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Donna Duquette of Homestead Creations in Bristol is offering free jewelry for prom-goers from any town or school this year, as well as young boys and girls who want to give their mom a gift on Mother's Day.

## NHEC sets summer power rates

PLYMOUTH — New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors has approved changes to the Co-op Power rate and Regional Access Charge, which will result in an overall bill decrease for most residential members of about 4 percent, or \$5.06 per month. The new rates will take effect with bills rendered on or after May 1.

The Co-op Power portion of members' bills will decrease from

the current winter rate of 9.8 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 9.6 cents per kWh for the summer. The Co-op Power Charge includes the cost that NHEC pays to purchase electricity from the wholesale electricity market. The cost of this power is directly passed through to members who have not chosen to purchase electricity from a competitive supplier. The Co-op Power Charge does not fund NHEC's operations. Last

May, NHEC set its summer rate at 6.5 cents per kWh.

The May 1 rate changes will also include a 23 percent decrease in the Regional Access Charge portion of members' bills. The Regional Access Charge includes the costs NHEC pays transmission companies to deliver electricity to its distribution system. The rate also includes the state-required refund of Regional Greenhouse

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## Baseball Bears back to Division III schedule

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound baseball team will be looking to make its mark in Division III, led by a pair of seniors with some solid varsity experience under their belts.

"We know a little about the teams we saw last year, but it's good to be back in the regular schedule," said second-year head coach Tim Moreau. "Some of these teams we haven't seen in three years, so we're going into it blind with what the expectations are."

The Bears got out on the field for the first time to start the second week of the preseason and had a scrimmage at Concord Christian the next day as they worked toward the start of the season.

"I think we're looking pretty good," Moreau stated.

Seniors Luke Gordon and Caleb Davis will be the team's leaders and will be expected to carry the load on the mound and at the plate.

Junior David Joyce also returns with a lefthanded bat and newcomer Zack Stevens brings a large dose of speed to the team and also has a live bat.

Sophomores Cody LaFlamme, Dylan Hennessy, Josh Blouin, Jared Moore and Hayden Dolloff are also back for the Bears. Moore and Dolloff could both possibly see time behind the plate, while Dolloff is also expected to chip in at first base.

Sophomore newcomer Beckett Van Lenten

could also see time behind the plate and newcomer Owen Wyatt has shown great energy both on the field and on the bench.

Landon Sargent, Braden Jenkins, Calvin Colby and Andy Estes are all also looking to make an impact in their first season.

"The veterans are pretty good at getting the new guys on track," Moreau said.

The Bears will be back to the regular Division III schedule this season after last year's COVID-inspired regional schedule. Newfound will play two games each with Berlin, White Mountains, Mascoma and Inter-Lakes and single games with Newport, Winnisquam, Prospect

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## Bristol's Homestead Creations offering free jewelry for prom-goers

BY DONNA RHODES  
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — Donna Duquette, owner of Homestead Creations in Bristol, came up with the idea of helping prom goers sparkle this year while they help her downsize her immense stock of Paparazzi jewelry. Her generosity hasn't ended there, though. After looking over the thousands of pieces she has on hand, Duquette recently decided to expand her free jewelry offerings to young boys and girls who want to give a gift to their mom this Mother's Day.

As a former dealer in Paparazzi jewelry, she said she already had a large inventory but

recently another sales associate retired and brought Duquette her remaining inventory as well.

"I now have probably thousands of pieces of beautiful jewelry and I'm trying to find a way to make more room in my shop," she said. "I have a lot of other (local craft) items to put out, but no room for them right now so I thought, why not help kids going to prom? It'll help me out as well!"

Duquette said it was her granddaughter who actually inspired the jewelry giveaway when she wondered what to wear with her prom gown this spring. As she thought about what her granddaughter had said, Duquette realized she

could help not only her but others, too, who will need things like bracelets or necklaces for that special occasion.

"Between dresses, shoes and hair styles, these proms cost enough for the kids and their parents; now all they'll have to do is come in to my shop, tell me they're going to the prom then pick out the jewelry they like for free," she said.

When it comes to finalizing their prom look, Duquette has a countless number of styles for both girls and even the guys to choose from. From delicate and elegant to chunky or just plain old fun designs, she has it all. Leather or metal wristbands and heavier chain necklaces

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## Alexandria police help capture "Fugitive of the Week"

BY DONNA RHODES  
Contributing writer

ALEXANDRIA — Working with the U.S. Marshals Service, the New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force, several law enforcement agencies and the Bristol K-9 team, Alexandria police helped the team take a "Fugitive of the Week" into custody last week, along with another wanted suspect who was also discovered when law enforcement officials entered a residence in Alexandria.

Following her conviction and sentencing for sales of fentanyl, Tia Jean Reed, age 26, was being sought for parole violations. On April 6, Reed was named "Fugitive of the Week" on several media broadcasts, as well as in alerts to law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

As a result of that broadcast, the New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force received many tips on her whereabouts and quickly narrowed their search down to a residence on rural Cass Mill Road in Alexandria.

On their initial search of the home, she wasn't found, but someone else was.

In a press release last Thursday, officials wrote, "This morning, law enforcement initially checked this residence and only located another individual with multiple warrants, but not Ms. Reed."

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DONNA RHODES

## Taking a spin

As ice was disappearing rapidly on Newfound Lake last week, Captain Steven Thompson and his duty crew from Bristol Fire Department took their Zodiac rescue boat out for a shakedown cruise off Wellington Beach to be certain it will be ready for any emergencies in the months to come. "We had a rescue out here last year at about this time, so when we saw a few boats out here this week, I just wanted to be sure we're prepared," Thompson said. Unlike their standard outboard motorboat, the inflatable Zodiac has a sturdy aluminum bottom yet sits low in the water, making water rescues safer and easier for the public and first responders alike.



# A choral trifecta

*Pemi Choral joins with two PSU Choirs for April concerts*

REGION — The Pemigewasset Choral Society (Pemi Choral) is joining with the Plymouth State University Chorale and their Chamber Singers to present its spring concert featuring composer Dan Forrest's choral work, "Requiem for the Living." Dan Forrest choral compositions have become well established in the choral repertoire in the U.S. and around the world. "Requiem for the Living," his first major choral work, written in 2013, has quickly become a choral and orchestra favorite for ensembles around the world.



Will Gunn

"This is our first collaboration with the Pemigewasset Choral Society," said Harmony Markey, Plymouth State University (PSU) Director of Choral Studies. "This choral collaboration has many benefits, one of them being the chance for the students to see the lifelong effort that people make to keep singing in their lives,

and the lifelong joy it brings them. Joining with Pemi Choral also allows us to sing with an orchestra of the caliber that will be accompanying the singers."

Pemi Choral Music Director Will Gunn and Harmony Markey have known each other through their association as music educators. Gunn is also the director of music at Plymouth Regional High School (PRHS) where he con-

ducts the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. This is the first opportunity for each of them to conduct a major Dan Forrest choral work. The collaboration of the three choral groups provides a fuller choral sound that is enhanced by the rich musical accompaniment of an orchestra. Pemi Choral funded the 15-piece chamber orchestra through its very generous donors and membership who value the opportunity to share an extraordinary musical event with the commu-



Harmony Markey

nity. The chorus is also accompanied by collaborative pianist Laura Belanger.

"This is a hauntingly beautiful piece," said Gunn. "Forrest titled it 'Requiem for the Living' because he is making a distinction from traditional requiems which originated as Masses for the dead. The five movements of this requiem

end in a majestic, energetic and hopeful section that is full of life."

"In many ways, this choral work resonates with the experience that has touched us all during the past two years of Covid," said Markey. "I invite the audience to reflect on all that we have lived through, and to focus on the hopefulness that is following."

There are two performances: Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m. at the Silver Center, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, and Friday, April 22, 7 p.m. Inter-Lakes High School Auditorium, Meredith. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door for the PSU concert, and at the door for the Inter-Lakes High School concert.

The Pemi Chorus is a regional community chorus based in Plymouth, NH, with a wide-ranging musical repertoire. Members come from communities throughout the Lakes Region and the White Mountains. Membership has ranged from 60 to 90 members per semester with a diverse range of ages from high school students to age 80 and older! They perform concerts in December and in the Spring, and welcome new members at the beginning of each semester. For more information, please visit pemichoral.org.

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## Philip LaMoreaux joins Badger Peabody & Smith Realty

PLYMOUTH — Twenty years of experience in building, remodeling and improving the energy efficiency of New Hampshire homes are just some of the skills that Philip LaMoreaux brings to Badger Peabody & Smith Realty as a sales associate in its Plymouth office.

Additionally, LaM-

oreaux earned a Building Analyst certification through the Building Performance Institute enabling him to perform whole house assessments to identify problems and craft solutions.

The Plymouth resident grew up in the Finger Lakes region of central New York. It's a region, he says, that shares many of the same demographics and economic conditions as central and northern New Hampshire, including a strong second home market and thriving tourism economy that are supported by the region's own unique natural features.

"I have a good understanding of the existing housing market in the state," he notes, "including its unique aspects. My life experience informs my understanding of rural living and of our region. It is my goal to use this experience



Philip LaMoreaux

to guide buyers and sellers."

A strong advocate of civic involvement, LaMoreaux has immersed himself in the Plymouth community during the last eight years, serving on the local school board and the Plymouth Planning Board. He coaches youth lacrosse and enjoys hiking, skiing, mountain biking, curling, and lake time with his family.

"We are delighted to welcome Philip to our team," says Andy

Smith, Badger Peabody & Smith Realty President and CEO. "His strong background in the housing industry and his in-depth knowledge of the Plymouth region are invaluable qualities that will benefit our buyers and sellers."

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# Buster Keaton's "Battling Butler" to screen at Flying Monkey



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Buster Keaton stars in "Battling Butler" (1926), a classic silent comedy film to be screened with live music by Jeff Rapsis on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 South Main St., Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more info, call (603) 536-2551 or visit [www.flyingmonkeynh.com](http://www.flyingmonkeynh.com).

PLYMOUTH — He never smiled on camera, earning him the nickname of "the Great Stone Face." But Buster Keaton's comedies rocked Hollywood's silent era with laughter throughout the 1920s.

Acclaimed for their originality, clever visual gags, and amazing stunts, Keaton's films remain popular crowd-pleasers today.

See for yourself with a screening of "Battling Butler" (1926), one of Keaton's landmark feature films, on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth.

Admission is \$10 per person. Live music will be provided by accompanist Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer who specializes in creating music for silent film presentations.

"Battling Butler" tells the story of pampered millionaire Alfred Butler (Keaton), who tries to impress the girl of his dreams (Sally O'Neil) by pretending to be a championship boxer with the same name.

The masquerade leads to knockout comedy both in and outside the ring, giving Keaton ample opportunity to display his gifts for physical and visual comedy.

The screening is the

latest installment of the Flying Monkey's series showcasing the best films of 1926, all of which entered the public domain on Jan. 1.

In the 1920s, boxing rivaled baseball as the nation's most popular sport. Neighborhoods, communities, and ethnic groups all rooted for their favorite fighters, and heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey ranked as an international celebrity.

Because of this, boxing stories were popular with early movie audiences as well.

"As an elemental contest between two opponents, boxing inspired early filmmakers to do

some great work," Rapsis said. "It's a visual sport that doesn't require a lot of dialogue or commentary to understand, and so was perfect for silent movies."

Keaton, along with Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, stands as one of the silent screen's three great clowns.

Many critics regard Keaton as the best of all; Roger Ebert wrote in 2002 that "in an extraordinary period from 1920 to 1929, (Keaton) worked without interruption on a series of films that make him, arguably, the greatest actor-director in the history of the movies." But while making films, Keaton never thought he was an artist, but an entertainer trying to use the then-new art of motion pictures to tell stories and create laughter.

All those talents are on display in "Battling Butler," which holds the distinction of being the top-grossing title of Keaton's silent features.

The Flying Monkey's silent film screenings provide local audiences the opportunity to experience silent film as it was intended to be shown: on the big screen, in restored prints, with live music, and with an audience.

"These films are still exciting experiences if you can watch them as they were designed to be shown,"

said Rapsis, accompanist for the screenings.

"There's a reason people first fell in love with the movies, and we hope to recreate that spirit. At their best, silent films were communal experiences in which the presence of a large audience intensifies everyone's reactions."

The screening of "Battling Butler" is the latest in the Flying Monkey's series celebrating films that recently entered the public domain.

Copyright protection for all U.S. films released in 1926 expired on Jan. 1.

To mark the occasion, the Flying Monkey is showcasing vintage 1926 comedies, dramas, and adventure films, all with live music, and all now in the public domain.

Upcoming screenings in the Flying Monkey's "Public Domain Extravaganza" series include:

- Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.: "Bardelys the Magnificent" (1926) starring John Gilbert. Gilbert tries his hand at swashbuckling in this big-budget MGM historical extravaganza about exploits of an unjustly

disgraced French nobleman. A major film long thought lost until a single print was recently discovered in France.

- Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.: "The Black Pirate" (1926) starring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. The original pirate swashbuckler, with Fairbanks sword-fighting his way through a period adventure tale set during the age of sailing ships.

"By 1926, the movies had matured enough to offer a wide range of great entertainment that still holds up today," Rapsis said. "Come see for yourself as we screen some of the year's best flicks, all of which recently entered the public domain and now belong to us all."

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## Science Center named Best Summer Outdoor Attraction for the Lakes Region by NH Magazine

HOLDERNESS — Squam Lakes Natural Science Center has been selected by the readers of New Hampshire Magazine as "Best of NH 2022" for Best Summer Outdoor Attraction – Lakes Region. Winners will be celebrated during the annual Best of NH celebration on Saturday, June 18, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Best of NH winners are determined by an online poll organized by New Hampshire Magazine. The poll is divided into 115 categories that range from best ice cream to best summer attraction and much more. For a full listing of this year's winners, visit [www.bestofnh.com](http://www.bestofnh.com).

"After a successful

reimagining of the Best of NH party for our 20th anniversary last year, we're thrilled to return to the lovely and historic Canterbury Shaker Village," says New Hampshire Magazine Editor Rick Broussard. "We'll once again pack it with remarkable cultural offerings, delicious food, drink and giveaways for everyone who attends," he adds. "And during dinner, guests will enjoy a display of Best-of-NH entertainment designed to delight and fascinate."

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the best in the state," said Amanda Gillen Development and Communications Director at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. "Our 56 year history of educating people about New Hampshire's

natural world is a testament to the many resources New Hampshire has to offer."

Since 1966, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center has educated and enlightened visitors about the natural world through spectacular live animal exhibits, natural science education programs, and lake cruises. It is the only institution in northern New England accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). For the 2022 season, the Science Center is hosting Giant Insects, opening new raptor exhibits, making visiting financially accessible, and more.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center's live animal exhibit trail and all




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## Legends of spring

The first day of spring just passed us by on March 20. Now that we are over the hump and into the rainy/muddy season, we thought we would share some fun myths surrounding this blooming time of year.

The first story begins with Persephone and Demeter. Persephone was the goddess of spring and holds the most well known story of the season to date. Persephone is the daughter of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and Zeus, the king of the gods. Persephone married Hades who kept her hidden against her will. Demeter set off to find her daughter and for every minute she was lost, not a crop would grow. Zeus then ordered his daughter to remain in the underworld for half of the year because she ate all of the fruit (pomegranate seeds), the other half of the year she spent with her mother. The idea is that every time Persephone goes into the underworld, winter arrives and the crops die, when she is with her mother, crops bloom.

According to Cherokee legend, the reason trees lose their leaves in the fall is because of the communication between animals and humans. Apparently, animals were able to communicate with humans and the world was utopian. Every year the birds would fly south for the winter. During one particular year, a Sparrow who was injured was not able to fly south, he sent his flock ahead without him so they would not freeze, meanwhile he sought shelter. The bird flew to an old Oak tree and was told that he could not seek shelter in its branches, the same thing happened with every tree the bird visited until he was finally granted permission to stay in a pine tree. The pine tree, not popular with the others because of its hard, sharp leaves welcomed the little bird. The Sparrow was forever grateful.

The Sparrow survived the winter and welcomed his family home during the warmer months. Because the other trees, turned on the Sparrow during a most vulnerable time, the creator cursed their leaves to die during the winter except for the pine tree.

The Shinto Sun Goddess and Bringer of Light, Amaterasu, according to legend, is in control of the sun's movement to insure rice and other crops will grow. This goddess is well known for her ability to spin satin. Her fame caused her brother Susanoo, the god of storms, to become extremely jealous. The angry deity destroyed his sister's weaving loom and wrecked her rice fields. The rampage caused one of Amaterasu's closest friends to parish, as a result she locked herself inside a mountain resulting in the disappearance of light. Because of this, crops would not grow. Uzume, the goddess of laughter traveled to the mountain where Amaterasu was hiding. She placed a shiny necklace on a tree, then began to dance causing the other gods to laugh. When Amaterasu heard the laughter she peeked out of her cave and slowly began to walk towards the necklace. At this, Uzume had the cave blocked and light was restored to the world.

Some actual facts concerning the spring season are as follows; in 1582, if Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, then every 128 years the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, which would put Easter in the middle of winter.

The famous myth about being able to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox is not true. Attempting to balance an egg on its end is no easier on the spring equinox than on any other day.

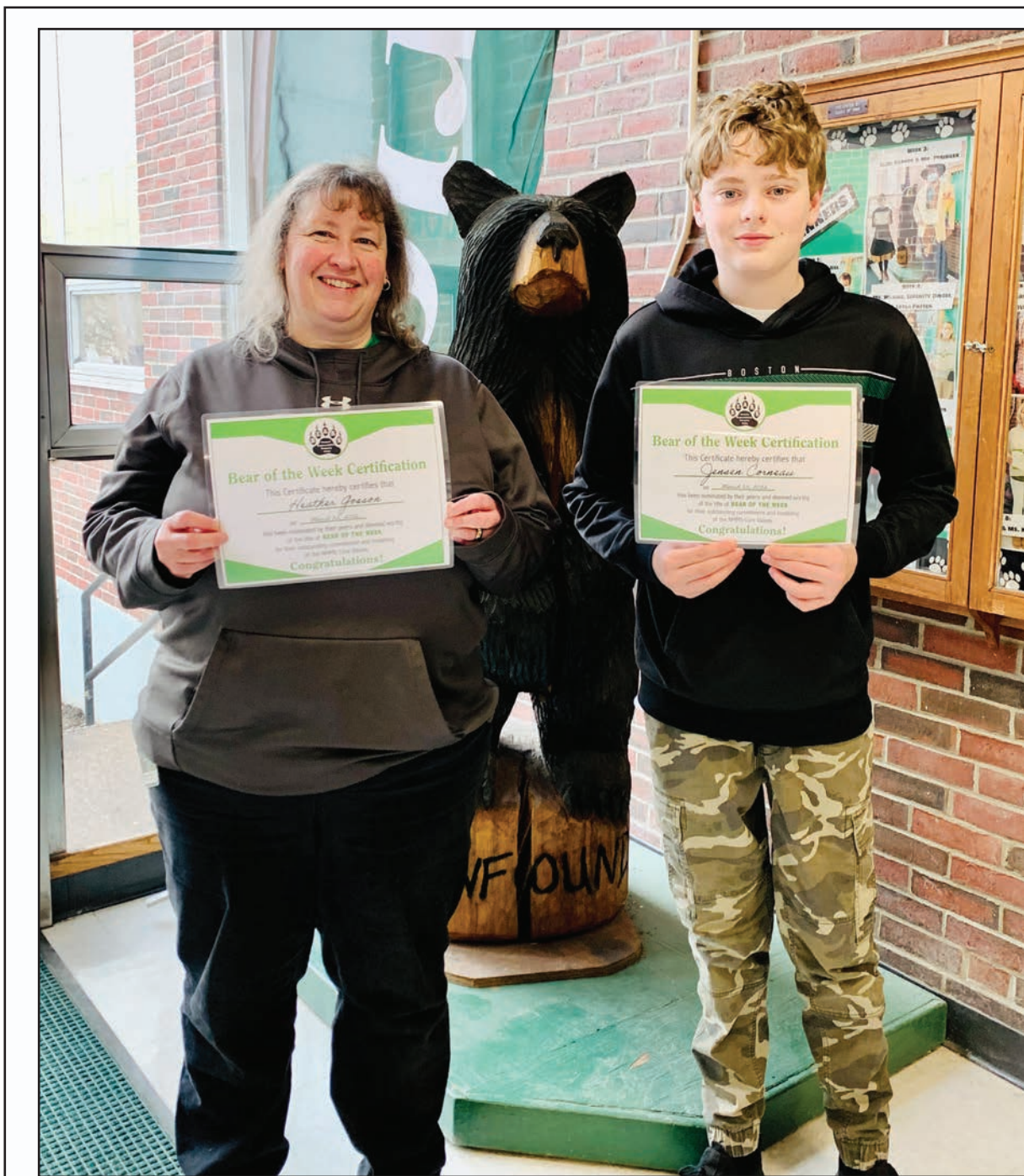
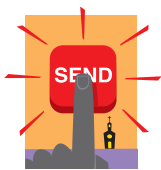
During the springtime, birds are louder as they sing to attract mates and to warn enemies to steer clear.

The term "spring fever" refers to the psychological and physiological symptoms that go along with the arrival of spring, which include, daydreaming and restlessness. Over the years, scientists surmise the cause in the hormone shift could be due to the increase in sunlight and increased physical activity.

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### Bears of the Week

Newfound Memorial Middle School's Bear of the Week Student & Staff Winners for the week of March 25 are Jensen Corneau and Heather Gosson. They have been recognized for their representation of the NMMS Core Values. Thank you for being great members of our NMMS community and showing us what Respect, Responsibility, Pride, and Integrity are all about! Thank you to Franklin Savings Bank in Bristol and the Newfound Lake Inn in Bridgewater for sponsoring this week's winners!

## CADY Corner

### April is Alcohol Awareness Month: Alcohol and your health

BY DEB NARO  
Contributor

Virtually every organ system in our bodies is affected by alcohol. Drinking in moderation may cause problems to one's body and drinking heavily over the years can cause irreversible damage to the heart, liver, stomach, kidneys, and pancreas.

**The heart:** Long-term heavy drinking weakens the heart muscle, causing a condition called alcoholic cardiomyopathy. As a result, it cannot pump enough blood to sufficiently nourish the organs, and in some cases, this shortage causes severe damage to organs and tissues and it can even lead to heart failure. Both binge drinking and long-term drinking can affect how quickly a heart beats, controlled by an internal pacemaker. Alcohol disturbs this pacemaker system and causes the heart to beat too rapidly, or irregularly. Especially for a non-drinker, drinking to excess on occasion, can trigger these irregularities. Over the long-term, chronic drinking changes the course of electrical impulses that drive the heart's beating, which creates arrhythmia.

**The liver:** The liver

is one of the most vital organs in the human body. With over 500 different functions, the liver is essential to our health. Its primary role is to filter all the blood in our bodies by breaking down and eliminating toxins and storing excess blood sugar. To the human body, alcohol is a toxin the liver is responsible for breaking down, however, chronic heavy drinking can cause the liver to become fatty. A fatty liver is more vulnerable to dangerous inflammation, such as alcoholic hepatitis and with continued drinking, persistent inflammation causes scar tissue creating cirrhosis. In some cases, lifestyle changes can help treat alcohol-liver problems including abstinence from alcohol, better nutrition and quitting smoking. In extreme cases, however, a liver transplant may be the primary treatment option.

**The stomach:** After ingestion, alcohol travels down the esophagus into the stomach, where some of it is absorbed into the bloodstream; however, the unabsorbed alcohol continues to move through the gastrointestinal tract. The majority will enter the small intestine and get absorbed into the bloodstream

through the walls of the small intestine, or it can stay in the stomach and cause irritation. Intoxicating amounts of alcohol can halt the digestive process, robbing the body of needed vitamins and minerals. Chronic irritation may also lead to damage to the lining of the stomach.

**The kidneys:** Binge drinking or chronic alcohol consumption can interfere with kidney function. One of the main functions of the kidneys is to regulate both the volume and the composition of body fluid, including electrolytes, such as sodium, potassium, and chloride ions. However, alcohol can have the diuretic effect of increasing urine volume and can change the body's fluid level and disturb the electrolyte balance. As a result of urinary fluid losses, the concentration of electrolytes in blood serum increases, leading to clinical dehydration in profound cases.

**The pancreas:** The pancreas is responsible for sending enzymes out to the small intestine to metabolize food however, alcohol interferes with this process. It causes the pancreas to secrete its digestive juices internally, rather than sending the enzymes to the small in-

testine. If you consume alcohol excessively over a long time, this continued process can cause inflammation, as well as swelling of tissues and blood vessels called pancreatitis which is also a risk factor for the development of pancreatic cancer. Chronic pancreatitis can slowly destroy the pancreas and lead to diabetes or even death.

Drinking excessively, including binge drinking and heavy alcohol use, increases your risk of the harmful health consequences outlined above. The good news is that most diseases caused by alcohol misuse can be prevented. For more information on how to prevent alcohol misuse and underage drinking, visit our website at [cadyinc.org](http://cadyinc.org). If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGH Healthcare (934-8905) for help. You can also connect with Plymouth Area Recovery Connection (PARC), our local recovery center, located at Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth at [info@parcnh.org](mailto:info@parcnh.org).



# NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

## Foxes, coyotes, weasels, wolves: In my mind, they all run together



A ca. 1800s illustration of the extinct Japanese wolf, thought to be the most likely link to today's family dog. (Carl Hubert de Villeneuve, courtesy Wikimedia Commons)



This is the advisory that a Midwest journal ran with a story on why weasels succumb to what keepers of chickens call blood-lust killing. (Courtesy Countryside & Small Stock Journal)

"But in cutthroat Washington fashion, he saw weakness and took advantage. Now he rests and plays uninhibited at the seat of power." --Carol E. Lee, in the April 17, 2014 Wall Street Journal.

This is the beginning of a story on a red fox that showed up on the White House grounds in the spring of 2014--and stayed. Barack Obama, among others, saw it cavorting around. A rare photograph showed the fox trotting along, fountains in the background.



To paraphrase a movie quote, build a habitat and a fox will come. The White House grounds, with an abundance of food (squirrels, etc.) and an absence of competing predators, proved ideal for a red fox. (Courtesy Getty Images, the Wall Street Journal)

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long-handled net to capture it. It was in the wrong place, at the wrong time, and had to go.

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There is no shortage of red foxes, nationally or in New Hampshire. How we treat them, however, is dreadful, and a shameful stain on what passes for society. And yes, I've lost chickens to foxes--"my bad," as the kids say, because I failed to provide an effective coop.

If there is a convenient time for a red fox to be put down, early springtime is it, especially a lactating mother with kits. There are enough connecting green spaces--cemeteries, parks, golf courses, conservation areas, and such--to provide a path to the White House, and it was only a matter of time until a fox showed up.

And wouldn't that have been something, cute fox kits cavorting around on the White House lawn? It would have been a media sensation.

And we can't have that kind of thing with an opportunistic predator, can we?

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In Japan, one of four extinct species of wolves has been making news because it may, in its obscurity, offer the most direct evidence of the evolution of the dog.

They are all dogs, after all--domestic dogs

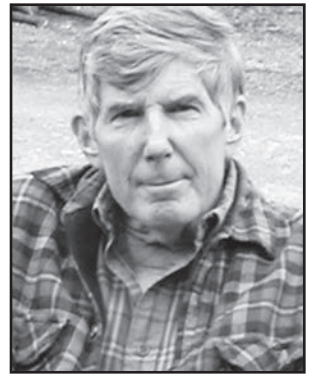
and dogs of the wild, including jackals and today's persecuted coyotes, as well as that photogenic family of foxes in that side-hill just down the road. We just call them by different names.

The Japan wolf-dog story drew people steeped in wolf history, wolves lost in the mists of time. The fate of two Siberian wolf populations (unto Tibet and China, et al) is unknown.

"Wolves are the key to understanding dogs," commented Laurent Frantz, evolutionary geneticist at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

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Some predators are infamous for killing many more chickens, for example, than they or their siblings or young can possibly eat. The weasel and mink are



known for this.

What makes certain predators succumb to this strange behavior? Oddly enough, there's not much literature on minks being a danger to poultry, but plenty on SEE NOTEBOOK PAGE A9

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# Happy Easter!

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### Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Will your money last as long as you do?

We all hope for long, healthy lives. But there's a serious "side effect" of longevity -- the possibility of outliving our money. How can you help prevent this? It's useful to know the seriousness of the threat. Consider this: About 41% of all U.S. homes in which the head of the household is between 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. While this statistic indicates a cause for concern, it certainly doesn't mean that you are necessarily headed for trouble -- because there's a lot you can do to help build and manage enough resources to last a lifetime. Here are a few suggestions:

- Consider your estimated longevity. On average, a 65-year-old man can expect to live another 17 years, while a 65-year-old woman can anticipate about 20 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Of course, you'll want to take into account your health and family history of longevity to arrive at a reasonable estimate. You can then use this figure to help determine how much money you'll eventually need. To play it safe, you might even want to try to build an income stream that can last beyond your estimated lifespan, possibly up to age 90.
- Don't overlook health care costs. When budgeting for retirement, allow enough for your health care expenses, which can be considerable. Even with Medicare, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person, for traditional medical costs. Also, you may want to prepare for two to three years of long-term care expenses, which currently range from about \$50,000 per year for home health care to over \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home.
- Keep building assets for retirement. While you're working, constantly try to put away as much money as possible for your retirement years. Each year your salary goes up, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also want to contribute to an IRA, depending on your goals. And within your retirement savings, make sure you devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles that align with your goals and risk tolerance.
- Seek out sources of guaranteed income. As a retiree, you will receive Social Security benefits -- and the longer you wait before claiming them, the bigger your monthly checks will be. But you might also consider investments that can provide a source of income you can't outlive, such as annuities.
- Revisit your strategy before you retire. As you near retirement, you may want to review your investment strategy, possibly adjusting your risk level so that your portfolio would be somewhat less susceptible to market volatility. This is also a good time to review your spending needs in retirement.
- Maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate. Once you are retired, you'll likely need to start withdrawing from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To avoid taking out too much money too early in your retirement, you'll need to set a reasonable, sustainable withdrawal rate based on your assets, age and retirement lifestyle. A financial advisor can help you determine an appropriate rate.

It will take dedication and determination to help ensure your money doesn't run out during your lifetime. But you'd probably agree that it's well worth the effort.

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.



# THE REAL REPORT

## RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Bridgewater	Glen Street	N/A	\$215,000	Patricia D. Healey	274 Shore Drive Trust and David E. Christianson
Bridgewater	Whittemore Point Drive	N/A	\$215,000	Patricia D. Healey	274 Shore Drive Trust and David E. Christianson
Bristol	11 Beech St.	N/A	\$105,000	Noelle M. Harty	Brittany C. Feyler
Bristol	40 School St.	Single-Family Residence	\$337,000	Britta Hallberg and Jason Moore	Kendra and Patrick Toy
Campton	34 Condo Rd., Unit 1	Condominium	\$220,000	Edward F. Gillis and Heather Fortin	Brandon and Thea Churchey
Campton	275 Pegwood Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$730,000	Pillar LLC	Kiel and Sarah McKivergan
Campton	12 Trapper Rd.	Mobile Home	\$230,000	Patricia A. Gardner	Patrick W. Ryan and Sheryl M. Orcutt
Campton	N/A	N/A	\$39,933	Paino Fiscal Trust and James A. Paino	BTBKJ Holding Co. LLC
Campton	N/A	N/A	\$130,000	Jose I. Caballero and Sirel Taner-Caballero	Gary A. Smyth and Anne M. Croft
Campton	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	Pino Colasante	Daniel J. and Meghan C. Lulley
Dorchester	N/A	N/A	\$240,000	George A. Drowne	Rita A. Hashem RET
New Hampton	172 Blake Hill Rd.	Acc. Land Imp.	\$74,000	Benjamin Brady	Thomas P. and Ann Brady
Thornton	19 Hidden Acres Rd.	N/A	\$399,933	Arlo Winsotn Development Group LLC	Kara Levasseur
Waterville Valley	Lost Pass Road	N/A	\$400,000	Clover Investments LLC	Barardo Fiscal Trust and Paul Barardo
Waterville Valley	32 Tyler Spring Way, Unit 13	Condominium	\$410,000	Anthony W. Dilornezo	Meghan and Michael Steinberg
Waterville Valley	N/A	N/A	\$150,000	Black Bear Lodge RT and Ana M. Garcia	Gary and Morgan R. Woolf
Waterville Valley	N/A	N/A	\$47,933	Claypit Hill LLC	David W. and Linda B. Bacon

### ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might in-

volve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com)

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# Comfort Keepers

## Range of motion – Exercise

BY MARTHA SWATS

Owner/Administrator  
Comfort Keepers

### Occupational therapy

Occupational therapy is designed to help people regain and build skills that are important for functioning on their own. The occupational therapist will help the person evaluate levels of function.

An occupational therapist—

- Tests a person's strength, range of motion, endurance (the ability to continue an activity or effort), and dexterity (skill in using hands) to do everyday tasks that were done easily before an illness or injury happened.

- Designs a program of activities and solutions that ensure the greatest possible independence.

- Provides training to relearn everyday activities of daily living like eating, grooming, dress-

ing, toileting, bathing, and leisure activities such as gardening.

- Decides whether special equipment is needed, such as wheelchairs, feeding devices, transfer equipment, hand and skin devices.

Physical and occupational therapies are part of the process of relearning how to function after an injury, illness, or period of inactivity. If muscles are not used, they shorten and tighten, making joint motion painful. For the person in your care, these therapies are key to achieving as much functional independence as possible. Although you may not be asked to assist with these exercises, it is useful for you to know how they help.

The Physical Therapist

A physical therapist treats a person to relieve pain, build up and re-

store muscle function, and maintain the best possible performance. The therapist does this by using active and passive exercises, massage, heat, water, and electricity. Broadly speaking, a physical therapist:

- Sets the goals of treatment with patient and family
- Shows how to use special equipment
- Instructs in routine daily functions
- Teaches safe ways to move
- Sets up and teaches an exercise program

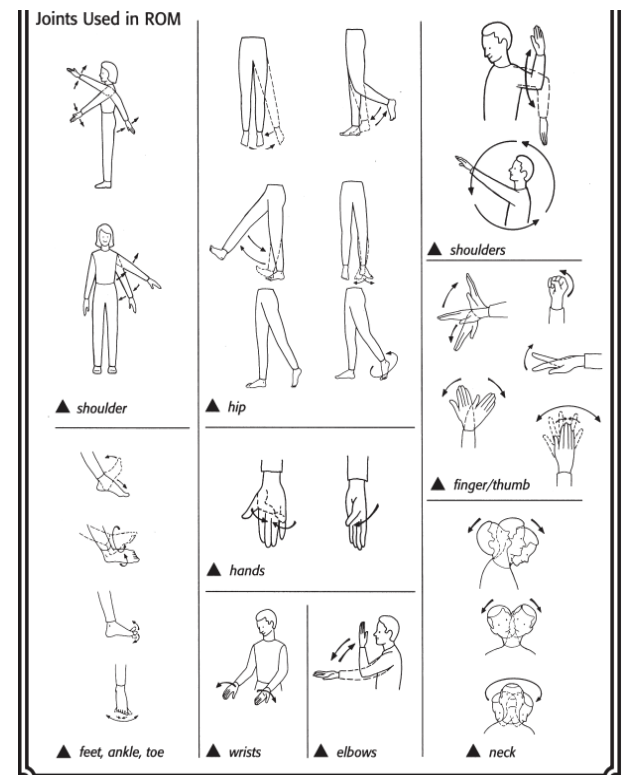
### Range-of-Motion (ROM) Exercises

The following information is provided for your general knowledge. It IS NOT a substitute for training with professional therapists. Use range-of-motion exercises to relieve pain, maintain normal body alignment, help prevent skin swelling and break-

down, and promote bone formation. A ROM exercise program is ideally started before deformities develop.

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# Large group back on softball diamond for Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — After working with Kelly Meehan on the sidelines last season, Bruce Couture takes over the sole head coach responsibilities

for the Newfound softball team as the new season gets under way.

The Bear mentor brings back a long list of returning players after featuring a fresh-

men-heavy roster last season.

"The offseason has gone well," Couture said. "There's a lot of enthusiasm and energy."

Sarah Buchanan was the team's primary pitcher last year and returns to the circle this season with a year of varsity experience under her belt. She also will be pitching to the same catcher in Katie Sweeney.

Emily Avery returns to play second base, while Madison Bush can play first base, shortstop and the outfield, Kensie Amsden can play at second and in the outfield, Bailey Drapeau can play at third and also does some pitching, Jillian

Davies will be in the outfield and Lexi Barrett can play at first and in the outfield.

"Those are our returners and most of them start and for the most part hit well," Couture said.

The team will also welcome some newcomers who should help out. Adeline Dolloff can play shortstop, outfield and first base, Cora Sanschagrin can play in the outfield and at third base and Hailey Yeaton is a versatile utility player. The team also welcomes back senior Danielle Walker after a two-year hiatus and can help out in the outfield.

The Bears also wel-

come Shyanne Glen-cross, a transfer from Division II Kennett, who was a starter for the Eagles last year and can play multiple positions and exchange student Tiffany Agro, who is new to the game but is enjoying her first softball experience.

"We expect to play better defense this year as we have more versatility," Couture said. "As we always say, hitting will come and go but defense has to remain."

"Hopefully this will result in a winning season and a trip to the playoffs," he added.

Couture is also happy to welcome the knowledge from a trio of assistant coaches. Plymouth State University senior Natalie Perry played at Kennett High School and Steve Buchanan and Mark Avery have coached numerous years in the town programs.

"This has helped to keep our practices on track and moving in an orderly fashion," Couture said.

After a COVID-related regional schedule last season, the Bears return to the regular Division III schedule, with a number of teams they haven't seen since the pre-COVID 2019 season.

Newfound plays two games each with Newport, Berlin, Winnisquam and White Mountains and single games against Lebanon, Belmont, Kearsarge, Gilford, Campbell, Inter-Lakes, Hillsboro-Deering and Mascoma.

The season kicked off after deadline against Newport and Berlin and continues with a night game at Odell Park in Franklin against Winnisquam on Saturday, April 16, at 6 p.m. The Bears will host Lebanon on Monday, April 18, at 4 p.m. and will be at White Mountains on Wednesday, April 20, also at 4 p.m.

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Congratulations to TTCC's Dan MacLean for winning the 2022 Wink Tapply Award for excellence in Recreation in the state of New Hampshire!

The Historical Society has currently scheduled four programs for this year. Three of these will be held at the Historical Town Hall: May 12, at 7 p.m., Richard Lobban will speak about the NH History of the Abenaki Indians; June 15, at 7 p.m., Jordan Tirrell Wysocki will present his NH Humanities Program "Songs of Emigration; Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music"; Aug. 9, at 7 p.m., Carolyn Fleubr-Lobban will speak about the bees and beekeeping. The fourth program will be held at the Minot-Sleeper Library on October 13 at 6:30pm. Sharon and Steve Wood will present their NH Humanities Program, "Our National Thanksgiving with Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale."

The Historical Society building will be open for open house on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings during the first week of June. If you would like to present a program or have an idea for one, Lucille Keegan would appreciate you contacting her. Society dues are \$10 per person each year and 2022 calendars are available for purchase at the MSL. Checks for dues should be made payable to Bristol Historical Society and mailed to 115 Robie Road, Bristol, NH 03222. Contact Lucille Keegan at 603-744-2751 for more information. The Facebook site is: BristolNHHistoricalSociety.

There is a lot going on for almost everyone at the Minot-Sleeper Library this month! The Reoccurring events include: Knot Only Knitters on Mondays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Mah Jongg on Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m., and Tech Help Appointments on Thursdays from 2 - 5 p.m.

There are Groups that meet each month that include: Experiments at the Library (Disappearing Penny Experiment) on Friday, April 15 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Parents Hang Out on Friday, April 15 at 3:30 p.m., Third Monday Book

Group: ("The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell") on Monday, April 18 at 10 a.m., Short Story Group on Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m., Youth Book Group ("Little House in the Big Woods" by Laura Ingalls Wilder) on Tuesday, April 26 at 4 p.m.

TD Bank is partnering with the MSL to offer free financial programs this month that include: Money Matters for Kids: on Tuesday, April 26 at 11 a.m. (how to save money, what things cost, and how to be responsible for money), Money Matters for Teens on Tuesday, April 26 at 1 p.m. (how to balance their accounts, pay bills, open an account and to work with their bank).

Story Time on Fridays at 11 a.m. will feature: April 15, "Bunny Money," the basics of budgeting; April 29, "Naming Money," names of coins and dollars.

Special Needs Story Time on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. is an inclusive story time for all ages and abilities to enjoy stories, songs and free play in a small group setting.

How to Get a Summer Job For Teens will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30pm. Attention Teens! Learn how to: fill out a job application, write a resume and cover letter, nail an interview and how to keep that job!

The MSL Trustees meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28 at 5 p.m.

At the TTCC, Parent's Night Out dates are: April 16 and May 14. This program is for ages 4 and up and costs \$15 per child. The program runs from 5 - 10 p.m. at the TTCC.

High School Teen Nights will be held on Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m., while Middle School Teen Nights will be held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m.

The TTCC is looking for volunteer coaches at all levels for the baseball, softball and T-ball programs this coming season. For details on each league, important dates and general schedule information, visit: [https://ttccreorg/youth\\_programs/baseball-softball-tball/](https://ttccreorg/youth_programs/baseball-softball-tball/).

The next Dog Obedience Class session will be coming up on April 23 - June 4.

The TTCC Granite State Track and Field program will be starting in May on Fridays from

6-7 p.m. and Sundays from 4-5 p.m. This program is for ages nine to 14 year olds as of Dec. 31. It will be held at the Mills Oval Track at NRHS. You can register at [www.ttccrec.org](http://www.ttccrec.org). More information on the program can be found at: [granitestatetrackandfield.weebly.com](http://granitestatetrackandfield.weebly.com).

**Danbury**

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South Danbury Church news

On Thursday, April 14, the South Danbury Church will have its traditional candlelight Tenebrae/Maundy Thursday observance at the church at 7 p.m., in person, led by Bonnie Nichols. All are welcome.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 17, they will hold an Easter Sunrise service at the Walker Brook Road/Frazier Brook overlook in South Danbury, at 5:45 a.m. (sunrise is at 6:02 a.m.). Everyone is invited and will be gladly welcomed.

Grange Supper

Saturday, April 23 will see the return of the grange supper season. First off is the Spring chicken pot pie supper, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The meal will be takeout only and will include cole slaw, rolls, cranberry sauce and a brownie. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years. Reservations not necessary. Also on the agenda will be a silent auction for two day passes to the Ragged Mountain Ski Area and a duck house. Proceeds from these two items will benefit the veteran's voucher program sponsored by the Merrimack County Conservation District.

Ancestor Greats

I write the new today, on April 12. It was on this date in 1886 that my great uncle Harry was born. Being a product of an extended family, Uncle lived with us. He was the oldest of six children. My nana was the youngest. Three siblings lived through adulthood. The other living sibling, Clarence called each other most every day. My nana and Harry talked several times a day. "How are you today?" she'd ask. He'd answer, "fair to middling" or maybe "sick a bed in the wood box."

His stories were many. I wish I could re-

member more. A true craftsman; he made ladders, tables, tool handles and caned chairs. I watched him take a stick, close one eye and squint the other as he eyed his wood and somehow managed to search out that perfect grain. His guns and saws boasted intricate checkering. Upon completion, he'd stamp his work with the initials RHO for Ralph Harold Ordway.

His work done for the moment, he'd often bring out his window screen like popcorn popper and make us a snack. From his bag of his own groceries, kept just inside the pantry door, he'd pull out his jar of corn. A nod to being independent, he provided his own meals. There was cornflakes for breakfast with cantaloupe. He'd offer me some of which I always declined. After all, who wanted to eat something called "mush melon". Lunch time did sometimes include Neapolitan ice cream. I wouldn't turn that down, but the strawberry was all I'd eat. Crackers—the hard big ones and sauce was supper. Sauce was canned fruit. Most of the time, it wasn't truly from a can. It was usually blueberries, blackberries, apples or pears that he picked and my grandmother canned. He drank from the same cup, had his own silver ware, plate and saucer which he washed himself and put upside down at seat at the table, ready for next time. When he wasn't puttering with his wood working, he helped out on the farm. His daily activity as long as he was able was scraping back the cows and at least once a day during turn out season, cleaned the cow plops from the road with a rake and shovel. He helped herd cows with a long pole we called his cudgel. His lengthy stick made up for his lack of mobility which he experienced from being pinned under a tricycle wheeled Farmall C tractor. That life changing accident left him with the tell-tale limp and a bent over body that I always knew him by, but pictures show a man standing tall and straight. He died a month short of being 91 years old. Today, I think of him and say Happy Birthday, Uncle Harry.

**Groton**

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The upcoming Select Board Meetings are Tuesday, April 19, May 3 & May 17 at 7 p.m. The Select Board Work Sessions are April 19, May 3 & May 17 at 6 p.m.

The Planning Board meeting at the Town House is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board meeting at the Town House is scheduled for Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

The Select Board work session minutes, non-public work session minutes & the Select Board meeting minutes from March 15 were signed.

The Public Hearing on the ability to be taxed per RSA 74:10 opened without any comment & then closed. This is a required meeting regarding the inventory forms that all property owners receive with the deadline to be returned to the town by April 15.

Tom from Casella spoke regarding the Dalton siting project. He thanked the Select Board for their letter of support for this project last year. He stated the landfill in Bethlehem will close in two years as it will reach capacity. This facility services 130 communities. This project in Dalton is in a quarry, also in the same area is a drag strip & a gun club.

There were three report of cut/yard certificates that were received; Map 10, Lot 42 for a three-acre cut in the amount of \$329.84, Map 2, Lot 41 for a 1 acre cut totaling \$64.56 & Map 7, Lot 16 also for a one-acre cut in the amount of \$53.49. All were approved.

A building permit for Map 5, Lot 78 was received. This has been ta-

bled as it is on a private road & needs to go before the planning board for approval. It was explained that a private road release form will need to be signed stating the town is not liable for maintenance or accessibility. Once this form is signed, it will be recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. The Select Board advised him to attend the planning board meeting to answer any questions they may have.

Culligan sent an annual contract to the town for review. The town has never had a contract with Culligan before & it is cheaper for the town to continue paying for service as needed. The Select Board voted to not sign this contract.

Letters were received for Old Rumney Road & Nedeau Lane which are Class VI roads for performing maintenance on them. These were both signed.

The final item on the agenda was a request for alternate members of the zoning board. I asked that this be put on the Select Board agenda. The current zoning board has four members who have been officially sworn in with the status of the fifth member unknown.

Under department items, Chief Bagan stated the cruiser has been repaired, but the graphics need to be reapplied.

Finally, I neglected to mention at the March 15 Select Board meeting, Robert (Bubba) Ellis stated the Select Board signed the form to order the new John Deere backhoe which is expected to be delivered in September or October. Any Town events you would like published, let me know.

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Danbury Elementary School 768-3434 or [ncampisi@sau4.org](mailto:ncampisi@sau4.org)  
New Hampton Community School 744-3221 or [jfcteau@sau4.org](mailto:jfcteau@sau4.org)

If you live in Alexandria, your child will attend either Bristol Elementary School or Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. Determination is made according to physical address. You may contact either school for more information.

*Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity accepting applications for new home in Plymouth*

PLYMOUTH — The Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, christian housing ministry bringing people of all faiths, races, and backgrounds together to provide suitable housing for those in need of housing improvement. Consideration is given for those with inadequate, sub-standard and/or unaffordable housing conditions. In addition to the need for decent, affordable housing, persons/families are selected based on their ability to repay the costs incurred in constructing their habitat dwelling, and on their willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Selected homeowners must commit to a minimum of 500 hours per able adult of "sweat equity" as part of the partnership agreement.

Habitat homes are sold to the selected persons at no profit. Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity is able to build affordable homes through generous donations/ discounts from building suppliers, volunteers, and sales at our ReStore.

Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity currently has opportunities for a new three-bedroom home in Plymouth.

Pemi-Valley Habitat will be hosting two Information Nights on Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center. This meeting MUST be attended to receive an application.

Pemi-Valley Habitat will only accept fully completed applications for consideration and all applications are due by June 1.

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## Jewelry

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for the guys are also just a small part of her collection.

“If I don’t have it, then they don’t need it,” laughed Duquette.

As for the Mother’s Day items, there are plenty of selections that will put a smile on any mom’s face. One young boy stopped by the other day and said his mother loves butterflies. Duquette pulled a pair of

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## Bears

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Mountain, Belmont, Kearsarge, Gilford, Campbell and Hillsboro-Deering.

The season kicked off after deadline on Monday and Wednesday and

will continue on Saturday, April 16, against Winnisquam, which will be played at 1 p.m. at Robbie Mills Field in Laconia. The Bears will host Prospect Mountain on Monday, April 18, at 4 p.m. and will be at White

Mountains at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.

*Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

## Notebook

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Weasels. Perhaps this is because minks are prone to other descriptive analogies.

The only way to weasel-proof a chicken coop, as I learned early on during my time with all things chickens, is to enclose the entire coop in half-inch wire (commonly known as hardware cloth, although it isn’t cloth at all).

To do this, you have to start with the coop’s floor laid down on wire, with enough spare wire around the edges to place up over successive construction. Or you could have a tractor with a bucket loader, which I did. Bucket loaders, by the way, are great for challenges like this. They can also get you into a heap of trouble; so as the refrain to the old sea chanty “Asleep in the Deep” goes (in deep baritone), “Beeeee-ware.”

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One of my conclusions from all this is that minks have way better press agents than weasels. Weasels are far more infamous than famous, mostly for sucking eggs dry or sucking the blood out of chickens (they don’t have the jaw muscles for either, although they can lap at blood). Minks seem known mostly for cleaning out fish hatcheries (otters equally so) and becoming coats and stoles.

Weasels have their defenders, including some lawyers, who themselves are among the several species often accused of using weasel-words, with apologies to the weasels. Others include lawmakers, some fishermen (I once accused Congressman Louis Wyman of this, after his alleged trip to Perry Ponds), some judges, some government bureaucrats, and members of the Fish and Game Commission (not to be confused with the actual Department).

In defense of weasels succumbing to bloodlust killing, a.k.a. frenzy, and killing every chicken in sight, which they do with two quick bites to the neck, and then dragging the dead birds to corners of the coop, the experts tend to quote Ma Barker, mother of the infamous Barker Gang of the 1930s: “Lies, lies, they’s all tellin’ lies about my boys.” c

The experts say the weasels do it because they think they’re going to come back to eat their fill (and more), and because all that flapping and squawking makes them go berserk (who can blame the chickens?); and because they are hot-wired to kill whatever whenever they can.

Post-chickens, I’ve had the welcome mat out for weasels. When I had my last cat, a skilled killer of rodents and all manner of moles and

voles and other creatures, some quite large, I never noticed a weasel because there weren’t any, out of fear of the cat.

Post-cat, I’ve somehow known when weasels were around. I can sense them through the absence of mice, and other things I notice because I’m always looking at the ground, and always have. Tiny tracks in sand or loose dirt or snow, for instance. I can somehow feel a weasel out there, somewhere. “Hmm,” I’ll say, peering down. “What made those tiny little tracks?” (answer: a weasel).

Currently, I’d guess that I have a weasel, or it has me. My trap-line, set up in an endless procession of barns and sheds and the shop and working steadily toward the warmth and comfort of the house, hasn’t been necessary at all. And once in a while, I’ve seen a weasel pop its head up in a woodpile.

Cute as the dickens, I think, as long as I’m not keeping chickens.

*(This column is syndicated in newspapers from Concord to Canada. Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

## Fugitive

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That other individual was identified as 39-year-old Joseph Bowie, no hometown given. His warrants included failure to appear on a narcotics charge and a second warrant for failing to appear on a theft charge, both issued out of Belknap County. In Grafton County, Bowie was also wanted for failing to appear on a charge of operating a motor vehicle after being deemed a habitual offender.

Believing that Reed could still be in the residence however, Bristol’s K-9 team was called upon to conduct a second search of the premises. Officer Nicholas Kelley and his K-9 Arro soon found Reed hiding in a small room concealed behind a bookcase and she was immediately taken into custody.

Both she and Bowie were transported to the Alexandria Police De-

partment for processing. Bowie was then driven to Merrimack County Jail where he will be held pending an initial court appearance for his outstanding warrants in both Grafton and Belknap Counties. Reed was transported to the New Hampshire State Prison for Women in Concord where she will await a hearing before the New Hampshire Parole Board, which will determine how much additional prison time she’ll serve for her offense.

Those who took part in the investigation and arrest were members of the U.S. Marshals-New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force, comprised in part of Deputy Marshals and officers from the Strafford and Grafton County Sheriff’s departments, along with N.H. Department of Corrections Probation and Parole officials. They were also partnered that day with local police officers from Alexandria,

Andover, Bristol and Danbury.

The U.S. Marshals—New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force based in Concord was formed in 2002 and as of Dec. 31, their investigations have resulted in more than 8,542 arrests, including persons wanted for murder or assault. Others were taken into custody for being unregistered sex offenders, probation/parole violations and other serious charges.

Federal U.S. Marshal Nick Willard said he is overwhelmed by the success of the collaborative efforts between his department, New Hampshire law enforcement and the public that provides tips that help bring criminal offenders to justice.

“These efforts truly show what a great state New Hampshire is and that we all strive to make our state better every day,” he said.

## Rates

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Gas Initiative (RGGI) proceeds. As with the Co-op Power Charge, the costs NHEC incurs from transmission companies are passed directly through to members.

“The Co-op Power Charge reduction for the summer period is not as low as we’ve seen in years past,” said Brian Callnan, NHEC’s Vice President of Power Resources & Access. “The primary driver is natu-

ral gas prices remaining high throughout the summer, which is the fuel used to generate nearly half of the electricity in New England. The United States exports an increasing amount of natural gas. As a global commodity, natural gas prices are impacted by international events and markets. As with other fuels, high natural gas prices are leading to higher electricity costs this summer.”

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Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., the organization’s membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders.



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# PSU announces keynote speakers for 151st Commencement ceremonies

PLYMOUTH — Gennet Zewide, Ph.D., former Ethiopian ambassador to India and Ethiopian minister of education, will deliver the keynote address and be recognized by Plymouth State University (PSU) at its 151st undergraduate Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. John T. Broderick, Jr., senior director of external affairs at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and former chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, will be the featured speaker at PSU's graduate Commencement ceremony on Friday evening, May 6, at 6 p.m.



Gennet Zewide

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Zewide back to campus for the first time since she graduated in 1973, as we honor this year's graduates," said President Donald L. Birx, Ph.D. "Dr. Zewide has long been an advocate for equal access to education for women and girls and she has been instrumental in empowering women of Ethiopia. Her work embodies PSU's motto, Ut Prosim, 'That I may serve,' and we are honored to have her join us for this year's ceremony."

Dr. Zewide will address undergraduate students and will be honored by PSU with an honorary doctorate

in public service degree for her work as a leader in education for women and girls. After graduating from PSU in 1973, Dr. Zewide earned a master's degree from Suffolk University and received her Ph.D. in political thought and comparative politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University in India in 2010.

Dr. Zewide was a lecturer at Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia's oldest higher education institution, from 1973 to 1991, and

served as a chairperson of the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE). She also served as Ethiopia's minister of education from 1992 until 2005, when she became ambassador to India, a position she held until 2015. Dr. Zewide was also a member of the executive board of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) representing East Africa and served as an external examiner at Kenyatta Uni-



John Broderick, Jr.

versity in Kenya. In 2014, she published, "Resistance, Freedom and Empowerment: the Ethiopian Women's Struggle."

John Broderick, Jr. will address students who have earned graduate degrees and certificates from PSU. He will also be presented with the University's Granite State Award for his contributions to the state of New Hampshire and his commitment to changing the conversation and eliminating the stigma around mental illness. Broderick holds a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. After more than 20 years in private practice, Broderick served as associate

justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 1995-2004 and as chief justice from 2004-2010. He served as dean and president of the University of New Hampshire Law School from 2010-2015, and since 2017 has served as senior director of external affairs at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, where he champions the health system's R.E.A.C.T. mental health awareness campaign.

Over the past five years, Broderick has shared his personal experience with mental illness with more than 100,000 high school students, college students, business leaders and their employees, veterans, senior citizens, and others throughout New

Hampshire and New England. He considers this effort to improve understanding and awareness of mental illness, to eliminate its stigma and encourage discussion and treatment, the most important work of his life.

"We are honored to welcome Chief Justice Broderick back to campus as this year's graduate Commencement speaker and to present him with the Granite State Award," said Birx. "The stressors of the ongoing pandemic have exacerbated mental health issues, which are a top concern on college campuses. The topic is so important to the PSU community and to New Hampshire, and John has been a tireless crusader for ending the stigma and encouraging conversations around mental health. PSU is continually evaluating and implementing ways to support student mental health and we are inspired by John's mission to alter the discourse on this important topic."

The two Commencement exercises will take place indoors at the Bank of New Hampshire Field House on campus. Both ceremonies will be live-streamed for family and friends.

## PSU welcomes award-winning poet Susan Lilley for public reading and book signing

PLYMOUTH — The Eagle Pond Authors' Series continues its 2022 programming with a reading and book-signing by award-winning poet Susan Lilley on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University (PSU).

Susan Lilley is the author of "Venus in Retrograde" (Burrow Press 2019) and the chapbooks "Satellite Beach" and "Night Windows." A Florida native, she served as Orlando's inaugural poet laureate. Her poetry and non-fiction have appeared in American Poetry Review, Gulf Coast, Poet

Lore, The Southern Review, Drunken Boat, Saw Palm, Hippocampus, The Florida Review, Sweet, and other journals. She is a past winner of the Rita Dove Poetry Award and has held a State of Florida Individual Arts Fellowship. She has taught at University of Central Florida and Rollins College, and currently teaches literature and creative writing at Trinity Preparatory School in Winter Park, Fla.

Billy Collins has praised how "Susan Lilley's clear speaking voice combines with her knack for striking images and metaphors



Susan Lilley

to create a tone that is both intimate and inventive." He describes her work as "...open-hearted accounts that follow her life from girlhood to womanhood in charming poems, often erotic and always richly detailed."

The Eagle Pond Authors' Series was founded in 1998 by former U.S. Poet Laureate Donald Hall and then Director of the Silver Center for the Arts Diane Alexander Jeffrey. Hall served as co-curator until his death in 2018 and the series continues under the guidance of Plymouth State University Professor Liz Ahl. The series brings nationally known poets to central New Hampshire and is a memorable and mean-

ingful part of the state's arts and cultural landscape. Generous support from an anonymous donor helps keep this series free and open to the public.

Copies of "Venus in Retrograde" will be available for sale at the reading from the Plymouth State University Bookstore, and a book signing will follow the reading, which is free and open to the public, no registration required.

The reading will take place in the Silver Center's Smith Recital Hall at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact the Silver Center for the Arts.

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PLYMOUTH  
Boys' Lacrosse at Laconia; 4

**Friday, April 15**

PLYMOUTH  
Baseball vs. Milford; 4:30  
Boys' Tennis at Profile; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. Littleton; 4  
Softball vs. Milford; 4:30

**Saturday, April 16**

NEWFOUND  
Baseball at Winnisquam (Robbie Mills); 1  
Softball at Winnisquam (Odell Park); 7  
Track Home Meet; 10  
PLYMOUTH  
Track at Newfound; 10

**Monday, April 18**

NEWFOUND  
Baseball vs. Prospect Mountain; 4  
Softball vs. Lebanon; 4  
PLYMOUTH

Baseball at Kennett; 4:30  
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Milford; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. Monadnock; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse at Milford; 4:30

Girls' Tennis at Kearsarge; 4  
Softball at Kennett; 4:30

**Tuesday, April 19**

NEWFOUND  
Track at Winnisquam; 4  
PLYMOUTH  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Gilford; 4  
Track at Manchester West; 4

**Wednesday, April 20**

NEWFOUND  
Baseball at White Mountains; 4  
Softball at White Mountains; 4  
PLYMOUTH  
Baseball vs. Oyster River; 4:30  
Boys' Lacrosse at Hillsboro-Deering; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. Kearsarge; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4  
Softball vs. Oyster River; 4:30

**Thursday, April 21**

PLYMOUTH  
Boys' Tennis at White Mountains; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4

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