



Volunteers work to open Birch Ridge Community Forest to public



CATHY ALLYN

Work on a parking lot at the Birch Ridge Community Forest trailhead at Merrymeeting and Brackett Roads in New Durham is just part of what volunteers are accomplishing. Other access points are at the top of Birch Hill and the Town Beach. The land is open to the public for respectful exploration; trail maps and signage, however, are not yet available.

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — Some changes around town are immediately apparent; take, for example, when a big chunk of trees was cleared at the intersection of Merrymeeting and Brackett Roads, and a gigantic

stone wall sprang up. That got people’s attention. Other changes, though, aren’t so noticeable from the road. Those would be mowed brush and cleared slash, up in the woods and far from the madding crowd. Those changes

big and small are taking place every day in New Durham, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers working on opening up the Birch Ridge Community Forest to recreational use. Resident Mike Gelinis is one of them. “We hope that by doing what we’re doing as



The spectacular view from the Birch Loop trail at the top of Birch Hill. Volunteers have been doing much of the preliminary trail work throughout the Birch Ridge Community Forest.

volunteers, SELT will be able to improve other things. They have a limited budget,” Gilinas said. SELT is the Southeast Land Trust, and it’s been a year now since that organization joined forces with the Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA), Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG),

and New Durham residents to acquire over 2,000 acres overlooking Merrymeeting Lake for conservation. Donations and state and national grants made the protection of the forest possible. Working with a forester and a trails consultant, a volunteer Community Forest Steering Committee, with two wild-

life biologists as sitting members, has developed a management plan. The plan guides public access for recreation, habitat protection for wildlife, preservation of water quality, proper forest management, and climate change resilience. It was presented to the public and opened up to comment this summer. SEE SELT, PAGE A9

Barnstead Police Chief placed on administrative leave

BY KATHERINE LESNYK
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BARNSTEAD — Town officials recently confirmed in an announcement posted online that Police Chief Paul Poirier has been placed on paid administrative leave “pending an impartial investigation performed by an independent agency.” The town announcement stated that the decision to put the chief on administrative leave was made at an emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Sunday, Aug. 15, during which the board members were provided with “information regarding certain actions and conduct by the Barnstead Police Chief.” While most meetings are livestreamed on YouTube and available for viewing on the town website, the emergency meeting is not available. Although details about the nature of the investigation are scarce due to state laws prohibiting the selectmen from publicly commenting on personnel matters, there has been widespread speculation in town that the decision was based on a recent visit to the Barnstead Police Department by Women for Trump. The announcement said that “there was additional information provided that the majority of the board felt warranted further review.” At the July 28 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, which is still viewable on the “Town of Barnstead” YouTube channel at the time of writing, the board members discussed the Women for Trump event, which took place on July 23, according to an article in the Laconia Daily Sun published on Aug. 25. The discussion at the late July meeting focused on the use of resources and overtime pay for police department staff to cover the event, and whether or not it would be considered a campaign event. Poirier responded to the board later in that same

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Volleyball in the time of Corona



JOSHUA SPAULDING

THE KINGSWOOD volleyball team works out on the softball field in the twilight last Thursday night.

SUMMER WORKOUTS MOVE OUTSIDE AT KINGSWOOD

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
WOLFEBORO — Adjustments have been the name of the game for sports teams in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. But as things have slowly worked their way back toward some sense of normalcy, local teams have been working hard to follow protocols put in place by the state and the school, and keep athletes and coaches safe. One team that has had to make perhaps the biggest adjustment is the Kingswood volleyball team, which has seen its

summer workouts move from indoors in the gymnasium to outdoors on the Kingswood softball field. “We’ve been working three nights a week since July 15 and there have been some ups and downs,” said coach Lynette Place. “Until last week, we were a lot more restricted. “But, we’re at the point now where we can do some scrimmages and some sort of games,” Place continued. “The kids have shown a little more excitement.” Athletics Director Aaron House had the

grounds crew paint two volleyball courts on the softball field, one on the dirt infield and one on the outfield. To start, they are using an outdoor volleyball net, but Place noted that they were going to get the standard volleyball poles from the middle school and use a more traditional net. Place noted that the summer workouts are not a mandatory thing but she’s had a good turnout for the past month as students slowly bring themselves back to a sense of normalcy. “They need a sense of

normalcy,” Place said. “The freshmen are consistently here every day and you can tell they want that normalcy.” While official practices will start on Sept. 8, games at Kingswood are likely not going to start until after Oct. 1. Additionally, the Knights will be playing a more regionalized schedule this year, playing teams that are located nearby instead of exclusively teams in their division. But she noted that no matter what, it’s important that the kids follow all the guidelines and protocols put in place to

Cornerstone VNA receives donation from Index Packaging, Inc.

ROCHESTER — Cornerstone VNA, a non-profit home health and hospice care provider, received a generous donation of \$1,900 from the employees and leadership team at Index Packaging, Inc. in Milton.

Each year, Index Packaging, Inc. engages their employees in supporting a local nonprofit organization, and this year they were pleased to select Cornerstone VNA.

The donation from

Index Packaging, Inc. will be used to support a special program at Cornerstone VNA called Pet Peace of Mind. Pet Peace of Mind is a national program that partners with nonprofit Hospice organizations in order



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to meet the needs of patients with pets. The purpose is to enrich the quality of life for seriously ill patients and the pets they love by assisting with pet care issues. Initial grant money from Pet Peace of Mind, and other designated donations received by Cornerstone VNA, help cover the cost of veterinary care, grooming and

other pet care needs. The goal of Pet Peace of Mind is to enable hospice patients to keep their pets at home throughout their end of life journey.

T a m a r a Crooks-Faulkingham, RN, Cornerstone VNA Hospice Director, says, "We know that pets are important family members to the patients we serve, and we are so pleased to partner with Pet Peace of Mind so that we can have additional support in place for patients whose health is declining."

Crooks-Faulkingham adds, "These generous funds from Index Packaging, Inc. will be put to good use." Kimberly Cameron, Estimator/Customer Service at Index Packaging, Inc. remarks, "We are very fortunate to have the staff and funds to be able to do this for an organization each year. It is absolutely our pleasure."

For more information about the Pet Peace of Mind Program at Cornerstone VNA, contact Maureen Steer, MDiv,

Holistic Disciplines Coordinator at 332-1133, ext. 1122 or msteer@cornerstonevna.org. For more information about the national Pet Peace of Mind program, visit www.petpeaceofmind.org.

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 or call 800-691-1133.



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Help kids kick cancer by giving blood with the Red Cross

ALTON — During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood or platelets to support kids, teens and young adults battling cancer, as well as others in need of transfusions.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year. Childhood cancer patients may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications.

Cancer and cancer treatments can put patients at risk for low red blood cell and platelet counts. Some types of chemotherapy can damage bone marrow, lowering the production of red blood cells and platelets. Cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma attack the bone marrow as well. Blood and platelet transfusions can enable patients to receive critical treatments needed to

fight and survive cancer. Blood and platelet donations are needed to ensure blood products are available for pediatric cancer patients and others throughout this pandemic. As a thank-you, those who come to give Sept. 4-8 will receive a pair of Red Cross branded socks, while supplies last!

Make an appointment to donate by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Blood drives are also essential in helping ensure blood is available for patients this winter. To learn more and sign up to host a blood drive this fall and winter, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Who blood donations help
Ansley Gilich is an outgoing, kind, funny and very smart 7-year-old who enjoys danc-

ing and singing with her family and friends. Earlier this year, Ansley was diagnosed with b-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia – the most common type of childhood cancer – and has needed blood products during treatment.

“She is beautiful inside and out and is kicking cancer’s butt like the little warrior princess that she is,” said Michelle Gilich, Ansley’s mother, who joined family to host a blood drive to give back to other patients who also need blood. “We know there’s a need for blood products due to the coronavirus pandemic, and we want to help as much as we can.”

Sport Clips and Red Cross partnership highlights childhood cancer awareness
Donors can do good and look good this September when they donate blood or platelets with the Red Cross and get a free haircut coupon from Sport Clips Haircuts – a proud supporter of childhood cancer

research – during the annual Saving Lives Never Looked So Good campaign.

Those who come to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 30, 2020, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

Donors are urged to make an appointment to donate using the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/sport-clips, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. The Red Cross and Sport Clips encourage donors to use the hashtag #SavingLivesLooksGood to share their new looks and invite others to give.

Important COVID-19 information for donors
The Red Cross is test-

ing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may qualify to be convalescent plasma donors. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7 to 10 days through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill

with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities
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Alton
Sept. 3: 1 - 6 p.m.,
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The Reading Room at Gilman Library

LETTERBOXING AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY
ALTON — Have you heard of LETTERBOXING?

Letterboxing is similar to Geocaching. Both are like a treasure hunt, taking place outdoors and on public property. These sports are enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts of all ages all over the world. With letterboxing the goal is to find a small weather-proof box or bag containing a logbook and a rubber stamp hidden in a discreet location. Directions and clues can be found on Atlasquest.com or letterboxing.org. You can log in to record where you went and what you found, report any missing or damaged

letterboxes, or learn how to ‘plant’ your own!

Adventurers bring their own logbook, stamp pad and unique stamp. Once the Letterbox is found, they make an imprint of the letterbox’s stamp in their logbook and leave an imprint of their signature stamp in the box’s logbook. Your logbook is like a passport, showing where you’ve traveled. Many participants make their own hand-carved stamps.

The fun part of Letterboxing is keeping it a mystery. Here is some general “Letterbox Etiquette”

Put the box back exactly where you found it so others can find it using the clues

Be discreet when looking around for a letter box so you don’t draw attention to others who don’t participate in the sport

Respect the environment where the box is hidden

Look for a hidden treasure (outside) here at the Gilman Library and in other areas close by!

Good Luck and Have Fun!

Brianna Duggan of Alton named to St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List

CANTON, N.Y. — Brianna P. Duggan has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for academic achievement during the Spring 2020 semester.

Duggan is a member of the Class of 2023. Duggan attended Prospect Mountain High School.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic aver-

age of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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Happy trails

Actress Shirley MacLaine once wrote “Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.” This week, the topic of strangers has been at the forefront of our minds. Having met several strangers on the hiking trails over the past few months has opened up an appreciation for others that has always been there, yet as of late, for some reason, these meetings have become more meaningful. Simple conversations can lead to an unraveling of several rewarding conversations.

They always say there’s no such thing as a solo hike, and it’s true, for the most part. While hiking the Mount Cabot loop recently, a chance meeting with a teacher from southern New Hampshire took place. It was interesting to hear his views on his school re-opening plan and how he handled remote teaching. According to him, he sort of “rolled with it.” On that same trail, a fortunate meeting with Ray took place. A CPA from Boston who was on his 47th of New Hampshire’s 4,000 footers, was in the right spot at the right time. Being five feet, one inch in height, the hop from one boulder to the next on top of The Horn, would not have happened without a boost from Ray. Claspng his hands together and lifting me from one perch to the next made for a great lunch on top of the mountain. His tales of climbing to the Mt. Everest base camp and his ski adventures all over the world was the perfect accompaniment to a well deserved peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

A 66 year old veteran named Brian was the perfect person to head down Mount Willard with. After the storm wreaked havoc on the trail, the trek down was, well, sort of like an obstacle course. Brian (and his dog) shared so many eye-opening stories about his time serving in the military. I was proud to have him by my side and honored he shared his story.

On top of North Sugarloaf, a Spanish teacher with her family topped the list. They were in from Mass for the weekend. They shared their love of New Hampshire with the best humor and were so appreciative of the nature around them. The family has decided to make lemonade out of lemons and are choosing to get their elementary age students out into the mountains as much as possible, the kids said they love every minute of it.

When hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail, you will meet a ton of thru hikers, each coming with a unique name. This past week, while hiking the Beaver Brook Trail up to Mount Moosilauke, “Whole Foods,” “Square Peg” and “Sherpa” each had amazing tales. Whole Foods is from P.A. And was hiking south to Georgia, in a kilt. Square Peg stopped to chat as he was making his way down and told us, this was his third time completing the AT. Sherpa told us that the wind at the top literally blew him over. He was a tiny thing, and after summiting, we believed him.

On top of Mount Nancy, a family surprised ‘Dad’ for his 50th with party hats and cupcakes. It was so neat to be a part of that. Impromptu parties are the best. This is a story that deserves it’s own and will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Whether you chat someone up on the trails or in line at the store, you never know what you will learn. Some people will engage, others won’t. It’s a coin toss and that can be a fun game all it’s own.

If you have a fear of talking to strangers, do it anyway. When you do something repeatedly the fear tends to dissipate and your conversation techniques will feel more natural. If you imagine that the person is already your friend, you’ll treat them as such and this approach can alleviate an awkward feelings.

In the words of Anais Nin, “Each friend represents a world in us, a world not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.”

Letters to the Editor

Last refuge of a scoundrel

To the Editor:

After watching the first night of the Republican Convention, and all the talk about patriotism, I’m reminded of the quote by Samuel Johnson, known as the father of the modern dictionary, who in 1775 wrote the following: “Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.”

He’s also known for this statement, which is still all too true to this day: “Empires (or Democracies), are broken down when the profits of administration are so great, that ambition is satisfied with obtaining them, and he that aspires to greatness needs do nothing more than talk himself into importance.

He has then all the power which danger and conquest used formerly to give; he can raise a family, and reward his followers.”

Let’s take heed, America!

DUANE HAMMOND
ALTON



COURTESY

Miniature bandstand raffled off

Jonathan and Nancy Downing recently donated a one-quarter-scale miniature replica of the Alton Bay bandstand they constructed for last year’s Old Home Week parade, with help from Robert and Jason James, to the Bandstand Committee as a fundraiser for the 2020 Water Ski Show. The mini-bandstand was raffled off during the show, and will be floating on the east side of the bay next season. The Downings would like to thank everyone involved for their generous donations toward the fundraising raffle, which brought in more than \$1,200, and for their enthusiasm. Without the community’s support, the ski shows and bandstand concerts would not be possible. Donations can be mailed at any time to the Town of Alton, P.O. Box 659, Alton, NH 03809, payable to the Alton Water Bandstand Escrow Account.

Letters to the Editor

President Trump’s politico-economic successes

To the Editor:

President Trump had created the best economy in 60-70 years by deregulating businesses including coal and fracking businesses and by imposing tariffs on goods produced by nations who either impose tariffs on US-made goods or provide financial help and incentives to their manufacturers including their steel producers so they can lower their prices so they can compete successfully against US manufacturers.

As a result, America and thereby Americans became energy independent, American gasoline prices decreased, and American energy producers began to export energy.

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America, and therefore Americans, are experiencing greater security as a result of not being dependent upon foreign energy producers.

In addition, President

Trump’s foreign and domestic politico-economic policies encouraged American businesspeople to stay in America, expand in America, and bring manufacturing and jobs back to America and produced a booming economy that reduced unemployment to record lows for all Americans including minorities.

St. Obama said such an economy could not be done. [He inferred President Trump has no politico-economic ‘magic wand.’]

The current stock market recovery from the c-virus pandemic has been rapid and approaching if not exceeding previous records and indicating how the overall economy will improve once the c-virus lockdown regulations are relaxed if not removed.

This is the D J Trump American Patriots know and want re-elected.

REGARDS,
BOB KROEPEL
NEW DURHAM

The triumph of socialism would be a reason to cry

To the Editor:

I believe the perversion of all that is “good” in our society is for a specific purpose: socialism.

Promoted by progressives and news outlets, the perpetuation of racism contributes to creating socialism. This is why every report is about a “Black” or “White” person. Without those two words, we would judge people by their actions and not their color.

Another obvious socialist effort is to consistently attack President Trump, who clearly states he’s against socialism for our country. You have to ask yourself, why are news outlets against American freedoms and why are they pushing a socialism agenda? If not for socialism, then what are they doing? Where is their respect for the voters who four years ago

elected President Trump?

It’s critical for everyone to reflect on why news outlets all say the same things at the same time, during daily attacks against anyone not agreeing to their agenda. Who profits from diminishing the voter and attacking anyone who disagrees with socialism? Who’s driving the ever larger wedge between parties, races and classes? I recently read a letter to the editor from a man, and he states his wife cries over the news. I speculate that if the news reporters actually reported factual news, that sad woman and many others like her, wouldn’t be driven to feel so dire as to stop smiling and no longer enjoy grandchildren. The poor man himself has begun to fear our President is akin to Hitler! Like the news outlets he watches,

he blames our President for everything including COVID because no matter what the President does, it’s wrong according to news outlets.

The postal “crisis” is yet another fine example of sensationalized reporting from a myopic angle and would have everyone believe “The President is evil.” Personally, I resent having my hard earned tax dollars being used to assist the Postal Service with their contract with Amazon, a private business. The Postal Service has had issues with deliveries since it entered into agreement with Amazon; despite years of being federally subsidized with millions of tax dollars and raising the cost of stamps frequently, they always seem to have major problems. Tax dollars collected aren’t intended to be used to fund private busi-

nesses. But the 24/7 news outlets beat their drums loud and clear, and the President should just give away our tax dollars and be quiet because the bully news outlets say so.

I actually pity people who seem to really believe news outlet mantras, and like so many, it seems they would welcome socialism because of it all. I truly hope this letter will prompt people to really think about how the news outlets are using their ability to reach people with a constant barrage of destructive reporting for the purpose of instating socialism. Once we lose to socialism, there will be no return to personal freedoms and constitutional rights. Now that’s something to cry about!

BARBARA HOWARD
ALTON

Wittmann letter a clarion call to become informed

To the Editor:

I disagree with Stephanie Vuolo’s assertion that Chris Wittmann’s Aug. 6 letter had “an absolutely vicious tone.” I found Wittmann’s remarks to be a well-reasoned assessment of the civil unrest being inflicted by the Marxists behind groups such as Black Lives Matter (BLM).

As for Vuolo asserting that recent polls show Blacks preferring Biden over Trump, polls are not perfect, as 2016 proved. Then, there is the rise of the #Walk Away Campaign that has inspired many Blacks, Hispanics

and other Americans to walk away from the Democratic Party. Reportedly, the movement has made great gains since the recent riots, which Vuolo chose to call “peaceful protests.”

Wittmann was right to urge voters to look into Black Lives Matter. Investor and financier George Soros is the main funder of some 200 Leftist Groups. In 2015, his Open Society donated \$650,000 to help fund BLM agitators after the Freddie Gray killing in Baltimore.

As for the divisiveness generated by the Democratic Party that

Wittmann referenced, she was spot on. Readers might peruse “The Big Lie – Exposing the Nazi Roots of the American Left” by Dinesh D’Souza. The author reveals how the Democratic Left, the real fascists in U.S. politics, have managed to convince many that they are the anti-fascists when, in fact, it is just the opposite. Hence, Wittmann’s reference to repeat a lie often enough and the uninformed will believe it.

The founders intended our Republic to stay in the hands of informed citizens. As Wittmann urges, voters should

look into BLM and learn for themselves the real threat to our unity and national security. It is not President Trump who gave up a great life to help America and who has had to battle the rancor of the Deep State and Leftist groups on a daily basis. His sole offense was winning the election and thwarting their plans to “transform” America into the Marxist paradise no one in history has yet been able to create. Marxism relegates all but a select few elites, to mayhem and misery.

WILLIAM FRENCH
ALTON BAY

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

A recent letter to this paper by Stephanie Vuolo accused me of “ludicrous assertions” and untruths. I am accused of “swallowing the Trump team talking points no matter how unconnected to reality they may be.”

Ms. Vuolo, you are the one unconnected to reality here. I suspect I am a good deal older than you, and I have learned my history well through the years, not just from excellent teachers, but

from years of self study, personal experience and the experiences of close family members.

You and others like you can try and white wash the history of the Democratic party all you want, but facts are facts and they don’t lie. The Democrats are the party of the Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow and slavery. You don’t know your history, Ms. Vuola. Southern Democrats started the KKK. It was the Republicans who voted for the Equal Rights Amendment giving blacks the

right to vote and the Democrats voted against it!

And yes, President Trump did lift minorities out of poverty (for those willing to work) with good paying jobs. Perhaps you should listen to the uplifting speeches from the Republican Convention, many by blacks and other minorities who have nothing but praise for President Trump. I hate to burst your bubble, but there is every indication that our President is winning the hearts of millions of

minorities across our country who are fed up with the empty promises and big government dependency that is all the Democrats ever have to offer. They’re also horrified at BLM’s burning, looting and murder... those “peaceful protests” Ms. Vuolo refers to.

You bring up David Duke. President Trump denounced his endorsement years ago. Has Biden denounced the endorsement he got from the leader of Communist China?

Check out the Web

site of Black Lives Matter, Ms. Vuolo. It clearly states what a Marxist anarchist organization they are, supporting the destruction of America and the nuclear family that is the backbone of our civilization. If you and your Democrat friends want to align yourselves with such an organization, then no matter how harmless your own protests may seem you can expect well deserved criticism for supporting such a group.

You call me a liar in so many words, yet you

cannot disprove anything I said. You call me “vicious” for simply telling it like it is. Do you recall Ruth Larson’s disgusting, hate filled ad against her opponent in her last campaign? Now that, Ms. Vuolo, was real viciousness.

A word of advice for you and Ms. Larson.... Try holding “All Lives Matter” signs next time; it might get you both a bit of respect and a toot of more car horns.

CHRIS WITTMANN
ALTON

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Corn

I just finished the last of my sweet corn last night. It was pretty good. I had never grown corn before. There was an open piece of plantable land, and I had a large piece of stiff six foot tall fencing on hand that would make a perfect enclosure to keep skunks and raccoons out. I figured that I’d need to electrify it, but that would be later in the summer. I don’t have an official electric fence unit, but I was sure that I could rig something up.

Stopping by the local grain store, I found that they were all out of corn seeds. They did have a package left over from last year, so I bought it. Good deal too. I dug a hole and filled it with composted manure, stirred it up and covered it with soil and planted some seeds. There was soon lots of little corn plants popping up inside the fence.

I have always loved corn on the cob, but I’m totally spoiled. All too often I have been disappointed by tough

overripe and old corn. I have to give praise to all the genetic modifiers as they have really made marvelous improvements to the amount of time an ear of corn will hold onto being good. The second the ear of corn gets removed from the stock, the sugars and goodness begins to diminish.

When I was growing up, my father would get home from work in the afternoon around 330. In the summer he would round up us kids and we’d hop into the car and head off to a lake to go swimming. When it was corn season, on the way home, we’d stop by a farm and pick up a couple dozen ears fresh off the wagon. Since we were regular customers, sometimes the farmer would go get us ours fresh picked.

When we got home, we’d shuck ’em and they’d go right into the pressure cooker. My mother would have a smaller than usual supper ready which we’d all finish in time for the

main attraction. We’d all have a pat of butter on our plate and a salt shaker, and we’d all seriously consume the corn. There were five of us and there were never any leftovers from our two dozen, which often were bakers dozens.

I remember slopping on the butter and comparing how much it oozed up our teeth in this sibling competition. Butter was a good thing sixty years ago. And salt too. I find myself trying to limit myself these days. Gone is the last spoonful of dropped corn kernels, butter and salt that were caught on my plate that I’d scoop up in one last delightful mouthful.

There is one thing I can tell you, if you’re trying to get your grandmothers old recipe to taste “right”, when it says butter, use butter. My mother used to cook me fried eggs in the morning. After I moved out on my own, I would cook my own eggs and they never tasted like hers did. One day I re-

membered her sequence. She’d brown butter in the hot pan before putting in the eggs, and after she put them on my plate, she’d pour the butter that was left in the pan on top of them. The way those fancy French Chef’s do.

Since caterpillars ate the silk from the ends of my corn’s ears, I didn’t have any indication when they were ripe for picking. My corn patch isn’t very big, but I’ve been eating corn every day for over a week, trying to keep up with it. All that’s left now are a

couple of small undeveloped ears that are getting devoured by insects. It’s been a good experiment and quite a learning experience. Not to mention getting fresh picked corn that went straight into the pressure cooker. Just like the old days.

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meeting, stating that about \$600 was used for overtime pay, and that he had already gotten offers of donations to cover the cost.

“I take responsibility,” Poirier said. “I did nothing wrong.”

Poirier also emphasized that the visit to the police department was not a campaign event.

“[Women for Trump] asked me if they could come and thank the police officers. Absolutely, come on in,” he said. “I never said ‘Vote for Trump.’”

Board Chair Lori Mahar said in an email to The Baysider

that the investigation will be completed in “hopefully” 30 days.

The board hired Municipal Resources Inc (MRI) to handle the investigation and hire an interim chief, Mahar said.

“The actions taken by the board protects our town in ad-

dition to the Chief of Police. We ask for your patience while the investigation is ongoing. As this is a personnel issue no further information will be released or discussed to protect the parties involved,” the Web site announcement said.

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Alton Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office Closed

Due to the State Primary Election held at St. Katharine Drexel Church the Alton Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office will be closed on Tuesday September 8, 2020.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Beverly Grappone

You are hereby notified that a virtual Zoom Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm case # 2020-011. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Samyn D'Elia Architects on behalf of Beverly Grappone for property located at 180 Pine Point Road - Map 103 Lot 021. The applicant is requesting variances to Buildings and Structures Alterations and Expansion of Existing Non-Conforming Uses. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom application please contact Brian Cauler at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or the Zoning Board.

The property is located at 180 Pine Point Road, Map 103 Lot 021.

Posted August 25, 2020

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David & Caren Bonisteel

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall case # 2020-012. The hearing is regarding an application and plan submitted by Varney Engineers LLC. on behalf of David and Caren Bonisteel. The applicant is requesting variances from: Article XIV Section C 1(e): Shorefront Conservation Overlay District Dimensional Requirements. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you need assistance using Zoom application please contact Brian Cauler at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or by contacting the Zoning Board.

The property is located at 12 South Shore Road, Map 119 Lot 38.

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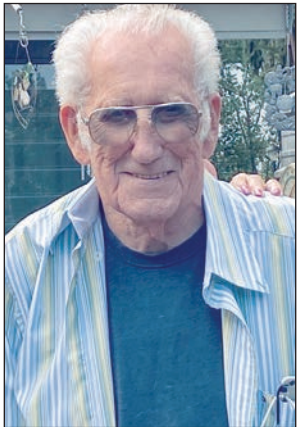
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OBITUARY

John Thomas Conboy, 86

ALTON, NH - John Thomas Conboy, 86, of Alton, NH died peacefully at home on August 28, 2020. He was born on June 1st, 1934, in Brockton, Massachusetts, the son of John J. and Anna T. (Lannon) Conboy. He was raised in Lynn, Massachusetts. After graduating from Lynn Classical High School, he served for four years in the Korean War, in the Coast Guard. Upon returning home, he attended Salem State College, where he met the love of his life, Elaine.

In his early years, he was employed at Monroe Calculator Company, in Boston, Massachusetts, where he fixed computers. He and Elaine later moved to Alton, where they owned Cozy Cottages for 24 years, running



it while they were on break from teaching. Until his retirement, he taught electronics and electricity at Spaulding Vocational Technical School in Rochester, NH.

John loved living in Alton and being involved in the community. He was part of the volunteer ambulance service for many years. John was the water commissioner in Alton

for over a decade. For seven years, he was one of the main organizers for Old Home Week. He was a commander in the American Legion.

John was very involved in the church, Saint Joan of Arc and helped out in many capacities. He taught classes, was an Extraordinary Minister; and was a Fourth Degree Knight.

John will be remembered for his talent at fixing anything and everything. If John couldn't fix it, it couldn't be fixed. John enjoyed playing cribbage. He had an amazing sense of humor, and enjoyed practical jokes. He loved to laugh and his laughter was contagious and loud. John loved trying new foods, and going to dinner with family and friends. Sushi was one of his favorites. John loved Irish music and proudly displayed his Irish heritage. He was a good listener and always had a kind word to say. He will be missed dearly.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Elaine; they recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. Family members include his son John and daughter-in-law Susan, from Alton Bay, NH, grandchildren Christopher Langer, and Michael Langer and his wife Karla, and his great-grandchildren Devin, Jacob, and Henry.

Services: a Mass was held on September 2nd, at 11:00, at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, located at 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton, NH. Burial followed at New Riverside Cemetery, on 124 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH. Friends and Family are welcome to a Celebration of Life following the burial, which will be at the American Legion, located at 164 Wolfeboro Highway, Alton NH, Post #72.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations can be made to the American Legion, Post # 72. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home. To express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com

BY LARRY SCOTT

Perhaps you have seen what has become known as the Cycle of Nations.

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- From bondage to rebellion;
- From rebellion to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From great courage to liberty;
- From liberty to abundance;
- From abundance to complacency;
- From complacency to apathy;
- From apathy to dependence, and,
- From dependence back to bondage."

I often wonder where we are in this cycle. It is clear to many of us that, as a nation, we are in deep trouble. And please, I am not writing about politics. I am writing about a social and moral breakdown in America that belies our

religious heritage. Many of us, influenced as we have been by the Judeo-Christian ethic, are aghast. In our view, we are living in a godless, self-centered and misdirected society. Having abandoned the Bible as giving us an objective standard of morality, we have been damaged by the absence of those principles of right and wrong that used to be commonly taught in our schools and universities. Far from being snobbish and judgmental, the Christian community has agonized over the state of our nation.

There is little need for me to enumerate the many expressions of political correctness and personal freedom that have permeated every level of our society. So pervasive has become an almost total disregard for those moral principles we once accepted as truth, it is difficult for the Christian community to keep from giving up. It would be easy for us to conclude we are the victims of a godless society and that nothing we can do will make a difference, so "cash it in, fold your wings, bury your head in the sand" ... and

leave society to live out the pleasure of its own will.

But that, I think, would lead to catastrophic consequences. We have hit apathy; we are well on our way to bondage, and no one seems to care! Live and let live, be happy, you only go around once, seems to be our society's philosophy. The day is coming (or is it already here?) when our nation will have to "pay the piper."

But this is God's world, and although most generally ignored, He is available to all who are ready to make Him welcome. He created us as an act of love and has given of Himself to make possible a change in the purpose and direction of both our lives and our nation. I fear for America, but I am not about to give up! Whatever the future course of our history, I shall proclaim this foundation principle as often as I can: there is an alternative ... and His Name is Jesus Christ.

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.

First Congregational Farmington offers live and virtual services

FARMINGTON — First Congregational Church in Farmington continues to serve the community during this Pandemic by providing live and virtual Services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. We also have a virtual half hour of conversation, prayer and stories from local community members called Faith Matters every Thursday at 5 p.m. The public can access these on-line services by going to our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonnhfirstcongregation-al/>.

The Women's Fellowship Committee is planning some fun events this fall. There will be a Soup Dinner on Oct. 3. The women will be keeping everything safe from Covid-19 germs so you can plan on enjoying a delicious soup dinner. There will be four kinds of soup for you to choose from. Each dinner will consist of a pint container of soup, a homemade roll and a dessert for \$10. The soup will be refrigerated and you will pick your pre-ordered dinner up from an outside table that the ladies will be manning. We be keeping the soup containers in coolers to maintain freshness. Watch for more information on our Facebook page; the link is shown above.



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Found in the rubble: Catamounts in Maine, but not the missing months of summer



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

All of a sudden we’ve skimmed right past the Dog Days of August. Anyone knowing where June and July went, please call or write—they’re missing and may never have happened. This morning I almost had a chill-fire. Any day now: Water in dogs’ dishes will be frozen at dawn.

My desk is the usual disaster, with a particularly threatening pile of stuff towering and glowering on a far corner, so before it falls, here goes:
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Parents, teachers, administrators, bus-drivers, cafeteria-workers and students are doing a lot of last-minute scrambling about when school will start and who will go where. Just about every scenario involves kids and teens studying at home via computer.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Bill Gardner has issued a really nice, beautifully laid out, informative voter registration and voting guide, mailed to every known household in the state, featuring email information and various state websites.

But what if there’s no computer in the home? Planners and politicians seem to assume that all households, everywhere, have access to a



Nancy Piper sent in this picture of a bob-tailed backyard visitor. “I know they are not terribly rare,” she wrote, “but this guy in our yard in Tuftonboro seemed perfectly comfortable posing for a picture.” (Courtesy Nancy Piper)



There’s no reason to run this picture except that I like it. Somewhere in there behind all the whiskers is Jeff Fair, long of Sandwich, long of Loon Preservation Committee renown, and now long of Palmer, Alaska. Jeff was fishing with friends on the Kashwitna River when he got this average-size silver salmon. (Courtesy Nicole Whittington Evans)

computer and the Internet. Well, they do not.

Various surveys indicate that 11 percent of U.S. households do not have a computer, and an even larger number, 18 percent, do not have access to the Internet.

I keep trying to point out this substantial disenfranchisement to anyone who will listen, which seems to be nobody. I might as well whistle in the wind. And it’s not that I’m a Luddite—I’ve got all the bells and whistles of Computerdom, and am connected to next door, the neighborhood, the country, the hemisphere, the tectonic plate, the world, the planets and the stars. I just want all these people relishing the ride on the runaway train to remember that not everyone’s on board.
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People who live in larger towns and cities sometimes don’t realize the challenges rural and small-town residents face with television and Internet service. Urban residents have access to cable and can assume that people in the hinterlands do too.

Up until recent years, however, there were no truly viable, much less profitable, systems for setting up large receiving stations to serve small numbers of customers, and then stringing cable to each one. Instead, utilities already reaching most households—electricity and telephone companies—figured out how to piggyback computer and Internet service on their lines, and offer “bundling” packages for customers.

So why do so many households remain without computers and Internet service? Some simply cannot afford them. Others simply don’t want them—period. And a relatively small number are simply too remote or devoid of any regular utility services to get anything at all—except for those who cobble together energy-producing systems from wind, water or sun, or even wood or other organically driven systems, and then get services via satellites.

Whenever I think about this, my mind wanders off to friends who’ve managed, in

many diverse ways, to live off the grid. One of them, David Brooks, was a retired engineer (GE, as I recall) who refurbished the old Wonalancet Power & Light dam, penstock and generating plant, and produced enough electricity to power his house, a beautifully outfitted wood and machine shop, a heated pool, and even his own little ski area, complete with two lighted trails and a Poma Lift. (For the generationally challenged, a Poma Lift was an early type of ski-lift on which you slid a softball-sized, pole-mounted disc behind your butt.)

Dave was in my company—Dearborn’s New Hampshire Company in Maj. Return Meig’s Division—when we reenacted Benedict Arnold’s famed 1775 march up through the wilds of Maine in an attempt to take Quebec City, facilitate French Canada’s rebellion, and enjoin it to become the Revolution’s 14th colony. We did this in 1975, on the 200th anniversary of the event, scheduled over the course of a two-week vacation.

Another friend lives completely off the grid not far from where I live, tucked back in the woods and living without amenities he thinks are soul-stealing junk anyway. Still another has a log cabin that combines wood heat, propane and solar power to get along just fine without a utility pole or lines for miles.
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Island Pond, Vermont, is not very far from North Stratford, and the two towns are linked by the Portland-Montreal railroad, as well as many family ties and traditions.

Veteran outdoorsman Mick Connary sent me a letter recounting some of his experiences with mountain lions (cougars, catamounts, panthers, pumas). “I believe that there have been cougars in this area for many years,” he wrote. “I have personally seen several. In about 1910 my great-grandfather shot a cougar off his roof. He had a farm on the Bog Road in East Stratford.

“In 1965 I talked with a man (whose) last name was Jordan. He told me that about the end of



COURTESY

For anyone trying to envision a cougar (mountain lion, catamount, very long tail, puma), this photo from Idaho makes it plain: Very big animal, very long tail. (Courtesy Idaho Fish and Game) World War II he shot a cougar at Dennis Pond in Brunswick, Vermont. He said that the cat hung at the store in North Stratford for about 10 days. My father affirmed that the cougar hung at his store, and he said that a picture was in the newspaper.”

Mick went on to recount his own experiences. “Last year I saw a cougar beside the road at East Brighton, VT. About 30 years ago at the Oscar Nadeau farm on Rte. 105, I saw a large female in his hay field near his house. About 40 years ago I saw a large cougar at the Stone Dam between Brighton and Bloomfield (VT). This cat was walking the railroad track.”

Mick enclosed three or four streamers (long flies imitating small fish) he had tied, noting: “I get very few orders for grasshoppers. Everybody wants caddis flies.”
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Mick included a few pages of the Northwoods Sporting Journal, a lively not-so-little sheet out of West Enfield, Maine striving to run all sorts of outdoor-oriented stories from the nation’s most-forested state (New Hampshire is second).

The July issue ran to 68 pages, several of them devoted to various accounts and assessments of mountain lion reports in Maine. The state’s North Woods runs all the way northeast into heavily forested New Brunswick (wildlife doesn’t care about international boundaries), into Nova Scotia, and so on, a vast stretch of woodlands where legend, lore, and facts on cougars have long been kept alive.

One compendium listed seven accounts of recent cougar sightings, several of the incidents involving husbands and wives who all saw

exactly the same thing. All reports specified the large size of the animals, the tawny color, and the long tail. There is only one animal that can fit that description, and please don’t try to tell these seasoned outdoor people that they were looking at fisher (cats).

In case some Maine people see these scribbles, and at the risk of making steady New Hampshire readers roll their eyes (“Here he goes again”), the appendage “cats” after “fisher” is decidedly unscientific but has a rich place in legacy and lexicon. “Fisher cat” has been in use ever since the first Europeans stepped ashore on the Gulf of Maine and began moving up the rivers to settle land that proprietors insisted they had bought fair and square from the various offshoots of the Abenaki, “People of the Dawn Land.” The Abenaki tend to dispute this.

But history is history, and trying to rewrite it is tricky business, nor would we if we could—would we? This is the stuff of good conversation in camp, as is the shadowy story of the catamount.

Either way, that “cat” business on the end of “fisher” is in the vernacular to stay. It goes way back, like “rabbit” and “partridge.” These terms are technically incorrect, for sure, but are nonetheless handed down from generation to generation. And okay, I’ll admit it, I’m prone to sticking “cat” on there now and then to needle learned friends.

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VOLLEYBALL

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keep everyone safe. “If the kids are smart and do what they’re asked to do, it’s a step in the right direction,” Place said. “They’ve

been great about following all of the guidelines. “The kids have been really receptive, the parents have been really receptive,” she noted. “So far, I can’t complain. They are doing what is respectful.”

Place pointed out that the chance to practice outside and do something a little different is also making things a little more fun and the kids have been having a good time.

But Place also noted that what is a good time right now, might actually become a reality. “Get used to it in case we are out here for games,” she told the girls as they went through

drills and scrimmages in the Wolfeboro twilight. Official practices for the fall season are scheduled to begin on Sept. 8 and the New Hampshire Interscholastic Association has set Sept. 18 as

the official start day for volleyball games.

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KINGSWOOD VOLLEYBALL summer workouts have been outside in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



THE KINGSWOOD volleyball team has been working out on the softball field at the high school.



PLAYERS go to the net during Kingswood volleyball summer workouts at the high school last week.

SELT

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mer. Because of the proactive volunteers, work regarding public access and trails is meeting the proposed timeline. You’re lucky if you can catch Mike Gelinass in between “shifts,” even on rainy days. He’s been out working five or six days a week since May.

Efforts began in the Devil’s Den area, with the Powder Mill Snowmobile Club, New Durham Valley ATV Club, and Merrymeeting Marina working together to clean up trails. “You can go through there with a pick-up truck now,” Gelinass said, “and that hasn’t been possible for a long time.”

Land has been cleared for parking lots at the trailhead at Merrymeeting and Brackett Roads and the top of Birch Hill. Gelinass said Russ Weldon, who owns Merrymeeting Marina and is active in the MMLA, supplies all of the equipment and puts in his share of work, too.

“I’m just his helper, along with others mostly from the snowmobile club,” he added. He said \$86,000 worth of work has been done

on snowmobile trails and even more than that has been done on the Birch Ridge trails and parking lots.

“The debris from logging really made the Merrymeeting/Brackett lot and trails a project.”

Gelinass said there has been a total of 250 hours work done there.

“They logged that during mud season and put all the branches down and kept driving on it. We had to haul and haul for days,” he explained.

Water control was also necessary.

“It needs proper ditching,” Gelinass said. “We had to reroute some water, so we did a lot of environmental work.”

In contrast, the Birch Hill project took 60 hours.

A striking feature of the Merrymeeting/Brackett lot is the wall.

“Russ tried to make it interesting and nice,” Gelinass said of Weldon. “He loves building rock walls with his excavator.”

With so much to do, Gelinass enlists his family members and members of the snowmobile club. “There’s a group I can call on,” he said.

Residents, eager for new trails, are keeping a close eye on the progress. SELT is working with certified trail builders. Gelinass said 14 peo-

ple went out recently with SELT Land Manager T. Parker Schuerman. “It takes time,” he said.

Plans call for the Rattlesnake Mountain and Mount Eleanor trails to be installed in the very near future.

SELT Stewardship Director Debbie Goard said hikers and mountain bikes can use the trails.

“We’re developing trails, and updated trail maps are posted to our website regularly,” Goard said.

The SELT Web site can be found at seltnh.org.

Gelinass indicated that Weldon has been the driving force behind the trail work.

“He wants to see this happen,” Gelinass said.

There is a new effort underway to conserve an additional 1,000 plus acres to protect Merrymeeting Lake’s watershed. The Collins Family is gifting 500 acres that include Devil’s Den and the slopes and peak of Mount Molly to SELT.

The purchasing of two parcels of land that about the BRCF, the Stell and Young tracts, would expand watershed conservation to 29 per cent and provide almost 13 miles of woods roads and snowmobile trails.

Having trails to hike is a definite benefit to

the community, “so Russ and I have been doing trails,” Gelinass said.

He reported that “four miles were mowed” in a few days last week on the Young property.

“It keeps me entertained, since I’m retired and have to do something. Russ and I work well together,” he added.

He said at least another month of “heavy-duty trail work” is planned.

“None of this would be happening without Russ and his equipment,” he commented.

Always on the lookout for more volunteers, Gelinass noted that the mower leaves branches behind, and asked that hikers “throw the branches to the side of the trail” as they walk along.

“We’ll be relying on volunteers to help build these trails,” he said.

Brian Hart, the Executive Director of SELT is excited by the “great progress” made on the trails at Birch Ridge.

While completing the entire trail system will take many years, new hiking and biking trails should be unveiled soon.

Hart said, “SELT would not have been able to complete this project and bring the beauty of Birch Ridge Community Forest to the public were it not for our incredible donors, volunteers, and partners.”

Soccer, volleyball start times announced at PMHS

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The official start of fall sports for high school teams is set for Sept. 8, and Prospect Mountain High School has announced the schedule for the first week of practices for three of the teams for this fall.

The boys’ soccer team will be meeting from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. each of the first four days of practice, Sept. 8 through Sept. 11.

The girls’ soccer team will also be meeting Sept. 8 through Sept. 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The volleyball Timber Wolves will be practicing from 3 to 4:45 p.m. Sept. 8 through Sept. 11.

Practice times for golf and cross country were not announced as of deadline early Monday morning.

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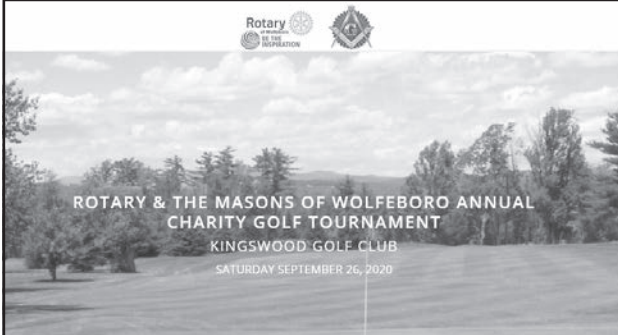
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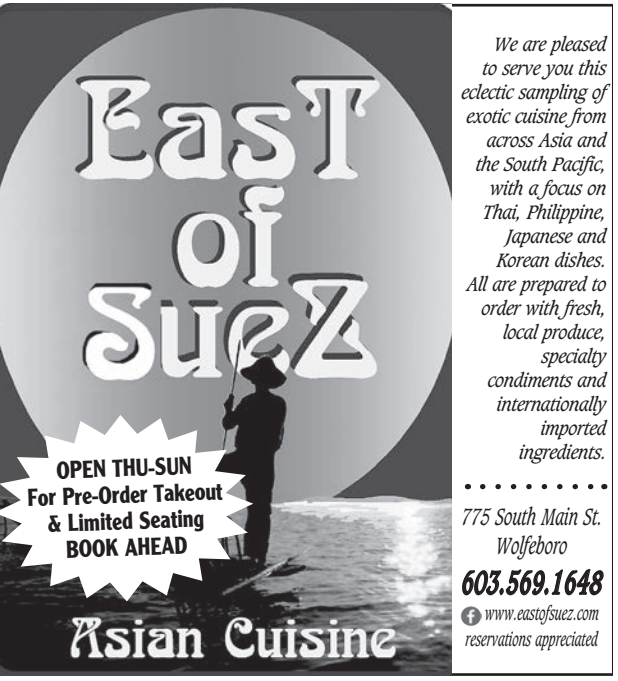
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School Administrative Unit #101 - Wakefield School District

SAU Part-Time Administrative Assistant

The SAU #101 - Wakefield School District, is seeking an experienced administrative assistant for its SAU office in Sanbornville, NH. This is a part-time, year-round position. The successful candidate will be a skilled multi-tasker with expertise in Word, Excel, Google, and a willingness to learn other industry specific programs such as PowerSchool and data systems from the NH Department of Education. Experience in a school district setting, accounting and Grant Management are preferred but not required. This position answers directly to the Director of Student Services, Business Administrator and Superintendent of SAU 101, with frequent interaction with the accounting assistant, human resources/payroll coordinator, Paul School, and District staff. Preferred candidates will be highly organized with strong communication skills, demonstrate confidentiality and reliability, and possess effective social skills while being a self-starter. Hours: Part-time 25 hours a week, within a Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. workweek.

To apply, complete a SAU 101 Support Staff application, downloadable from the SAU101.org website under Employment Opportunities, include three letters of recommendation, resume, and cover letter via email to sharon.faria@sau101.org or mail to directly to:

Sharon Faria, Human Resource/Payroll Coordinator
Wakefield School District - SAU 101
76 Taylor Way
Sanbornville, NH 03872
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Paul Elementary School - Special Ed Paraprofessional

The Wakefield School District has an immediate opening for a full-time [7 hours per day, 5 days per week] special education paraprofessional at the Paul School. Certified paraprofessional preferred. Responsibilities to include supporting special education students. Benefits offered per the CBA and include health and dental insurance and paid time off.

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Gilford School District

Seeking certified, dynamic educators to join our school community for the 2020-2021 school year. The successful candidates should seek to cultivate a learning environment that promotes collaboration, innovation, critical thinking and self-direction.

Gilford High School
Study Hall Monitor

Responsible for assisting learners that need support with their social, emotional, and academic needs while also assisting with substitute coverage at times.

Gilford Middle & Elementary School
Long Term Substitute

with a K-6 certification for the 20-21 school year. Expected to effectively deliver lessons to a range of learners and age groups, responsively manage and support these students, as well as collaborate with team members across the elementary and middle school.

Gilford School District
Substitutes

Teachers, Paraeducators, Food Service, Custodians
A four-year degree is preferred, but not required for substitute teachers.
A high school diploma is required for substitute paraeducators.

For more information and consideration, candidates should apply on line at www.sau73.org.

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Full-Time Installers Assistant

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Huggins Hospital welcomes Deborah Mueller, MD to Wolfeboro Women’s Health



Huggins Hospital welcomes Deborah Mueller, MD, to Wolfeboro Women’s Health, where she joins Timothy Pinard, MD.

Dr. Mueller is a gynecologist who looks forward to caring for community members of the Eastern Lakes Region and beyond. She has special interest in genetic counseling for cancer-causing genes. She appreciates being able to

help families learn more about their risks and help them make more holistic decisions in health care. She also has special interest in transgender health care.

She is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She has received New Hampshire Magazine’s “Top Doctor” award for the past four years.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Mueller, please call Huggins Hospital’s PATH Specialists at 603.569.7669.



Local conservative group expands membership

ALTON — Participants at the Aug. 19 meeting of Alton area conservative Republicans agreed unanimously to expand the scope of its membership to include like-minded Republicans from surrounding towns in Belknap, Carroll and Strafford Counties, and to adopt the name Tri-County Republicans.

In continuing organizational business, the group adopted a mission statement that “expresses the group’s core beliefs and overall focus,” according to co-chairs Priscilla Terry and Beth Varney.

Additionally, several local state and federal candidates in the September 8 Primary Election received support. Those receiving the group’s endorsement are:

- United States Senate – Corky Messner
- Member of Congress: Matt Mowers (CD 1)
- NH State Senate: Harold French (District 7) and Jim Gray (District 6)
- NH State House: Glen Aldrich (Belknap-2), Harry Bean (Belknap-2), Barbara Comtois (Belknap-7), Ray Howard (Belknap-8), Norm Silber (Belknap-2), Paul Terry (Belknap-5) and Peter Varney (Belknap-5)
- Executive Council: Joe Kenney (District 1)
- Governor: Chris Sununu

The group will meet again on September 23 at 6:30 p.m., 129 Main Street in Alton, where a membership statement will be proposed for adoption and plans discussed for the upcoming General Election in November.

For more information, contact Priscilla Terry at: altonrepublicans@gmail.com.

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