

# SELT celebrates \$200,000 grant award to expand Birch Ridge Community Forest

NEW DURHAM —The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has announced \$4.1 million dollars in matching grants awarded to thirty-two projects across the state, including an approximately 640-acre expansion of Birch Ridge Community Forest in New Durham, which is part of the larger Keep Merrymeeting Clean initiative.

SELT has received \$200,000 to support the conservation effort, which also included a robust campaign of private donations.

The LCHIP grant completes the fundraising stage, allowing SELT to work toward conserving over 1,100 acres of critical watershed, wildlife protection, and public trails.

“We are so appreciative of LCHIP’s award for this important project,” said Brian Hart, Executive Director of SELT. “This grant and the incredible generosity of those who love Merrymeeting, will help keep the Lake, one of the cleanest lakes in New Hampshire, pristine and protected forever. In addition, this award will preserve valuable wildlife habitat

and provide trails for all to enjoy.”

The LCHIP award will help SELT acquire the Stell and Young Tracts adjacent to the 2,021-acre Birch Ridge Community Forest, which was conserved in 2019. SELT anticipates completing the purchase of these 640+ acres by April 2021. The expanded Birch Ridge Community Forest will continue to be stewarded in partnership with the community through the Community Forest Management Committee, made up of community members from the New Durham representing the Town, lake residents, snowmobil-

ing, and other interest groups. The Community Forest is managed for public recreation, sustainable forestry, wildlife habitat, and the water quality of Merrymeeting Lake.

LCHIP funds will support projects in nine of the state’s ten counties. This grant round was highly competitive, with nearly \$8 million in funding requests compared to \$4.1 million available for grants.

LCHIP Board of Directors Chair Amanda Merrill of Durham observed that “With the large number and high SEE GRANT, PAGE A11



COURTESY

## American Legion supports Barnstead Food Pantry

The Alton American Legion Family Post 72 donated \$500 to the Barnstead Food Pantry to support local families during the holidays. The Barnstead Food Pantry is helping families this year with Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Packages. The American Legion jumped in to help contribute this much needed cause. They also donated to Alton and New Durham Food Pantry and all three town’s End 68 Hours of Hunger program. Please reach out to your local town offices to see how you can help! They need volunteers, delivery drivers and most important donations to help these families in need. The Family of American Legions support their Veterans, however they also support their local communities through donations, fundraisers and providing Thanksgiving and Christmas packages to local families of Veterans as well. In this time of Covid and economic instability, please reach out to see how you can help in your local community. Thank you to the Alton American Legion Family Post 72 for supporting our local communities Sincerely, The Barnstead Families!

## Volleyball All-State selections announced

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

REGION — Volleyball coaches from around the state gave their votes to help select this year’s All-State honorees. This year there were no First Team, Second Team or Third Team distinctions, rather all those chosen by coaches are honored with All-State selection.

Local honorees in Division II include Kingwood’s Gillian Siegars, Prospect Mountain’s Julia Leavitt and Allie Stockman, Plymouth’s Abby Bassingthwaite, Erin Toole and Makayla Marucci and Lindsey Sanderson, Riley McDonough and Kate Sullivan of Division II champion Gilford.

Locals honored for Division III included Devyn Vaal, Molly Moynihan and Emma Richardson of Inter-Lakes, Jozelyn Henry of Kennett, Bailey Fairbank, Malina Bohlmann and Paulina Huckins of Division III champion Newfound, Jess Sullivan of Moultonborough and Alyzabeth O’Connell of Belmont.

Also earning All-State honors in Division II were Madi Smith of Somersworth, Kim Gowell, Emma Hampton and Maggie Sylvester of Oyster River, Sierra Halligan and Norah Dunleavy of Laconia, Izzy Unsworth, Sophie Palmer and Emma Tronkowski of Milford, Katerina Stuopis and Allison McCall of Souhegan, Anneliese Wade, Jesse Davis and Kaitlyn Miller of Coe-Brown, Lillian Stogner, Brooke Patnode and Izabella Nelson of John Stark, Chloe Steiniger and Tori Allen of Campbell, Rachel Watson, Madeline Manning and Mary Ronning of Fall Mountain, Maria Dagher and Casey Chamberlin of Pelham, Meagan Skowron and Kateri True of St. Thomas and Katie Peterson, Emily Gammell and Esther Hacker of Hanover.

Also earning All-State honors in Division III were Annika Martel of Mascenic, Mykenzie Rives and Paige Rivera of Raymond, Lindsey Hatfield and Isabella Ouellette of Portsmouth Christian, Jadyn Bates, Audrey May and Cardigan Loupis of Mascoma, Lauryl May and Olivia Wattendorf of Franklin, Chloe Weeks, Arreona Davey and Jaclyn Peaslee of Farmington, Molly Reed of Sunapee, Gracie Re and Pacy Morgado of Epping and Ava Leeman of Nute.

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# Huggins Hospital offers advice for safe holidays

WOLFEBORO — Huggins Hospital urges community members to alter holiday plans for gatherings and travel as local cases of COVID-19 continue to surge.

“Spending your Thanksgiving holiday with Zoom is a better option than having to spend your Christmas holiday in a hospital,” said Jeremy Roberge, Huggins Hospital’s President and CEO. “We will look back at this upcoming holiday season and have to ask ourselves if we were part of the solution or if we were a host to spreading this virus even more.”

The New Hampshire Division of Public

Health Services (DPHS) continues to recommend against any non-essential personal or business travel. DPHS also states that people should avoid gathering with others who are not part of that person’s immediate household, even during the holidays.

This year is the year to try something new. Since COVID-19 can spread even when people are asymptomatic (when they do not have any symptoms of illness), gatherings can easily become events that spread the disease. Hosting a party can turn into hosting a deadly virus.

The experts at Hug-

gins Hospital offer some tips for the upcoming holiday season:

Take a break this year. Holidays can create a lot of stress in planning and organizing. With COVID-19 precautions, any gathering would put even more stress on the host. This year can be the year to take a break from that stress and spend some time focusing on your household. Check in on those who need it but focus your time and energy inward.

Develop a new tradition that includes those who live in your household. Pick a specific game or movie that you also can incorporate

into future years when it is safe to have people visit.

If you’re planning a virtual celebration, just eat and chat like you always would. This allows you to eliminate the need to travel or gather in-person. Some virtual meet-up applications (such as Zoom) have waived their fees and time limits for the holidays so families can spend as much time as they need connecting with each other in that kind of space.

“We are hoping everyone will make changes to their usual holiday plans that focus on safety,” said John Boorna- SEE HOLIDAYS, PAGE A11



COURTESY

## Browsing al fresco

New Durham Public Library patrons can check out books during Porch Pick-up hours with just the ring of a bell. To approximate the browsing experience, synopses of the most recent fiction books, along with pictures of the covers, are on laminated sheets on the lobby table. Patrons can see at a glance which books are available and ring for assistance. Following strict health protocols, staff members will check-out the book right then. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.



# Farmington Congregational prepares for Christmas with message of comfort and joy

FARMINGTON —During this holiday season, the message of both comfort and joy will be celebrated at the First Congregational Church, UCC of Farmington. Earlier in November, members of the Women’s Fellowship began “Hanging the Greens” in the sanctuary. This festive tradition involves decorating inside the stained glass windows with candelabras and electric candles. A majestic Christmas tree, twelve feet tall, is filled with lights and hand-made ornaments called Chrismons meaning “Christ monograms.” These are usually white and gold designs, symbolizing stars, crosses, fish, crowns and the holy



Trinity, reminding us of Christ’s birth and identity.

Members of the Women’s Fellowship who helped with the “Hanging of the Greens” are Sharon Glidden, June Guay, Anna Neal, Charlotte Johnson, Dale McKibben, Judy Cardinal,

and Debbie Leary.

tancing while seated in the pews.

“This Christmas will be unlike any other year, due to the COVID19 virus,” says interim Pastor Kent Schneider. “For people who are ill with the virus or who mourn the deaths of loved ones, this is a time when we need the comfort of God’s Love as well as hearing the message of the joy of the birth of the Christ child.”

The Christmas Eve Service will be Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m., and can be seen on the church’s Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/farmingtonnhfirstcongregational](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonnhfirstcongregational). The service features singing of favorite Christmas carols and traditional Bible readings.

Each Sunday, the church’s 10 a.m. worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The public is welcome to attend the services and is asked to wear face masks, use a hand-sanitizing station and practice social dis-

The First Congregational Church is located at 400 Main St. in downtown Farmington.

Blessed Bargains Thrift Shop is open Saturdays in December

During the holidays, the church’s Blessed Bargains Thrift Shop is open every Saturday after Thanksgiving through the Saturday after Christmas, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dotie Bean says “the shop hasn’t changed its prices since 1998”. It features quality gifts, Christmas toys and stocking stuffers, decorations and quality clothing at “bargain prices”. This year, decorations and artificial Christmas trees for the home will be in the Fellowship Hall. The public can enter through the new Community Access Ramp.

For more information, go to the church’s Web site, [www.farmingtonnhucc.org](http://www.farmingtonnhucc.org).



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Jennifer Burns has been licensed for 17 years and at one time worked at the Century 21 Office in Alton and then RE/MAX in Pittsfield. Jennifer resides on her farm, the Old Coach Farm in Barnstead, where you can often find her teaching horseback riding lessons.

Our local real estate market is very active. If you are looking to buy, sell or would like a current market analysis on your home, please give either Jamie or Jennifer a call.

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# Prospect Mountain High School honor roll

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has released its honor roll for the first marking term of the 2020-2021 school year.

## Grade 9

High Honor Roll:  
Grace Brooks, Wyatt Brownell, Gwenivere Christie, Lani Demers, Jaylyn Gagnon, Lillian George, Abigail Grillo-Moore, Derek Hopkins, Rebecca Hopkins, Nathan Leavitt, Rex LeClerc, Savannah Libby-Miner, Rylee Lounsbury, Kaela Marchildon, Teagan McCausland, Dakota-Marie Mears, Dillon Miller, Cameron Nelson, Mackenzie O'Brien, Mason Pappaceno, Erin Rawnsley, Logan Reed, Eve Roberge, Quinlan Shea.

Ella Smith, Spencer  
Therrien, Avery Woods  
Honor Roll: Gabriella  
Bernier, Reese Burke,  
Jason Chambers, Pearl  
Coburn, Ren Connors,  
Jade Conrad, Sienna  
Conrad, Zoey Crossman,  
Charlotte Forsythe,  
Brenden Francis, Teis-  
chan Guruge, Gwen-  
dolin Kane, Shannon  
Kelley, Ethan Kenerson,  
Vera Littlefield, Gavin  
Osmer, Jack Pelletier,  
Phillip Roberts, Jennica  
Robidoux, Ryan Scott,  
Emily Siegler, Nathaniel  
Thomas, Lucas Tiede,  
Chance Troendle, Kara  
Vonderahe, Sarah White

## Grade 10

High Honor Roll: Nathan Archambault, Benjamin Cormier, Marin Creteau, Joseph DeJager, Alexander Gagne.

Cameron Gagnon, Nelson Hikel, Chloe Kane, Madelyn Kelley, Aurora Kennedy, Leslie Leary, Evan McCracken, Ell Misiaszek, Ava Morton, Madilyn Neathery, Madilyn Ray, Matthew Searles, Cole Stockman

Honor Roll: Abigail Argue, Matthew Bonner, Aidan Boyd, Kayla Carpenter, Olivia Casale, Connor Catauro, Thomas Chouinard, Samantha Christiansen, Lauren Croft, Kolby Dubisz, Breanna Dumond, Lauren Gilbert, Elizabeth James, Mya Linsky, Owen Mahanes, Glidden Martin, Hayden Mellon, Anthony Powers, Finn Quindley, Bruce Rawnsley, Maren Rayno, Savannah Russo, Willow Sanborn, Gage Sargent, Ashlyn Shea, Grace Si-

mensen, Hayley Spell,  
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## Grade 11

High Honor Roll: Haylay Berry, Benjamin Breuer, Emalee Bunker, Hannah Capsalis, Aidan Conrad, Jasmine Emerson, Amber Fernald, Abigail Giuda, Spencer Grow, Asa Guldbrandson, Ji Woo Hwang, Matthew Isenburg, Annabelle Noyes, Mackenzie Renner, Kendall Santy, Millicent Snow, Brooke Stellan, Jaren Unzen

Honor Roll: Ean Corliss, Christopher Cox, Samuel Francis, Connor Frenzel, Michaela Gates, Cloe Hillsgrove, Alexander Hunter, Jazmine Jenness, Vanessa Lanteigne, Steven Little-

field, Charlize Locke, Alexis Lyle, Jailyn Macomber, Aislinn MacStravic, Connor Meehan, Luca Pellegrine, Tazanna Roberts, Emily Sanschagrin, Leah Scott, Gilbert Smith, Devyn Stanley, Kage Vonderahe, Tristan Whittier

## Grade 12

High	Honor	Roll
Samuel	Bangs,	Jen-
na	Brophy,	Theodore
Brospa,	Elizabeth	Carr,
Jodi-Mae	Collett,	Luke
DeRoche,	Payton	Ever-
ett,	David	Fossett,
Jon-	athan	Gray,
Anthony	Hayes,	Kylie
Ingham,	Kassidy	Kelley,
Jiana	Kenerson,	Sofia
Khari-	tonov,	Madeline
Kriete,	Julia	Leavitt,
Alexander	Ludwig,	Michael
Ma-		

honey, Justin Maynard,  
Conoor Moore, Jillian  
Nason, Michael Perry,  
Adam Ross, Dominic  
Soucy, Allie Stockman,  
Ryan Treadwell, Fiona  
Wilson

Honor Roll: Kathryn Archambault, Evelyn Argue, Lucas Bilodau, Dartagnan Birnie, Aiden Burke, Madeleine Cates, Natalie Cates, Maya Corriveau, Croix Douglas, James Foley, Scott Fontaine, Nathan Holdiday, Audrey Jacques, Katherine Jalbert, Samantha Johnson, Emily Magliocca, LKindsey McCullough, Jarrett Moline, Hannah Rothvoss, Trevor Smith, Izabella Sorrentino, Abagael Swenson, Caleb Towle

# Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

Our Towns Recreation Virtual Turkey Trot 5K Race

Our Towns Recreation- the Towns of Alton, New Durham, Wolfeboro, Wakefield and Rochester are sponsoring the first ever "Virtual Turkey Trot 5K Race."

Official time tracking has opened and will stay open until 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 27. The Virtual Turkey Trot 5K Race will allow participants to run/walk, using a mobile device and the app (RaceJoy). Included in the app will be real-time tracking, progress alerts at mile points for current pace and estimated finish, and other interactive features for participants and spectators. The leader board will be updated daily with all participant's times. Run for free or donate to a local charity as an optional add

on. Register online at:  
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Race/NH/Wolfeboro/  
OurTownsRecreation-  
VirtualTurkeyTrot5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Wolfeboro/OurTownsRecreation-VirtualTurkeyTrot5K)

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& Recreation Facebook  
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include your business  
name!

Judging will take place Dec. 9-10. Prizes will be awarded to category winners for both Residents and Businesses! Winners will be announced on Dec. 11. Categories for prizes are: People's Choice (Facebook Vote); Most Holiday Spirit; Creative Use of Lights; and Best Main Street Location. Happy decorating Alton and thank you for joining us in bringing festive cheer to our community.



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To infinity and beyond

On Nov. 15, the world watched as a Space X spacecraft blasted into space with four astronauts on board. As one news outlet put it, it was ‘eight minutes of terror’ as the fiery bullet took off. This title nailed it. As we watched the rocket take off, we were awestruck at how far mankind has come. The science and intelligence that is behind what was once unthinkable, is mind blowing.

Watching the takeoff on Sunday evening was just as exciting as it was nerve wracking. In 1986, while in school, we all watched as the Challenger met it’s fatal fate after just 73 seconds after taking off. In 2003, the Columbia shuttle broke apart while attempting to reenter the Earth’s atmosphere, killing all seven crew members.

The crew, made up of Victor Glover, Shannon Walker, Soichi Noguchi (of Japan) and Michael Hopkins, traveled the 27 hours it takes to get to the International Space Station. As we write this, the crew is safely in orbit.

The launch was delayed from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather from Hurricane Eta. The trek is historical in that it’s the first fully operational mission for the private company, SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk. A test mission did take place this past spring with two test pilots, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley who successfully traveled to the space station.

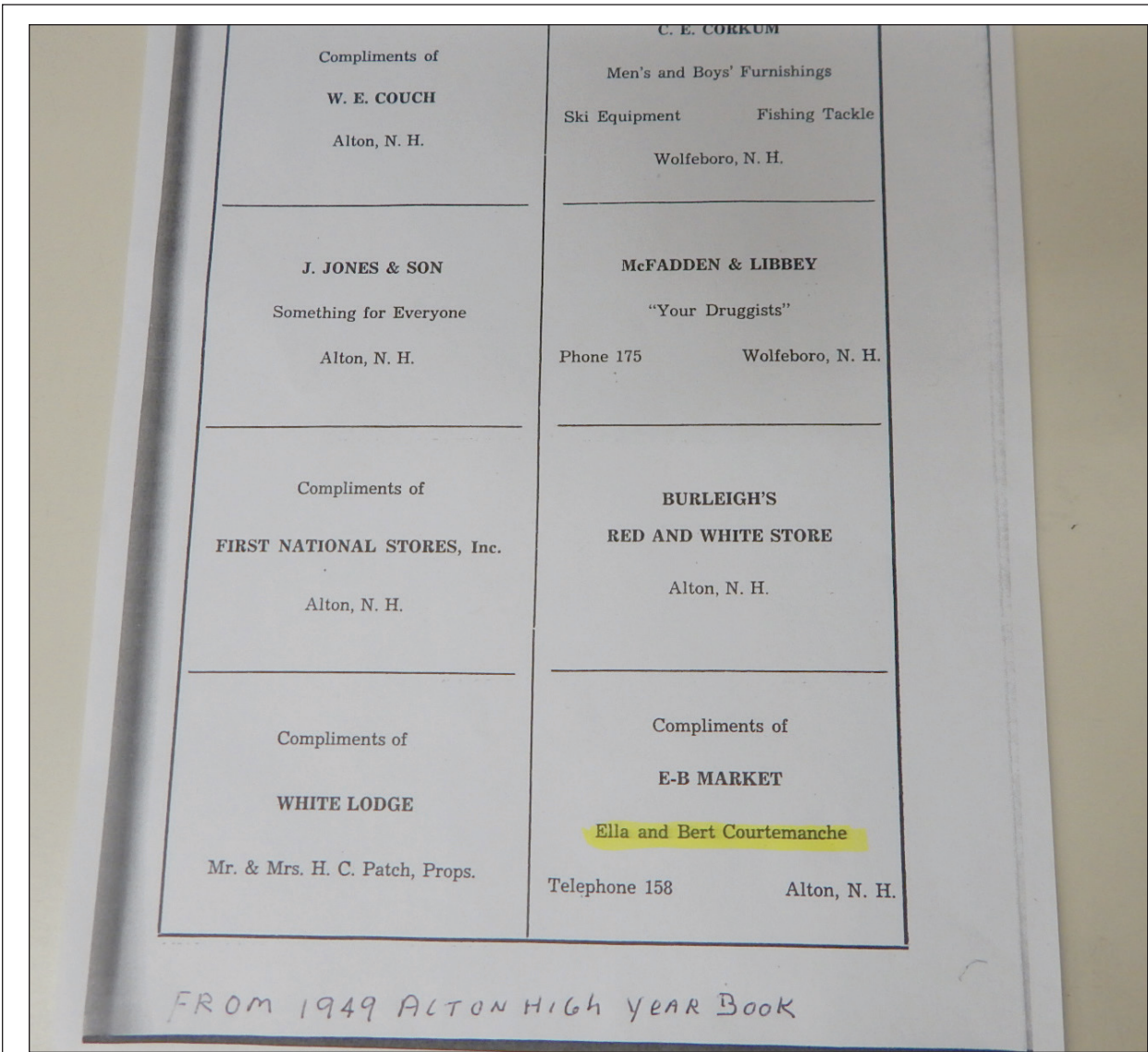
The crew will remain in space for six months, where they will administer several experiments. One experiment includes how microgravity affects human heart tissue. Microgravity is defined as the condition in which people or things appear to be weightless. An attempt to grow radishes will also take place, which could lead to longer space missions.

In 2011, NASA did away with the Space Shuttle program. Since then the United States has used Russian spacecrafts to bring astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX created and developed the Crew Dragon capsule.

In 1961, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in Vostok 1. The flight lasted for 108 minutes, reaching an altitude of 202 miles. That same year, Alan Shepard became the first American to go to space. A year later in February, John Glenn became the first American to land on the moon. In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon.

Some interesting facts about space are that it is completely silent. Because there is no atmosphere in space, sound has no way to travel. Astronauts use radios to communicate. In 1986, NASA discovered what could be fossils of microscopic living organisms on a rock brought back from Mars. Halley’s Comet won’t orbit by the Earth until 2061. A space suit from Nasa costs \$12,000,000. A research by Yale scientists suggests that there may be a planet made out of diamonds, that is twice the size of Earth and eight times greater. They say it’s 40 light years away; however, it can be seen by the naked eye in the constellation of Cancer. The footprints left on the moon will last for 100 million years. One day on Venus is longer than one year due to a slow axis rotation which takes 243 Earth days to complete it’s day. If two pieces of metal touch while in space, they will weld together. There is floating water in space. The moon was once a piece of the Earth. Scientists say that when Earth was young, it was struck by a giant object breaking a piece off that began to orbit the Earth due to gravity.

Sunday evening’s excitement was a much needed break from the national news cycle. Listening to the ground crew at NASA headquarters was like listening to something out of a movie. It was a refreshing reminder that there are bigger, more positive things taking place in our lifetimes and for that, we are thankful.



COURTESY

The search is on

Alton historical sleuth Bob Witham remembered when E-B Market was in town, but had no information beyond the name of the store. Lo and behold, a friend produced a copy of the 1949 Alton yearbook, which ran an ad with the owners’ names. Now he’s searching for info on Ella and Bert Courtemanche. Anyone who can help out is asked to contact him at 859-4122.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Thankful beyond words!

BY LARRY SCOTT

“Thanks be to God!” wrote the Apostle Paul. “He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

There is so much for which I am thankful at this time of the year. Living in America, knowing Christ on a personal level, being financially stable, a family for which I have every right to be proud ... these are blessings I never take for granted.

And, I note with the Apostle Paul, I owe it all to God. Yes, I believe in God. The God the Bible portrays as a father figure, watching over his own with love and justice, is real. I have chosen to respect his design

for my life ... and He has been good to me!

I was given the advantage of being reared in a Christian home. Thousands of babies were conceived at the same time I was, and yet I, the real, eternal me, was placed in the womb of an American woman who loved God and raised me accordingly. My father was a man of honor, a gentleman of great character who set an example and showed me the way to honesty and integrity. This accident of birth gave me a healthy start in life I could have enjoyed in no other way. Why me? I cannot justify the fact ... I am just thankful!

This is not to say that life has always been a

walk in the park. Like so many others, I, too, have been to hell and back. But, with the Psalmist, I have discovered that “when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, behold, you are with me.” And I am not alone. Most Christians will tell you that in their deepest, darkest moments, God has been there ... and he has not been silent.

We are thankful, and rightly so. For some Christians, it is the result of being forgiven for an irresponsible past ... or undisciplined lust ... or an addiction to alcohol and drugs ... or a temper that is out of control. Yes, we have been there, and we have a lot of changing yet to

do. But we have been forgiven, and that is beyond belief. We do not boast; we are just grateful.

And it all comes down to this. “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory – through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Our God is no man’s debtor; He always gives more than he takes away. I cannot imagine what my life, and that of my family, would be like were it not for the influence Jesus Christ has had in each of our lives. We have been honored and blessed – and I am thankful.

For more thoughts like this, please access my blog at indefenseof-truth.net.

Letters to the Editor

A fine gentleman who changed our neighborhood forever

To the Editor:

It was with great sadness that we read of the recent passing of Chief Russell Jones. We will always remember his

compassion and concern during a very difficult time after a dam breach in Alton on March 13, 1996 forever changed our neighborhood.

Through many months of reconstruction, Russ and other town officials kept checking on the victims and offering help. Russ

truly loved this town and the citizens who live here. He showed strong leadership and was incredibly helpful to us and to all of the victims

of that terrible flood. We will always remember him as a very fine gentleman, and we send our thoughts and prayers out to his wife Gwenn

and the rest of his family.

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A State House update

To the Editor:

This is the latest State House update from one of New Durham’s State Representatives, Mike Harrington.

Let me start by thanking all the people who voted for me in the recent election. It is a privilege to once again be serving as your representative. I also want to assure all the residents of New Durham regardless of if they voted for me, that I will represent them at the State House.

A lot has changed as the majority party

in both the NH House and Senate flipped from Democrat to Republican. This means there will be a new Speaker of the House and a new President of the Senate. House and Senate Republicans and Democrats met separately in late November to elect a leader for the upcoming session. They will meet in the first formal session on Dec. 2 to be sworn in and elect the Speaker of the House. With Republicans in the majority, this will most likely be Rep. Dick Hinch. Once the Speaker

is determined, a leadership team is selected and individual Representatives committee assignments are made. Though the Speaker listens to requests from the individual Representatives, he has the ultimate authority to make these assignments.

A similar process will go on in the Senate with Sen. Chuck Morse being elected President of the Senate

One thing that is still undecided is where the House will meet. With 400 members the House

chamber is pretty tightly packed so due to the virus, we had our last few meetings in this session in the UNH hockey rink. No long term decision has been made as to where to meet for formal sessions later next year but the December session and those at the beginning of January will not be held at the State House. A request has been made to the New Hampshire Supreme Court to determine if in person sessions are required by our Constitution or if remote session can

be held. This will determine if “virtual” House session are allowed.

On another note, I am happy to announce that the recently issued EPA water discharge permit for the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery was not appealed during the 30 day appeal window. This means the permit as issued is final. As I have said before, this new permit which will drastically reduce the pollution coming out of the hatchery was in large part due to the hard work of the people from

New Durham. Now we move on to the budget process to get the necessary funds included in the next state budget

As always, if you have questions on these or other state matters, please contact me at 942-8691 or harringt@met-rocast.net (please put Strafford resident in the subject block.

Please take precautions and stay safe.

REP. MIKE HARRINGTON  
NEW DURHAM



## TV show inspires thoughts of the (not so) lowly beaver



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

*Editor’s note: Mr. Harrigan was not able to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week’s edition. The following column was originally published in April of 2018.*

My siblings and I were fortunate to grow up within reconnoitering distance of a swamp. My mother, a non-helicopter Mom before her time, saw swamps as safer than streets and sidewalks. Hence her frequent suggestion, “Go play in the swamp.”

I only had to hear this suggestion once, and the further I explored the swamp the more of it I wanted. And it wasn’t long before I came smack up against the works of the beaver.

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Beaver Brook, which begins in Stewartstown and Colebrook as springs and trickles amongst the ridges of South Hill, in those years pretty much ended in a huge alder swamp behind our house on Park Street, one of the main routes into town. It was here, in the vestiges of an 1880s

water-powered manufacturing complex, that I stumbled onto an amazing waterworks complex of the beaver’s very own.

There were major dams and minor dams, wing dams and canals, and in the midst of it all, quite a far cry apart, two very big and very active beaver lodges.

Soon I was absorbing all that I could get to know about beavers, adding to in-the-field observations by looking stuff up. The beaver, resources said, is among Earth’s oldest warm-blooded species. And the beaver has done more to reshape major landscapes and to create or alter habitat than any other creature on the planet, including man.

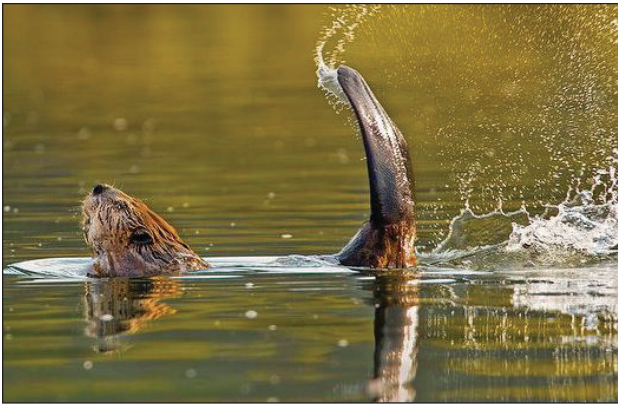
What dredged all this up was a Nature series special I bumped into on late-night TV on, of course, the beaver.

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The swamp inspired a big part of my early life. It was the source of my first public drawing, in Mrs., Drew’s fourth grade class (I think).

It was a rendition of a red-winged blackbird perched on a cattail. I remember that I first sketched it out in black and white, because it was for a class in water-color painting. When I had the soft lines of pencil just where I wanted them, I painted in the colors.

I had chosen the red-winged blackbird because it was among the first birds of spring, right along with the crows, which back then



A beaver about to make a big splash. I’ve long thought that this startling tail-slap is an inherited trait to gain a second or two on the beaver’s would-be predator (a bear, a coyote) rather than to warn the rest of the colony, as is so often told. (Courtesy NH Fish & Game, ardea.com)

were migratory. The crows, hungry upon arriving back home, made a lot of noise, being a garrulous bunch by nature. When the crew at Polard’s slaughterhouse up on Cooper Hill threw out bones and offal, they became downright raucous.

It was the caws of crows that somehow became the signal for my brother Peter and I to throw our bedroom window open for the first breath of spring air. And right along behind the crows came the song of the male red-winged blackbird, announcing his territory and seeking someone to share it.

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Beavers young and old were building and digging and channeling and cruising all over the swamp, and eventually some of them became less wary as Pete and I built rafts and poled them all over the place. They became less prone to frantic tail-splashing and swimming away, and sometimes just fol-

lowed along, perhaps out of curiosity.

As I explored much farther to fish, most often alone, the beaver encounters became up close and personal. Once, as I roll-cast my baited hook up under alders arching over the deep channel, a submerged beaver swimming by became entangled in my line. Once we both relaxed things a little, he went on his way unhooked.

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I’ve often looked through old town histories, as Helenette Silver did in researching her classic History of New Hampshire Game and Furbearers, and the reader encounters some great stories about beavers and beaver dams.

These accounts often mention loggers in the 1800s finding beaver dams of twenty and even thirty feet in height, hard to imagine. Even harder to imagine is how these dams survived spring freshets. But of



There’s plenty going on in this 18th Century fantasized illustration of a beaver colony—beavers building a dam, another felling a tree, and others here and there if one looks, some actual beavers, some not. (Courtesy NH Fish & Game, shutterstock.com)

course sooner or later a particularly hard winter and abrupt spring came along, and the oldest and weakest dams went out. What the loggers found were the survivors.

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During my years of statewide feature writing for the New Hampshire Sunday News, my search for the state’s longest trap-line led me to Elias Hopps of Groveton, who had a seemingly never-ending trap-line up in the Phillips Brook country. We arranged to meet one day at four in the morning, and off we went, first by snowmobiles, then on snowshoes.

The day will always stand out for me in many ways, not the least because I got to help Elias pull two traps that had what the old-timers called “plenty big beaver” in them.

I will remember the day best for using our snowshoes to dig a big hole in the snow, wherein to kindle a fire for lunch. There we were, in the middle of this vast, silent wild place, alone.

Well, not quite. With hardly a movement of an alder branch, out stepped game warden Arthur Muise. We had not had a clue that he was there.

“Hello, boys,” said Arthur, digging for his pipe. “Hello, Arthur,” said Elias, looking surprised. “Join us for lunch?”

He did, and there was none of what Elias later referred to as “that official talk stuff,” just visiting as if encountering each other in that vastness was the most natural thing in the world.

I’ll always savor that day, and that part of it in particular. As for Elias, he was happy to call it, as he happily did on the way home, a two-beaver day.

(This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Address letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or to Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

## Mix Cash & Cans prize calendars on sale

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Last year, Mix Cash & Cans raised over \$44,000 in cash and thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items. All donations stay local, benefiting the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry; The Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region; the Tilton/Northfield/Sanbornton (TNS) Christmas Fund; Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen; the Franklin Police Toys for Tots program; San-

ta’s ‘Lil Helpers through the Belmont Police Department; Every Child Is Ours; the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry and the Northfield/Tilton Congregational Church Food Pantry.

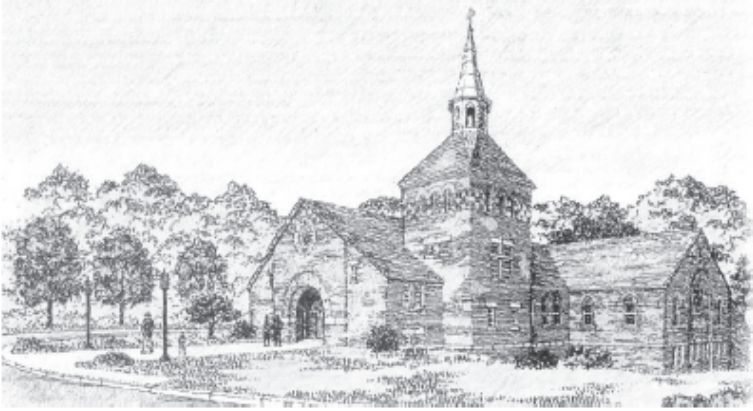
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**Monday:** “Discovery Group” discussion at 7:00. Call for details.

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# LETTERS FROM EDWIN

## Solutions

I'm sitting here trying to remember instances where I have used unusual means to fix something. I do this all the time, but since I don't write them down, I need to depend upon random recollections.

Quite often, calling me is the last resort. My card says, "Don't trash it, repair it". Some times I work for people who have completely no mechanical skills what so ever, and other times it's for those who scratch their heads at how I managed to fix that thing that's been driving them mad for so long.

I usually visualize a solution in my head, take measurements then head to the hardware store and get creative. They've gotten used to me wandering through the isles with my vernier calipers

measuring this and that, or just standing there in deep thought. When I do this at the "big" stores I get barraged with "can I help you" requests. I usually thank them and say that I'm just trying to be creative. That usually sends them off.

For example, there was this storm door that had a broken hinge at the bottom. Storm doors are pretty cheap in more ways than one, but I considered it a challenge. The bushings had totally worn away, but to fix it today required a trip to the hardware store.

I combed the bins for the parts that I was looking for but they

didn't have the correct size. After wandering around for a while, I found these window screen holder things that had the right ID and OD and a flange type thing to keep them from pushing through. They worked perfect! Everything slipped together nicely and the door had another life to live. Another successful repair. One less storm door in the metal bin.

I received an Erector set when I was small. I would sit on the living room floor for hours and build things. I learned so many practical mechanical skills from that toy. One of which was seeing with my fingers. When you build something with screws and nuts, you can't be looking at both sides at the same time. Also, screws turn back-

wards from the other side. Useful skills indeed.

Another toy I had was Plastic Bricks. I don't know which came first, the bricks or Legos, but I had the bricks. They taught you the power of interlocking. I could make giant buildings taller than me that were pretty solid. If I didn't interlock them, they'd fall right over. I could crash my electric train right through a massive wall if they weren't interlocked, but if they were, the train didn't have a chance.

I still haven't come up with the fix I was hoping to relate to you, but maybe it's better that way. It's always best to think on the positive side. Of course it will come to me right after I send this letter off.

Just the other

day, I was up sitting on the throne waiting for the event to transpire. It wasn't happening so I took out a Sudoku puzzle and after completing it, I decided that it just wasn't going to happen so I shouldn't waste my time, so I got up to leave and discovered that it already had. This lack of recall is getting pretty ridiculous.

One customer had the locking mechanism on a premium crank out window that broke for some reason. After contacting the manufacturer and the latch vendor, I came out with no resolution as the windows were just "too old". Seventeen years is too old? Needless to say, I was back in creativity mode. I knew that I would have to manufacture the parts myself. The parts were nylon

and shaped like a "j" only about an inch deep with some spacers built in. Like usual I searched the bins without any success. I looked through all kinds of hooky things and nothing would easily translate into the part. Then all of a sudden, I thought of picture hangers. Looking through the selection I picked out a metal one that looked sufficient and bought a couple. At home I cut them to size and punched holes in the appropriate places. With the spacers I took from the old parts, I put things back together again and it worked splendid. Creative solutions, that's what I do.

E.Twaste  
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## Covid-19 rate spikes in Wolfeboro

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE  
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — The leadership of Calvary Church of Wolfeboro announced on its Web site on Nov. 11 that several people in the church had confirmed positive for COVID-19, with a few more test results to come. Those with positive test results were said to be self-quarantining in their homes.

As of our press deadline for this week's edition, a total of 25 individ-

uals with ties to church members who may have attended the 9 and 11:30 a.m. services on Sunday, Nov. 1 had tested positive for the virus.

Wolfeboro's case numbers, tracked by WMUR, spiked from last week's mention in the paper of the Nov. 10 listing of five active cases and a 23 cumulative count to the Nov. 17 report declaring 19 active cases and a cumulative count of 40. It appears that the town made it through the peak tourist

season with low numbers (tourists or summer residents who tested positive though were recorded in the count of their home residences) only to face the repercussions of activities moving indoors at the onset of cooler weather.

Covid-19 is making itself known, in a lesser, but still impactful, number at Brewster Academy.

Brewster Academy sent a letter to its community on Nov. 14, announcing the positive

test result of a member of the community who traveled off campus and subsequently entered quarantine. And on Nov. 15, Head of School Craig Gemmell wrote again to announce another positive case, that of an adult member of the community, leading the school to deploy contact tracing measures to identify primary contacts.

"A significant fraction of the primary contacts live together in one dormitory; though CDC guidance does not

necessitate that we do so, all members of that dormitory will be placed in quarantine. Those students and their parents are in the process of being notified and the students will head home as soon as is reasonably possible," wrote Gemmell, explaining as well that other primary contacts on campus are in isolation.

There will be no more interscholastic sports competitions prior to or during break.

Wolfeboro Health Of-

ficer Schelley Rondeau, RN, reminds everyone it is important to wear masks and wash hands, stay home if not feeling well and be kind.

"It takes everyone working together to keep our community safe and productive," she says, and points to the town website as a source for updated information.



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**PET OF THE WEEK**

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



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# Kingswood announces first quarter honor roll

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the first marking period. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition. Congratulations to our honor roll students!

Highest Honors  
Grade 12: Madison Arsenault, Jonathan Bean, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Grace Cardamone, Emily Carpenter, Rosemary Carpenter, Pete Chiarkhup, Mercedes Covill, Andrew Cray, Carolyn Day, Bailey Dexter, Keegan Donovan-Laviolette, Allison Drew, Joshua Finneron, Matthew Finneron, Elizabeth Fogg, Michael Foy, Tyler Furber, David Hartley, Kaleb Holmes, Abigail Hossack, Kyle Juanillas, Daniel Keniston, Eliza

Lucas, Kathryn Mann, Rebecca McConarty, Hailey McPherson, Jacob Nelson, Aidan Ouellette, Christian Ritchey, Lily Stinchfield, Candice Stirling, Brody Thomas, Cynthia Verrill.  
Grade 11: Gabriel Arinello, Louis Arinello, Christopher Austin, Jesse Avery, Natasha Bamford, Juliet Bonnevie, Xavier Brownell, Lamar Childers-Gelinas, Kaysie Currul, Ruby Davis, Karla Dureau, Ana Ekstrom, Emilia Galimberti, Marcus Hargy, Timothy Huckman, John Hunt, Samuel Johnson, Abigail Kelly, Izabella Kemper, Gage Lamontagne, Colby Lindsay, Emily Mahler, Erin Meyer, Carter Morrissey, Michael Palmer, Joshua Paraskos, Gregory Roark, Hunter Russell, Emma Scott, Tyler Sprince, Eliza Tibbetts, Braden Viands.  
Grade 10: Mariah Aikens, Kendra Blaisdell, Emilee Currul, Marcella DeNitto, Amber Dolliver, Mary Foedermair, Annelise Foss, Abigail Fournier, Charlotte Gauthier, Abigail Heald,

Jonathan Hossack, Matthew Jacobs, Hailey Kelly, Elora Logan, Ashley Long, Lauren MacPhee, Mason Mills, Tyler Olkkola, Sarah Paraskos, Hannah Pettit, Hannah Raifsnider, Brayden Rapoza, Peyton Seigars, Hannah Swenson, Tristan Taatjes, Nolan Urquhart, James Yarling, Christos Zavass.  
Grade 9: Izabelle Brownell, Danika Chominski, Emerson DeNitto, Aaron Desmond, Kerri Dureau, Lucy Edwards, Liam Fahey, Samuel Frazier, Elliott Giessler, Adriana Guldbrandsen, Charlotte Ling, Jaylynn Lizotte, Emily Matos, Cheyanne Morin, Joshua Nelson, Megan Ouellette, Brityn Roark, Noah Swenson, Brooke Tasker, Katharine Viands, Anaka Waldron.  
Honors  
Grade 12: Ruth Alard, Ethan Anderson, William April, Nia Ashby, Edward Badger, Robert Bourdeau, Thomas Bussiere, Andrew Cartier, Kaitlyn Catalano, Landon Collins, Na-

than Compagna, Robert Doherty, Alyssa Dow, Mason Dumont, Brooke Eldridge, Gannon Eldridge, Nia Garland, Benjamin Gosselin, Ryan Harrington, Kate Juanillas, Owen Lehner, Seanan Logan, Dylan McKay, Wesley Mills, Anabelle Nelson, Cannon Newbury, Damon O'Neal, Hannah Osayi, John Papallo, Jacquelyn Perry, Irena Pettit, Brianna Pickle, Nicholas Potenza, Hayden Robischeau, Patrick Runnals, Jackson Ruths, Bailey Savage, Cathryn Shannon, Hayley Shaver, Maggie Shaw, Oleg Sheahan, Cassidy Simpson, Riley Smith, Taylor Smith, Mark Stanard, Miranda Swanick, Payden Swidrak, Drew Swinerton, Jack Thompson, Alexis Turner, Alexander Uyeno, Benjamin Varney, Cooper Welch, Makenzie Willett.  
Grade 11: Ethan Arnold, Nicholas Aucoin, Warren Blaney, Kyleigh Bonneau, Jackson Boudman, Quinn Bouwens, Haley Brooks, Haley Brownell, Evelynnn Bunnell, Jillian Caravella,

Audrey Daggett, Tyler Desjardins, Lindsey Desrochers, Harmony Drenning, Alexis Eldridge, Hadden Gerber, Thomas Giessler, Andrew Keniston, Alexander Marks, Nevaeh Mills, Steven Moore, Emilei Morin, Emma Noble, Aubrey Overall, Fallon Peacock, Joshua Peterson, Marissa Ross, Isabella Savage, Gillian Seigars, Isaac Sluss, Ethan Sullivan, Anna Tibbetts, Cole Valley, Andi Walker, Zachery Wenners  
Grade 10: Cydney Armstrong, Alexis Bartlett, Karli Bennett, Gianna Borelli, Allison Brennion, Aislyn Brown, Camren Cardinal, Michelle Chiarakhu, Kirstin Chittenden, Emma Damon, William Danais, Steven DeFranza Jr, Christopher Dodier, Craig Doherty, Sadie Erwin, Palmer Garry, Connor Goulden, Logan Hasty, Sara Hyde, Logan Jeddrey, Jessica Jesus, Austin Johnson, Owen Kelly, Tarynn Kelly, Hadley Larson, Malia Lavigne, Natalie LoChiatto, Timothy Lucia, Kerissa Marique, Na-

than McClain, Rian McNevech, Ginger O'Neill, Dylan Palmer, Dante Santerre, Shaw Swinerton, Aidan Thompson, Kassandra Tinker, Michael Wainwright, Cameron Yates.  
Grade 9: Dominic Alberto, Brandon Bergeron, Hailey Bilodeau, Wyatt Brown, Caitlyn Carroll, Brady Clarke, William Crane, Daniel Cumberland, Andrea Daggett, Emily Dahl, Riley Davis, Trevor DeHaven, Marisole Duran, Kaelyne Elliott, Benjamin Ford, Isabella Garry, Paul Giunco, Olivia Griffin, Mackenzie Guyette, Abigail Hicks, Damion Hodgdon, Ethan Huffman, Joel Ingle, Carley Johnson, Keegan Kilkelly, Karleigh Klaf, Joseph LaPierre, David Lehmann, Haleigh Lindsay, Kallen Malone, Connor McCarthy, Michael Michaud, Sophia Moulton, Kiera Nason, Jacob Peck, Isabella Pickle, Emma Prentice, Blake Sandlin, Noah Silva, Landon Young.

## The Lights of Love will shine bright at Cornerstone VNA this year

ROCHESTER — Cornerstone VNA is pleased to announce the 34th Annual Jane Cooper Fall Lights of Love Celebration, carrying on the event traditionally hosted by the Frisbie Memorial Hospital (FMH) Auxiliary Board. Due to COVID-19, the event will be held virtually on Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Live-stream event details will be available on [cornerstonevna.org/lightsoflove](http://cornerstonevna.org/lightsoflove). In addition, a recording of the celebration will be made available to the community afterwards.

Jane Cooper Fall created this poignant event in 1986 as a way to pay tribute to the people who have had a special impact on our lives. Lights of Love has continued to be an important community event due to the hard work of Jane, Dr. Robert Rubino, and the FMH Auxiliary Board. With each \$5 donation, individuals can honor a loved one, whose name will be added to a holiday light at Cornerstone VNA. Hundreds of lights will be strung

throughout the beautiful grounds of Cornerstone VNA. Each light shining warmly upon each tribute name throughout the entire holiday season. The last day to reserve your lights is Nov. 22.

It is with honor and respect that the 2020 Lights of Love event will pay special tribute to: Jane Cooper Fall, Lights of Love Founder, Elizabeth Hart, FMH Volunteer, Jean Hilton, FMH Auxiliary Board Member and Nancy Wyman, FMH Auxiliary Board

Member.

According to Erika Lee, MHA, Director of Advancement at Cornerstone VNA, “We are honored to carry on this wonderful holiday tradition, and despite the current challenges we are facing, we are pleased to provide a special way to still pay tribute to those we love.” Lee adds, “It’s a beautifully creative event this year and I’m excited to see it come together for our community.”

Please visit [cornerstonevna.org/lightsoflove](http://cornerstonevna.org/lightsoflove) for more information and to sign up to receive special event notifications.

Cornerstone VNA is a nonprofit organization currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides award-winning care and support through five distinct programs: Home Care,

Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty and Community Care. For 107 years, Cornerstone VNA has been committed to bringing services to people of all ages so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end-of-life care. To learn more about Cornerstone VNA, visit [www.cornerstonevna.org](http://www.cornerstonevna.org) or call 800-691-1133.

## Cornerstone VNA announces Nightingale Award recipient

ROCHESTER — Cornerstone VNA, a local nonprofit home health and hospice care provider, recently recognized June Gallup, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C, BCHH-C, COQS, Quality Improvement Director, with the 2020 Nightingale Award. The Nightingale Award is presented to a person who exemplifies Florence Nightingale’s work through best practice, mentorship, education and change. Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) is known for her work in fundamentally changing

the role of nursing and introduced the concept of nursing standards. According to Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, President/CEO, “When reflecting on our past several months and who would best fit this year’s award, the one and only June Gallup came to mind.” Reynolds added, “Like Nightingale, she is not afraid to do what it takes to get things done. She gets involved, researches, shares resources and collaborates all in an effort to make

sure we can meet our mission and improve when needed.” She describes June has having a wealth of knowledge from all her years as a nurse, manager and director. Her expertise during the pandemic was instrumental in Cornerstone VNAs success. June organized, planned, collaborated, secured personal protective equipment, educated and kept all staff informed about COVID-19. Florence Nightingale earned the nickname, the “Lady with

the Lamp” due to her long night-time walks to check on the condition of wounded soldiers. Julie adds, “I see carrying that lamp as a symbol that reflects the work that June does each day.” According to June, “Despite all of the uncertainty over the past year, I work with a team that continues to provide the highest level of quality care possible. Cornerstone VNAs team’s dedication and commitment to our patients and the community is a true inspiration, and I am

honored to help lead the COVID-19 response for this organization and truly honored to receive this award.” About Cornerstone VNA  
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Alton	Grandview Lane	N/A	\$290,000	Trevor S. and Olivia M. Ricard	Amanda Tamrae-Lawler and Amelia L. Beck
Alton	158 Minge Cove Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$950,000	Laura A. Maillet	Gregory M. Arnold and Caroline Liberti
Alton	1319 Mount Major Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$490,000	James R. and Lucretia M. Clemons	Jonathan A. Camargo and Tanya Dubois
Alton	NH Route 11	N/A	\$200,000	Donald W. Chambers Estate and Laurie Laizure	James and Tyler Faulkner
Alton	128 Roger St.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,800,000	Sharon L. Mark RET	Hodges Fiscal Trust and Jon L. Hodges
Alton	N/A (Lot 1)	N/A	\$100,000	Barbara J. Scott	Peter and Maria Sampson
Alton	N/A (Lot 48)	N/A	\$100,000	Ronald G. Bettencourt	Christopher J. Andrews
Barnstead	347 Beauty Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$347,000	P.S. Blake & L.J. Blake LT	Trevor L. Ramberg and Mari N. Perez
Barnstead	N. Shore Drive (Lot)	Residential Open Land	\$15,000	Stephen G. Nelson	513 North Shore LLC
Barnstead	Province Road	N/A	\$130,000	Charles R. Demers	Glenn D. and Lisa L. McGilvray
Barnstead	18 Winchester Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$260,800	Nicholas J. and Kelsie L. Gisis	Michael C. and Stacey M. Perron
Barnstead	3 Windsor Way	Single-Family Residence	\$220,000	Raymond E. Cahill Estate and Sarah Hudson	Erin A. and Seth M. Emery
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$320,000	Lucy J. Costigliola IRT and Frank J. Costigliola	Jeffrey F. and Cynthia H. Bouvier
New Durham	Kings Highway	N/A	\$764,000	Yvette M. and David A. Pitcairn	Ocillo Mason
New Durham	334 Merrymeeting Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$585,000	James R. and Linda J. Sluss	Scott C. and Bessie J. Bingman
New Durham	Miller Road (Lot)	Residential Developed Land	\$40,000	Thomas C. and David W. Stringfellow	Christina and Rebecca Davies
New Durham	90 Ridge Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$399,933	Kathlyn G. Box RET	Manuel M. Caton and William H. Miller
New Durham	N/A (Lot 27)	N/A	\$1,805,000	D.M. & Joan G. Swenson RET	Michael and Mary McKenney

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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# Belknap House receives donation from New England Patriots Foundation



Colleen Garrity

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Every year since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots have been celebrating those who give their time to help others. The program was originally known as the Community Quarterback Awards and were presented to those who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism. In 2011, the awards were renamed in honor of the late Myra Kraft who committed her life to volunteering. As part of the New England Patriots Foundation’s ongoing Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, the Kraft family traditionally hosts a special ceremony at Gillette Stadium to celebrate the honorees.

On Friday, Oct. 30, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots hosted a virtual ceremony to celebrate 26 volunteers from all across New England. Twenty-five organizations received grants of \$10,000 in honor of their outstanding volunteers and one grand prize winner received a surprise \$25,000 donation. Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, New England Patriots Foundation President Joshua Kraft and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett all participated in the virtual ceremony. “This year has been incredibly challenging for so many families, but it has also been difficult for nonprofits,” said Robert Kraft. “They have been called upon to support more families than ever before, but have been unable to host their traditional fundraising events. Volunteers are the lifeblood of these charitable organizations and they have stepped up in a big way during this unprecedented time. We were honored to be able to meet 26 of these local heroes – albeit virtually – and to be able to shine a

spotlight on their volunteer efforts.” Colleen Garrity was recognized as a 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. In honor of his dedication to volunteering, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation will make a \$10,000 donation to the nonprofit she founded, the Belknap House. In response to a growing trend in her community, Garrity helped found the Belknap House in 2014 as a temporary shelter for families experiencing homelessness. “When families find themselves homeless, children are negatively impacted, through no fault of their own,” said Garrity. “Seeing families with young children sleeping in cars and tents or walking the streets because they have no place to go, is heart breaking.” “Families need places, such as, Belknap House to help them through their homeless crisis and to stabilize the family unit,” she continued. “Belknap House strives to provide a warm and caring home for families to help them feel safe and secure.” It started seasonally, helping to keep families warm during the cold winter months, but has

since evolved to a year-round facility. Garrity volunteers more than 30 hours a week, actively serving families from 11 cities and towns. “I am humbled to have been nominated and recognized for the Myra Kraft Community MVP award and thankful to the Kraft family and Patriots Foundation for making this possible,” said Garrity. “I have been blessed to be able to volunteer and spend my time doing what I love. Volunteering for nonprofits takes a village and I am honored to be part of that village.” The 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 14 to 97 years old and represent every New England state. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, foster care, homelessness, mental health, mentoring, military support and youth development. The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received more than 250 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open each spring and the awards are open to all nonprofit organiza-

tions in the New England region. For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit [www.patriots.com/community](http://www.patriots.com/community). On Friday, Oct. 30, Robert Kraft, Josh Kraft and Andre Tippett par-

ticipated in a virtual ceremony honoring the 2020 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners. Twenty-six volunteers were recognized for their efforts at nonprofit organizations from all across New England.

## Light Up Season at the Belknap Mill!

LACONIA — Lighting the windows of the Belknap Mill during the holidays has been a long-standing tradition. Every year candle lights are placed in each of the 122 windows of the historic Mill to celebrate the holiday season. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, through the end of January, all the candles are turned on and Beacon Street East glows in the reflection of the festive lights. We invite you to join us in brightening the windows of the Belknap Mill! Dedicate a candlelight in honor of someone special that you would like to celebrate this holiday season. What better gift than giving the gift of light...the gift of hope...the gift of love. For each candlelight you dedicate in someone’s name they will receive a personalized card from the Belknap Mill acknowledging the gift from you in their honor. Your gift will also be acknowledged on the Mill’s social media and in our Mill Matters newsletter. The tradition of lighting the windows at the Belknap Mill will begin Nov. 1. Lights can be purchased online at [www.BelknapMill.org](http://www.BelknapMill.org) or by calling the Belknap Mill at 524-8813. Candlelights will be switched on as donations are made. Help us have all 122 lights glowing by Nov. 29 when both the Belknap Mill and Busiel Mill turn on their lights and Laconia celebrates ‘Light Up Laconia!’ All proceeds from ‘Light Up the Belknap Mill’ support our mission driven programming. The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region’s cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.

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## Artists of the Month

Because Covid-19 remains a threat, the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery requires customers visiting their Gallery, and LRAA artists members attending its monthly meetings there, to adhere to the strict guidelines for maintaining social distancing and to wear a mask. At its recent monthly meeting, members attending, selected six fellow artists as their “Artists

of the Month” for excellence in creating original art and photography. Temporarily removing their masks for this group photo are the winners, seated (L-R): Barbara McClintock, Audrey Rougeot, Martha Aucion, Standing, (L-R) Ron Bowman, Duane Hammond, and Sherwood Frazier. Each artist will have their winning entries on public display in 5 different bank lobbies in the region, and one in the Laconia Public Library, from mid-November to mid-December. The Lakes Region Art Association, Tanger Outlet Mall, suite 132, is now conducting a special exhibit titled ‘Art for Giving,’ collecting Toys for Tots and raising funds for charitable giving this holiday season. It is open Thursday, thru Sunday, 10AM-6PM. LRAA is a non-profit 501c-3 organization.

## Laconia woman pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud

CONCORD — Monica Kemper, 36, of Laconia, pleaded guilty in federal court on Wednesday to conspiracy to commit bank fraud, United States Attorney Scott W. Murray announced today.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on various occasions between January and April of 2020, Kemper and her partner, John Daigle, altered stolen checks and cashed or attempted to cash them at various banks in New Hampshire. Some of the checks were stolen from a community mailroom in Bedford and others from mailboxes in Manchester. On April 1, 2020, Kemper and Daigle attempted to use a stolen driver’s license to cash a check at a credit union.

On April 23, Kemper

and Daigle were arrested by Manchester Police officers. Officers searched a vehicle they had been driving and found over \$16,000 in stolen checks, stolen credit cards, the stolen driver’s license used at the credit union on April 1, and various other pieces of stolen mail.

Daigle previously pleaded guilty on Aug. 6, and is awaiting sentencing.

Kemper is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 25, 2021.

“Fraud crimes involving stolen mail can damage victims in a variety of ways,” said U.S. Attorney Murray. “In order to protect the integrity of the mail and our financial system, we will work closely with our law enforcement partners to identify and prosecute the criminals

who attempt to profit by stealing mail and defrauding banks with stolen checks.”

“The theft of mail in the furtherance of various fraud schemes has a significant financial and emotional impact on its victims,” says Chief Allen Aldenberg. “Hopefully, the charges that both Mr. Daigle and Ms. Kemper now face will serve as a warning to all would-be mail thieves that there are serious consequences for this type of activity.”

This matter was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service in cooperation with the Manchester Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Georgiana L. MacDonald.

## HOLIDAYS

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zian, MD, Huggins Hospital’s Chief Medical Officer. “It is important to remember that

COVID-19 may result in disability or death and the risk may be elevated for those of a certain age

and with other risk factors. We all play a part in keeping our entire community safe.”

## GRANT

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quality of applications that were submitted this year, the board had the satisfaction of awarding grants to a variety of wonderful projects— and the regret of being unable to support many others. It is clear to me that the work of LCHIP is more important than ever.”

Grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year’s awards of \$4.1 million will be matched by nearly \$18 million that the project proponents will raise from other public and private sources, infusing a total of over \$22 million into the state’s economy in direct project activity.

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About New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program  
The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP’s legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state’s most important natural, cultural and historic resources. The program has provided 499 grants which have helped to conserve approximately 294,000 acres of land for food production, wa-

ter quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation and supported 301 projects to rehabilitate 286 historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 176 of New Hampshire’s 234 communities. Fifty million dollars of state money have led to a total project value of more than \$289 million. The money for LCHIP grants comes from fees on four documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

## LRPC TAC Committee meets virtually Dec. 2

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission’s Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The TAC will discuss public transit issues in the Lakes Region with guests Cindy Yanski, Mobility Manager at Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program, and George Cleveland, Executive Director of the Gibson Senior Center in Conway.

Other transportation topics will include an update on potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the Lakes Region submitted for consideration in the next Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Gov. Sununu on March 23 regarding the state of emergency currently in effect through Nov. 19, as extended by the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-21, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom.

There are two ways for the public to access the meeting: Online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84908642829> or by telephone at 1-929-205-6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 849 0864 2829. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC website at [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org).

Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 279-5334 or e-mail [admin@lakesrpc.org](mailto:admin@lakesrpc.org) for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.

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