission will be held June 1st at the Pond behind the Town Garage. More information coming on this event.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office will be

close June 12 for training.

The Select Board Office will be closed from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on June 27 for training.

Taxes due

There are a total of 152 past due invoices with a total due of \$105,532.07. The 2019 P01 tax bill will be sent out this week and due July 1. You may get the balance due on your taxes by looking at the NH Tax Kiosk. The link is available by clicking on the grey button on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page of the Town website: www.grotonnh.org Payment may be made over the internet by clicking the RED button on the same page.

Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597
hebronnnews@live.com

Town Meeting

Business Meeting - Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.

The business portion of town meeting will take place on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 37 Groton Road in Hebron. Please be sure to check the town website for the results of election day.

BINGO!

On Saturday afternoon, May 18, the Tappan Thompson Community Center Teen Council will be having a Bingo fundraiser. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., Calling starts at 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 for 10 bingo cards; \$1 for each additional bingo card after the first 10. There will be all sorts of prizes from gift cards to gift baskets to assorted gifts! Some of the gifts include a surprise gift from the Red Sox, Yankee Candle Gift Set, State Quarters Set, Santa's Village passes, Google Hub, and much, much more! There will be concession items for sale. All proceeds from this event will help the TTCC Teen Council "Window Replacement Project." Please be sure to join them for a fun afternoon of Bingo!! fun for the whole family. The TTCC is located at 30 North Main St., Bristol. If you have any questions, please call 744-2713.

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Ashland Community Church

Sundays

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March 3 – April 14 Teaching Series: “40 Days of Prayer: Unleash the Power of Prayer in Your Life”

Toddler Zone (for infants – five years old) is led by Kara Hamill and Kid Zone (for K-6th grade) is led by Debbie Madden. Both programs are available during the entire worship service. Our greeters will be glad to direct you to and introduce you to our leaders.

Our new Youth Zone (grades 5-8) will be starting soon and our Special Needs Class (for youth and adults) is led by Barbi Sharrow and Debbie Tall. Both classes meet in the worship center for singing at the beginning of the service and then are dismissed to their classes when the message begins.

Small groups: We also offer four adult small groups that meet in various locations on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. In March and April all of our groups will be watching a video by Rick Warren and discussing the topic of prayer. Please contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, for more information about our small groups program.

It is our desire to help you understand God’s incredible grace, mercy and love. We believe you will love Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, welcoming, loving, and caring church.

You don’t have to dress up. You don’t have to be any particular age. And please don’t feel the need to pretend about anything. Ashland Community church is a place where God meets seeking people who are far from perfect. That means everyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. We believe you’ll find what you are looking for. You’ll learn how to relate to God. You’ll experience Christian community. And here’s the big thing – you will change. Join us as we seek God together. Just come as you are! (No perfect people allowed!)

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, at any of the contact information above.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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We are handicapped accessible!

Our doors are always open wide to all those seeking to find a safe, but invigorating place for spiritual life, growth, fellowship and service. Whether you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Sundays:

Pastor: Rev. Andrew MacLeod
Intergenerational Service: 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship: Following service
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Notes:

Wheelchair accessibility can accommodate up to three wheelchairs in our Sanctuary!

Location: P.O. Box 424, 15 Church St., Bristol, NH 03222
Phone: 744-8132

Office Hours:

Main Office – Monday through Friday - 9 a.m. to noon
Pastor’s hours: Monday through Thursday - 9 a.m. to noon
and other times by appointment.

Rev. Andrew’s Home Phone: 217-0704
Email: pastorbucc@myfairpoint.net

Weekly Events:

Mondays: 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.

Wednesdays: Morning Reflection is a wonderful spiritual and fulfilling experience that continues every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the church, Room 1. Rev. Andrew is moderating, with discussion throughout, by a lively and committed group! All are welcome!

Fridays: Bone Builders – 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Events:

WIC (Women/Infant/Children) Clinic – 2nd Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Women’s Fellowship – Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m. in Room 1. All are always welcome!

Choir rehearsal continues at 4 p.m. every Wednesday. We’re always looking for new voices. No experience necessary! See Estelle Giarrizzo after services if you are interested!

T.E.A. Meetings are scheduled for every third Tuesday of the month. Location varies.

Ongoing:

Bristol Community Services is in need of anything and everything!

Please help if you can!

For those of you who missed out on our “Thanksgiving-in-April” turkey dinner with all the fixin’s, you have one more chance to enjoy a fabulous dinner, as our last monthly supper of the season will be our very popular pot roast, which will be held on Saturday, May 11. Dinners will resume again in September.

5:30 to 7 p.m.
Adults \$9. Children \$4 under 12.

Take Out Available: 744-8132

The ukelele band continues to grow and become more proficient as the weeks go by! We’re having a ball! If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Doe. The band gets together once a week on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for lessons and practice. Their next performance will be on Sunday, May 5, when Rev. Gordon Rankin, the U.C.C. Conference Minister, will be preaching!

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!

Restoration Church, Plymouth (Assemblies of God)

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, 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, 2017, 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:

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Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes, Worship Leader

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director and Choir

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Prom

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worked together to make this happen.”

Participants in the prom came from not only Newfound but other area high schools. Included were Unified teams from Belmont, Winnisquam, Gilford, Inter-Lakes and Plymouth who all enjoyed getting to see their seasonal competitors in a noncompetitive setting.

Arriving from Belmont High School were not only Unified athletes but other students as well.

“We have a lot of people getting involved in our Best Buddies program at Belmont so there’s a lot of them here tonight, too,” said Victoria Riberirro. “This night is absolutely amazing. Keegan (Donovan, her escort) has never been to a prom before and we’re going to have a great time!”

The best part of the night, many said, was that there was no stress over who you were going with or how you would dress. Students arrived as couples, close friends, groups

or even accompanied by a beloved brother or sister. Some wore casual attire while many went all out with their formal wear, making it a fun, “anything goes” kind of night.

Zeke Richardson of Bristol attended the prom with his sister Hayley and opted for a classic tuxedo and tails. He was proud to have a night where he could set aside his normal clothes and dress for a very special occasion and his grandmother Debbie Richardson was proud to see him make his way down the red carpet, too.

“I’m so excited about how this all turned out. For the very first year of a prom like this, it’s amazing,” she said as Zeke strolled by in his tux.

Plymouth students were equally excited to attend. Many of them are seniors and while not all played Unified sports this year, they accompanied their friends on the team for a special reason.

“We love them and wanted to be here with them tonight to show our support,” said Aubrey King. “The prom

walk along the red carpet with them was awesome.”

Sobolov said the ultimate purpose of the prom was to create a social environment where students in Unified Sports could meet up with their peers in other area high schools. Like Keegan, it was the first prom for many of the athletes and that just made the evening all the more special.

“There was no charge for the prom, everything was done through donations. Even the DJ (Tilton Police Chief Bob Cormier) was free and Special Olympics New Hampshire donated all the drinks,” he said. “A lot of kudos go to Pete Cofran though (Newfound’s retiring AD). I came up with the idea but he did all the behind the scenes work to make it happen.”

Besides the music and the magical “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” décor, there was also a free buffet dinner, snack bar and an ice cream bar that everyone enjoyed as they danced the night away.

Parking

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warn people before implementing the tougher regulations, Selectman J.P. Morrison said they have discussed it long enough. “I don’t want to keep putting this off,” he said.

In other business, selectmen approved a new assessing contract with Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC, which was chosen over two competitors, Corcoran Consulting Associates and Cross Country Appraisals, even though they came in with lower bids. Christina Goodwin, the town’s assessing manager, said the

bidder was not consistent in what they offered, making a determination difficult, but she recommended staying with Commerford, which has provided good service in the past. She was especially impressed with how well Jim Commorford was able to explain the complexities of property valuation to residents.

Selectmen also approved the purchase of new laptops for the police department at a cost of \$29,000 after applying a grant that the department had received to allow it to phase out the old ones.

Selectman Rick Alpers noted that, because

all of the bids on the town office project came in over budget, they had to scale back on what they planned to accomplish. Construction costs have risen 7 percent since Town Meeting, but he said he expected to have “a more definitive number” by the May 16 meeting.

“If we achieve savings on the project, we can add things back in,” he said.

The town is planning to renovate the former Newfound Family Practice building to accommodate town offices, which will free up space in the Bristol Municipal Building for the police department.

Promise

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and even fun field trips, too.

“The kids themselves have a real impact on what we do. After each session we ask them to critique the activities they took part in, telling us what they liked or didn’t like about each club,” said Severance.

That is all part of what the “Promise” means. It is a promise to not only help, but to engage students in activities that they are interested in and support them when they are struggling.

“We’re fortunate that we have a lot of connections with people in the community that also lend their support and skills to the programs,” she said.

This year, Hannaford sponsored visits from the Wildlife Encounters, PSU students lent their time to working and playing with students, and community members have dropped by to volunteer for activities or teach them new skills. Local libraries aid the boys and girls in special programs, too, as do representatives of UNH Cooperative Extension and Girls, Inc. of Concord.

Severance said this particular grant was written for the program offered in five of the area schools—Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, Bristol Elementary, Danbury Elementary, Newfound Memorial Middle School and Newfound Regional High School. New Hampton Community School is part of the program, but because they enrolled in it after the initial grants were awarded, funding for their portion of Project Promise is on a different grant cycle.

Benefitting the district this time are a few additions to the federal funding she received. All Destination Imagination teams in the district are included in the 2019 five-year grant, along with an environmental learning experience for high school students and their chaperones at the Schoodic Institute of Acadia National Park in Maine.

“This really provides everything needed for the program for the five schools it covers,” said Severance. “Supplies, data sites, field trips and staffing included.”

There are also funding provisions that reach beyond the school district to Project Promise’s own

community partners at Tapply-Thompson Community Center and the Newfound Area District’s summer school program. Through this grant, Severance said, TTCC is a 501c:3 partner with Project Promise and therefore receives stipends for their Teen Nights, Friday coverage for after school activities when Project Promise is not in operation, and more. It also funds NMMS summer school programs as well as the K-5 grade-level summer school at Bristol Elementary School, all elements vital to their success.

Severance said she is also very grateful for the support Project Promise receives from administrators, the community, parents, and volunteers.

“Most of all though, I’m thankful for the site coordinators. Without them, this program would not run as smoothly as it does,” she said.

Project Promise is now in its 16th year of operation in the district and Severance has been at the helm since that time. The current registration for this program is 637 children from kindergarten through high school and in many of the elementary schools nearly half the student population is enrolled.

Forrester

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unprecedented coalition, united against the project. Republicans and Democrats, business leaders and conservationists, suburban and rural – so many stood united to speak up and oppose Northern Pass. It was humbling to see how much time and effort regular citizens took to follow the legislative process addressing Northern Pass, to turn out at site visits, to speak with me about their concerns, to show up at town meetings and ultimately to file comments with the SEC and attend its deliberative sessions in the lead-up to last year’s decision.

These countless citizen activists who took precious time away from their work and families to engage against Northern Pass are the real heroes in this story, and together, they reflect the very

best of New Hampshire’s volunteer traditions. Once the SEC ruled against Northern Pass last year, it is understandable that my friends involved in this fight for so many years thought they had won and that was the end.

But it is not the end. Not yet. Northern Pass has appealed its defeat to our state Supreme Court, and oral argument is scheduled on May 15. It is entirely possible that by the end of this summer, the Court will have ruled and Northern Pass may have new life. But regardless of what the court says, after 10 years of debate, discussion and disagreement, the people of New Hampshire have very clearly spoken: New Hampshire does not need or want Northern Pass.

One of my political mentors, Ray Burton, was the very first elected official to oppose Northern Pass, but

countless others from both parties followed him. Virtually every municipality along the proposed route has opposed the project. Dozens of businesses large and small have opposed the project. Thousands of Granite Staters from every political stripe and walk of life have opposed the project.

As I said years ago, this is about New Hampshire – not a company – choosing New Hampshire’s future. The people of our great state have chosen, loudly, clearly and wisely. Enough time, money and talk has been spent on Northern Pass. It is long past time to move on.

Jeanie Forrester is a former State Senator from Meredith who represented Senate District 2 from 2010 through 2016 and a former Chair of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee.

Library

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Art for their delightful entertainment.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Why Should Recent Graduates Care About Retirement Planning?

If you’ve graduated from college in the past year or so and started your first job, you’re no doubt learning a lot about establishing yourself as an adult and being responsible for your own finances. So thoughts of your retirement are probably far away. And yet you have several good reasons to invest in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. First of all, by contributing to your 401(k), you can get into the habit of regular investing. And since you invest in your 401(k) through regular payroll deductions, it’s an easy way to invest.

Furthermore, your 401(k) or similar plan is an excellent retirement-savings vehicle. You generally contribute pre-tax dollars to your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. Your employer might also offer a Roth 401(k), which is funded with after-tax dollars; although you can’t deduct your contributions, your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. And with either a traditional or Roth 401(k), you generally have a wide array of invest-

ment options. But perhaps the main reason to start investing right away in your 401(k) is that, at this point of your life, you have access to the greatest and most irreplaceable asset of all – time. The more time you have on your side, the greater the growth potential for your investments. And by starting to invest early in your plan, you can put in smaller amounts without having to play catch-up later. Suppose, for example, you begin investing in your 401(k) or similar plan when you’re 25. For the sake of simplicity, let’s say you put

in \$100 a month, and you keep investing that same amount for 40 years, earning a hypothetical 7 percent rate of return. When you reach 65, you will have accumulated about \$256,000. (Your withdrawals will then be taxable, unless you chose the Roth 401(k) option.) But if you waited until you were 45 before you started investing in your 401(k), again earning that hypothetical 7 percent, you’d have to put in almost \$500 per month – about five times the monthly amount you could have invested when you were 25 – to ar-

rive at the same \$256,000 when you turn 65. Clearly, the expression “time is money” applies when it comes to funding your 401(k) – there’s just no benefit in waiting to contribute to your retirement plan. This isn’t to say that you have a lot of disposable income, especially as you may be paying off thousands of dollars in student loans. But, as mentioned above, the money for your 401(k) is taken before you even see it, so, in a sense, you won’t miss it. And you can certainly start out with small amounts, though

you’ll at least want to put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered. As your career progresses and your salary goes up, you can steadily increase the amount you put into your 401(k) or other retirement plan. When retirement is decades away, it can seem like more of an abstract concept than something that will one day define your reality. But, as we’ve seen, you have plenty of incentives to contribute to your 401(k) or similar plan – so, if you haven’t already done so, get started soon.

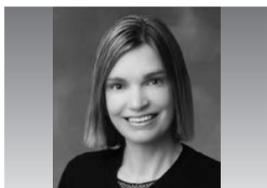
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Silent film classic to screen at Flying Monkey

PLYMOUTH — It's an image so powerful, people who've never seen the movie still instantly recognize it. The vision of Harold Lloyd hanging from the hands of a huge clock, from the

climax of his silent comedy "Safety Last" (1923), has emerged as a symbol of the "anything goes" spirit of early Hollywood and the magic of the movies. See how Harold

gets into his high-altitude predicament in a screening of 'Safety Last,' one of Lloyd's most popular comedies, on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Per-

formance Center, 39 South Main St., Plymouth.

Admission is \$10 per person general admission.

The story of "Safety Last" follows young go-getter Lloyd to the big city, where he hopes to make his mark in business and send for his small town sweetheart. His career at a downtown department store stalls, however, until he gets a chance to pitch a surefire publicity idea—hire a human fly to climb the building's exterior.

However, when the human fly has a last-minute run-in with the law, Harold is forced to make the climb himself, floor by floor, with his sweetheart looking on. The result is an extended sequence blending comedy and terror that holds viewers spellbound.

Lloyd, along with Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, is regarded as one of the silent screen's three

great clowns. Lloyd's character, a young go-getter ready to struggle to win the day, proved hugely popular in the 1920s. While Chaplin and Keaton were always favored by the critics, Lloyd's films reigned as the top-grossing comedies throughout the period.

The Flying Monkey's silent film series gives local audiences the chance to experience early cinema as it was intended: on the big screen, with live music, and with an audience.

"Put the whole experience back together, and you can see why people first fell in love with the movies," said Rapsis, a practitioner of the nearly lost art of silent film accompaniment.

Rapsis performs on a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra, creating a traditional "movie score" sound.

"Seeing 'Safety Last' with an audience is

one of the great thrill rides of the cinema of any era, silent or sound," Rapsis said. "Harold's iconic building climb, filmed without trick photography, continues to provoke audience responses nearly 100 years after film was first released."

Tributes to the clock-hanging scene have appeared in several contemporary films, most recently in Martin Scorsese's "Hugo" (2011), which includes clips from "Safety Last."

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Wailers bring message of "One Love" to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — The legendary Wailers continue their quest to bring reggae to the forefront of the world's stage at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this concert start at \$39.

Formed in the late '60s in Jamaica and best known as Bob Marley's legendary backing band, The Wailers remain the world's most popular reggae act, selling over 250 million albums and performing for more than 20 million people around the world.

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1981, "Fams," as he's known to his inner circle, has carried on the mission to "keep The Wailers together" just as Bob requested.

The Wailers explain "We want all the people who come to the shows to be able to close their eyes and feel like Bob is on the stage. We think the message is what has kept this band relevant. The message is positive, and it brings people together. One love is the message, because everyone is connected."

Tickets for The Wailers range from \$39 - \$45. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at www.flying-monkeyNH.com.

From Boston to Venezuela and back with Adam Ezra

PLYMOUTH — Boston area roots rockers, The Adam Ezra Group, will be bringing their famously high energy live show to The Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Saturday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this concert start at \$29.

Known as Boston's premier Folk-Rock band, literate songcraft and high energy live shows have catapulted Adam Ezra Group onto the national stage.

Ezra attended Colgate University, then began



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traveling, first to Venezuela, then South Africa and Canada. It was

during these trips that he became absorbed in the guitar. He headed to Chicago, where he honed his skills at the wealth of open mics, and began traveling around the country playing coffee shops.

"During that time, I brought my guitar with me and really immersed myself in teaching myself how to play and writing songs," he says. "I decided it was the thing that inspired me the most in my life. I operate from a belief that at the core all human beings are the same. We have the same needs, and

the same desires, and the same hopes and aspirations, and sadness. The things that make us different is culture and perspective. It became a goal of mine early on to soak up as much perspective as I could."

After landing back in Boston, he slowly began forming the band.

"I've always kind of fancied myself as a folk musician and songwriter," Ezra says. "I love singer-songwriter writing and I love songs that have story and content and meaning to them. But I've always been inspired by bands that created a community through the music they played on stage, that also translated into an infectious feeling off stage. I loved that and wanted to create that."

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What's On Tap

The high school post-season is officially here.

The Division II and III boys' and girls' tennis tournaments kick off in the coming week.

The boys' tournaments in Division II and III both begin on Tuesday, May 21, at the home of the higher seed and continue on Thursday, May 23, at 4 p.m. also at the home of the higher seed.

The girls' tournaments in Division II and III both begin on Wednesday, May 22, at the home of the higher seed.

The Newfound and Plymouth track teams will be at Belmont for the annual Wilderness Championships on Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m.

At Newfound, the baseball team will be taking on Winnisquam on Friday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester.

The Bear baseball and softball teams will be at White Mountains on Monday, May 20, at 4:30 p.m.

The Plymouth lacrosse boys will be hosting Bishop Brady at 4 p.m. today, May 16, will be at Lebanon at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, and will be hosting Milford at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

The Bobcat girls' lacrosse team is hosting Kearsarge on Friday, May 17, at 4 p.m., hosts Lebanon at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 20, and will be at Milford at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

The Bobcats baseball and softball teams will be at Bow on Friday, May 17, at 4 p.m. and will be at Kennett on Wednesday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. The Bobcat softball girls will be hosting Sanborn today, Thursday, May 16, at 4 p.m. and will be at White Mountains at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 20, while the baseball team will host White Mountains at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 20.

The Bobcat tennis teams will wrap up the regular season with matches against Oyster River on Friday, May 17, with the boys at home and the girls on the road.

Bears dominate throwing events in Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Newfound track team took part in a meet at Belmont on Saturday.

The Bear girls were dominant in the throwing events, winning all three events.

In the shot put, Ashlee Dukette took the win at 34 feet, with Paulina Huckins in second place at 32 feet, six inches and Oceanne Skoog in third place at 32 feet, 1.25 inches. Sadira Dukette threw 18 feet, 7.75 inches for 10th place and Gretchen McGowan was 12th at 16 feet, 6.5 inches.

Skoog tossed her way to the win in the discus with a throw of 78 feet, eight inches, with Trinity Taylor in second place at 71 feet, four inches. Huckins was fifth at 62 feet, six inches and McGowan was eighth at 49 feet, 10 inches.

Ashlee Dukette won the javelin with a throw of 99 feet, one inch and Sadira Dukette finished in eighth place at 39 feet, two inches.

Shyann Seymour scored in a pair of events. In the 100 meters, she finished in fifth place in 14.98 seconds and in the 200 meters she was also fifth with a time of 31.29 seconds.

Caroline Marchant took a break from softball to run the 400 meters with a time of 1:11.83 for sixth place.

Haley Dukette finished in fourth place in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:55.12.

Autumn Braley also



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ashlee Dukette won a pair of throwing events in Belmont on Saturday.

scored in a couple of events. She finished in fourth in the 100-meter hurdles in 20.5 seconds, with Cassie Zick in seventh in 22.1 seconds. Braley was also third in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 58.23 seconds.

Elsa McConologue finished in third place in the high jump with a height of four feet, two inches.

The Bear girls ran to second place in the 4X100-meter relay with a time of 56.16 seconds.

In the long jump, Lilly Wright was 10th at 11 feet, one inch and Elvena Shedd was 12th at 10 feet.

The Bear boys also got a pair of wins in the throwing events.

Mason Dalphonse tossed his way to the top spot in the shot put at 45 feet, two inches, with Jacob Blouin in sixth place at 35 feet, three inches, Devon Normandin in 11th at 30 feet, one inch, Sam Klapyk in 15th at 27 feet, 2.5 inches and Owen McDonald in 16th at 25 feet, six inches.

Dalphonse also won the discus with a distance of 125 feet, four

inches, with Jarod Cilly in 10th at 78 feet and Klapyk in 13th at 51 feet, one inch.

Matt Libby ran to the win in the 110-meter hurdles with his time of 17.56 seconds.

Reid Wilkins cleared five feet, eight inches in the high jump to finish in first place, with Dylan Perkins at five feet, two inches for third and Mark Pagani at five feet for fourth.

Cian Connor won the triple jump with a leap of 37 feet, with Devon Hershberger in fifth place at 25 feet, four inches.

Libby took fourth in the 100 meters in 12.61

seconds, with Justin Shokal in seventh in 12.93 seconds, Aidon Anderson in eighth in 13.12 seconds, Josh Bucklin in ninth in 13.15 seconds, Logan Glidden in 14th in 13.76 seconds and Connor Van Lingen in 18th in 14.15 seconds.

Anderson took fourth place in the 200 meters in 26.15 seconds and Bucklin was fifth in 26.31 seconds.

Joe Sullivan picked up a fifth place in the 3,200 meters in 12:00.81, with Wyatt Day in sixth in 13:19.22, Hershberger in seventh in 13:52.96 and Ashlar Dotson in eighth in 13:56.81.

The Bears were second in the 4X100-meter relay in 48.49 seconds and in the 4X400-meter relay, they placed fifth in 4:35.25.

Connor leaped to fourth in the long jump at 17 feet, 10 inches.

Normandin finished third in the javelin at 114 feet, two inches, with Dalphonse in fifth at 94 feet, one inch, Van Lingen in eighth at 89 feet, three inches, Glidden in 10th at 84 feet, two inches, Pagani at 80 feet, eight inches for 13th, McDonald in 15th at 74 feet and Hunter Pease at 70 feet, four inches for 17th.

Luke Wade was 11th in the 800 meters in 2:54.13 and in the 1,600 meters, Nick Comeau took eighth in 5:32.6 and Pease was 13th in 6:30.97.

Newfound will be competing in the Wilderness League Championships at 9 a.m. at Belmont High School on Saturday, May 18.

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First pitch

Those in attendance at Wells Field for the 2019 Tapply Thompson baseball/softball Opening Day celebration, which was held on May 4, had the pleasure of seeing the ceremonial first pitch thrown by Joel Bean to his grandson, Brayden Cullen. Bean was a player for the league when he was a child and won the sportsmanship award in 1969. He also coached little league at Wells Field for years. He coached Babe Ruth Baseball, a Babe Ruth Softball all star team and the high school varsity baseball team for a season (2003). He was the president of the boosters club association. While President of the boosters club, Bean put together a softball team that played in the Bristol Old Home Day Softball Tournament and the team later went on to play in the Franklin Softball League. Bean was a board member on the TTCC baseball commission for many years and after coaching, he umpired for several seasons as well. He is also the father of current League Commissioner and coach Kris Bean. He was involved in so many things over the years and it was a pleasure to honor Bean for everything he's done for the TTCC (BCC) and Newfound area by having him throw out the first pitch.

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Tiffany Doan had a hit, drove in a run and stole a base against Newport.

Softball Bears fall to Newport and Berlin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

Newfound softball team continued the season with a busy week of action last week. The Bears visited

Newport on Saturday, May 4, and dropped a 9-3 decision to the Tigers. The hosts came out and scored three runs

in the first inning and six more in the second inning.

Kasey Basford threw four and a third innings in relief for the Bears and held Newport at bay the rest of the way.

Newfound, however, couldn't quite come all the way back.

Basford had a double and scored a run, while Tiffany Doan, Jillian Buchanan, Madison Hanley and Bailey Fairbank all had singles. Buchanan and Marchand also scored runs while Doan, Fairbank and Emilie Ruitter each drove in runs. Doan also added a stolen base.

The team made the long trek north to Berlin on Monday, May 6, and dropped a 14-0 decision to the Mountaineers

The hosts had three home runs among their nine hits on the way to the win.

"(We) tried to stay strong and did not give up despite the score," said coach Kelly Meehan.

Madison Perry led the offense for the Bears, going two-for-two with a double and a single, while Basford also had a single.

The Bears were scheduled to host Hillsboro-Deering on Friday but that game was postponed until after deadline Tuesday.

Newfound will be back in action on Wednesday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. at White Mountains Regional.

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Beaujouan, Meier, Swanson all win in Durham

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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DURHAM — The Plymouth track team made the trek to Durham on Saturday for the Bobcat Invitational at Oyster River High School.

Remy Beaujouan had himself quite a nice day in the sprints, coming home with a pair of wins. In the 100 meters, he finished second in the preliminaries in 11.56 seconds and then won the finals in 11.34 seconds. William Golden was 13th in 12.13 seconds and Pete Wingsted was 17th in 12.26 seconds.

Beaujouan also won the 200 meters, putting up a time of 23.24 seconds, while Wingsted was 10th in 24.96 seconds and Golden was 15th in 25.26 seconds.

Cale Swanson also had a win for Plymouth, topping the field in the javelin with a toss of 156 feet, 11 inches. Samson DeRuvo was 24th at 100 feet, four inches.

In the 400 meters, Achius Wolfley was 25th in 1:04.99 and he finished in 2:40.49 in the 800 meters for 25th place. Logan Hixon threw the discus 65 feet, two inches for 25th place overall.

On the girls' side of things, Samantha Meier won the javelin with her throw of 107 feet, five inches. Zea McGarr finished in 23rd at 40 feet,



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Tara Smoker finished second in the 200 meters Saturday in Durham.

two inches.

In the 100 meters, Katherine Luehrs finished sixth in the preliminaries in 13.21 seconds and was third in the finals in 13.11 seconds. Tara Smoker was ninth in 13.3 seconds, Sophia Sweet was 21st in 14.21, Hailey Patridge was 41st in 15.09, Jorja Derosier was 47th in 15.92 and Olivia Homer was 51st in 16.2 seconds.

Smoker ran to second place in the 200 meters with her time of 26.86 seconds, with Sweet in 18th in 29.97, Maisy Mure in 22nd in 30.38, Lydia Marunowski in 24th in 31.11, Patridge in

30th in 32.1, Stella Smith in 35th in 33.16, Kelly Daugherty in 38th in 34.73 and Merrick Wolfley in 43rd in 39.8.

The Bobcats took fourth in a pair of relays. In the 4X100-meter relay, they finished in 54.26 seconds and in the 4X400-meter relay, they placed fourth in 4:31.13 and then a second team placed eighth in 4:59.43.

Julia Ahern leaped to third in the high jump at four feet, nine inches, with Luehrs finishing in fifth place at the same height.

Meier added a third in the shot put at 29 feet, 4.25 inches, with Ahern

in 213th at 24 feet, six inches and McGarr in 25th at 16 feet, 5.5 inches.

In the 400 meter, Meghan Metivier was ninth in 1:08.26, Corinna Flynn was 15th in 1:16, Emily Barker was 16th in 1:17.36, Smith was 17th in 1:17.59, Daugherty was 19th in 1:23.22 and Wolfley was 21st in 1:38.31. Metivier was also 14th in the 800 meters in 2:45.56 and Barker was 33rd in 3:18.24. Ainsley Towers placed 11th in the 1,600 meters at 6:02.45 and Libby Van DeMoere was 19th in 6:52.59. In the long jump, Marunowski was 15th at 12 feet, 8.5 inches and

Donna Collette was 18th at 10 feet, 8.5 inches. Marunowski also added an eighth place in the triple jump at 28 feet, 10 inches. In the discus, DeRuvo was eighth at 76 feet, eight inches, Ahern was ninth at 70 feet, seven inches and McGarr was 19th at 36 feet, three inches.

The Bobcats will be taking part in the Wilderness League Championships on Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m. at Belmont.

Plymouth girls escape North Conway with a win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — It wasn't the prettiest of wins, but it was a win nonetheless for the shorthanded Plymouth tennis girls on Saturday afternoon in North Conway.

Missing a couple players from the top of the lineup, coach Diane DiNardo moved players up in the lineup and the Bobcats responded with a hard-fought 5-4 win.

The first singles match to finish was at number two, where Ellen Ryan picked up an 8-2 win after moving up from the fourth spot in the lineup.

Kamilah Abdul-Jabbar moved into the fifth spot in the lineup and she dropped an 8-4 decision while Kate Von Iderstine played in the sixth spot and finished with an 8-3 loss, putting the Bobcats in a 2-1 hole with the first three matches finished.

The fourth match off the courts was at number three, where Ciara O'Brien pulled through with an 8-5 win, but Mia Sullivan dropped an 8-6 decision at number five and Kennett took the 3-2 lead with one singles match still on the court.

That final singles match was a turning point in the match for Plymouth. Jocelyn LaClair, moving up two spots into the number one position, fell behind 4-0. However, LaClair rallied back and eventually picked up a 9-7 win to send the two teams to doubles with the score knotted at three.

The first doubles match off the course was at number three, where Abdul-Jabbar and Mia Furbush fell by an 8-1 score.

The top two doubles teams then came through with wins for the Bobcats to seal the 5-4 win. Ryan and O'Brien played at number one and won



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Jocelyn LaClair moved up to the top spot in the lineup and picked up a win in North Conway on Saturday.

by an 8-5 score and LaClair and Sullivan won 8-4 in the second spot, sealing Plymouth's win.

Plymouth opened the week with a 5-4 loss to Bishop Brady. Kaylie Sampson won 8-2 in the top spot and Kacie Collins fell 8-5 at number two. LaClair fought back from an early deficit, but dropped a long match by a 9-7 score. Ryan won 8-1 in the fourth spot and O'Brien won 8-2 in the fifth spot. Sullivan played at number six and lost 8-6.

Sampson and Ryan played number one doubles and lost 8-3, Collins and Abdul-Jabbar won 8-4 at number two and Sullivan and LaClair won 8-2.

Plymouth lost to undefeated Bow last Wednesday by an 8-1 score. Sampson came away with the lone win in the top spot, finishing with a 9-7 victory in a hard-hitting, long match.

The Bobcats will play at Souhegan today, May 16, at 4 p.m. and will be at Oyster River at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, to close out the regular season. The girls' tourna-

ments in Division II begins on Wednesday,



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Ellen Ryan moved into the second spot on Saturday as the Bobcats defeated Kennett.

May 22, at the home of the higher seed.

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Shorthanded Bobcats fall to Eagles in North Conway

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — The Plymouth boys' tennis team made the trip to North Conway on Saturday a little short on bodies.

With only five healthy players available, the road was an uphill one for coach Tony DiNardo's crew against Kennett.

The Eagles were able to take advantage and came through with an 8-1 win over the Bobcats.

The first match off the courts was at number one, where Jackson Morrell dropped an 8-0 decision.

The lone win for the Bobcats came at number two singles, where Yago Gonzalez moved up and took an 8-3 win, tying the match at one.

Mike Johannson lost 8-2 in the fourth spot and Jeffrey Stewart lost an 8-6 decision in the third spot while Diego Blaylock lost 8-0 in the fifth spot. The sixth singles spot went to the Eagles on forfeit, so the hosts had the 5-1 lead after the singles play.

Morrell and Gonzalez played at number one in probably the best match of the afternoon, eventually dropping an 8-6 decision while Johannson and Stewart lost an 8-0 decision at number two and the third doubles spot went by forfeit to the Eagles for the 8-1 win.

The Bobcats trav-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Yago Gonzalez charges in on a ball in action in North Conway on Saturday.



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Michael Johannson returns a shot in action against Kennett Saturday afternoon.

eled to Bow on Wednesday and had some solid battles but came up short by a 6-3 decision.

Plymouth got two wins in the singles, as Graham Pogue won 8-6 at number three and Gonzalez won 8-2 at number six.

Morrell lost 8-4 at number one, Cam Donnell lost 9-7 at number two, Roger Babin dropped a 9-7 decision at number four and Stewart lost 8-6 in the fifth spot in the lineup.

Plymouth's doubles win came at number

three, where Pogue and Babin picked up an 8-3 win. Gonzalez and Donnell played at number one and fell 8-6 and Stewart and Morrell played at number two and lost 8-4.

"We walk into (this) week at 5-5," said DiNardo. "There are essentially two playoff spots remaining. And we play two of the teams competing for them.

"So we have the opportunity to decide our destiny," the Bobcat coach added.

He also praised the work of Gonzalez in the Kennett match, noting he moved up four spots and played exceptionally well.

"Yago had a very good match," DiNardo said. "He continues to improve and he has really minimized his errors."

Plymouth has a pair of makeup games to wrap up the regular season. Today, May 16, they host Souhegan at 4 p.m. and on Friday, May 17, they will host Oyster River at 4:30 p.m.

The boys' tournament in Division II begins on Tuesday, May 21, at the home of the higher seed and continues on Thursday, May 23, at 4 p.m. also at the home of the higher seed.

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Newfound watershed study to be discussed Tuesday

PLYMOUTH — Ben Nugent, a biologist with New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, will present a project to study the Newfound River watershed at the next Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited meeting. The study will evaluate stream-crossing structures at the watershed level, as well as going back to some of the locations that were electro fished in 2009. He hopes to create a working group consisting of the NH F&G, Pemi Chapter, NLRA and the Lakes Region Planning Commission and communities to address these priorities.

The Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Common Man Inn in Plymouth. Come early and meet Nugent and fellow anglers. There will be a raffle supporting sending a lucky boy or girl to the Barry Fishing Camp. Meetings are free and open to the public.

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Busy week for Newfound baseball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound baseball team had a busy week with games against Berlin, Hopkinton, White Mountains and Hillsboro-Deering.

After dropping a 9-8 decision to Berlin to kick off the week, the Bears welcomed Hopkinton to town for a makeup game on Tuesday, May 7.

Hopkinton got on the board in the first inning on the way to a 13-0 win.

The Bears had just one hit on the day, a base hit from Luke Gordon in the second inning.

Logan Rouille took the loss for the Bears on the hill, giving up 11 runs on seven hits over four innings, while striking out three.

The Bears dropped a 12-1 decision to White Mountains on Wednesday, May 8.

Freshmen Kaleb Davis and Connor Downes did the pitching for the Bears. Davis gave up seven hits and six runs while striking out

one and walking two in three and one-third innings. Downes came in during the fourth and gave up six runs on five hits with one strikeout and one walk in three and two-third innings.

Leroy LaFlamme, Reed Wilson and Adrian Ehman each collected a hit to lead the Newfound offense and both LaFlamme and Wilson each stole two bases. LaFlamme also scored Newfound's lone run, with Rouille driving him in with a sacrifice fly.

The team's game with Hillsboro-Deering on Friday was postponed until after deadline May 14.

The Bears will be back in action on Friday, May 17, as they take on Winnisquam at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester. On Wednesday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. the Bears will be at White Mountains at 4:30 p.m.

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Leroy LaFlamme had a hit and scored a run in Newfound's loss to White Mountains.

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Casting for Kirby fishing derby is June 19

WATERVILLE VALLEY — The 10th annual "Casting for Kirby" youth fishing derby in Waterville Valley has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 19 (Fathers' Day weekend). Corcoran Pond has been drawn down to reinforce the dam, but the work will not be completed by Memorial Day. The derby is planned to be back on Memorial Day weekend next year.

The 10th annual "Casting for Kirby" youth fishing derby is open to all youth ages 15 and under. Registration and check in begins at 8 a.m. in Town Square. The fishing



COURTESY PHOTOS
(Left) Casting for Kirby fishing derby has been set for Saturday, June 19.

derby begins at 8:30 a.m. with staggered starting times. There is a top prize for Kirby (or the largest fish), as well as prizes for first, second and third place and the smallest fish in each age group. Participants can pre-register with Waterville Valley Recreation Department by calling 236-4695 or e-mailing recdirector@watervillevalley.org.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Waterville Valley (Departments of Public Safety and Recreation), Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited and N.H. Fish and Game



Newfound seeking fall coaches

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High is looking to fill the following coaching positions for Fall 2019: JV volleyball, JV girls' soccer and two unified soccer coaches. If interested, please send a letter of intent, resume, and names and phone numbers of three references to Supt. Stacy Buckley, SAU 4, 20 North Main St., Bristol, NH 03222. Questions should be directed to Peter Cofran, Athletic Director at pcofran@sau4.org or 744-6006, x1507.

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A rain delay edition of random subjects

With all the postponements and schedule changes in the past few weeks, it seemed like the right time to touch on a few different subjects.

First and foremost, this season of Survivor hasn't been high on my list of favorite seasons. While there are some good new characters (Rick and Wardog to name two) and some entertaining returning players (Aubry, David and Kelley, one of my all-time favorite players), the concept of the season is what makes me a little down on this season. The Edge of Extinction twist, which gives players who have been voted out a second chance to stay in the game, to me, at least, takes away the power of the voting. And as the show entered the final week, there was a good possibility that a person

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



who had been voted out earlier (and got back in thanks to the Edge of Extinction twist), could have won the game and that doesn't sit well with me. I'm intrigued about the rumors of seasons 39 and 40 (being filmed now) and am ready for a new season come fall.

The constant changing of games, made it tough to see all of my teams on a regular basis this spring. With the five schools and numerous varsity sports, I usually get to see teams once every few weeks, but things got pretty screwed up with the weather. Last week I saw a few teams for the first time, including the Prospect Mountain, Kennett and Plymouth girls' tennis teams and the Plymouth boys' lacrosse team. That officially means that I have seen all of my teams, though it's a bit late, since the tennis regular season ends this week.

I had a bit of a relapse in the diet program, I had been following. While I had no problem keeping up with the exercise portion of the program, I kind of got away from the diet portion for a while. Taking short trips to Seattle and Philadelphia probably didn't help matters any but I also just let things get away from

me for a bit. Most of the time it started small, with a piece of candy here or there, but it escalated a little bit. I got back on track with the diet at the start of last week, so we'll see how long it lasts this time.

For those interested, I'll be appearing on stage this summer at the Village Players Theater. I wasn't sure about auditioning, but decided to give it a shot, since this show doesn't really require memorization. I am playing the role of Charles Webb in Thornton Wilder's Our Town, which will be on stage the final weekend of July and the first weekend of August. Rehearsals have been under way for a few weeks and it's coming along nicely and I'm looking forward to the next few months of rehearsal. And if I'm missing at a game here or there, I'm probably at rehearsal.

Finally, have a great day Hunter and Mandy Emory.

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