

School board members seek more spending oversight

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Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — The Newfound Area School Board is considering a change in its oversight of school district spending.

Melissa Suckling of Danbury suggested the change after questioning why the board approves spending after the checks have already gone out. In a longstanding practice dating perhaps to the formation of the Newfound Area School District, the school board has reviewed and approved a manifest of the prior month's spending — and sometimes a backlog of sev-

eral months' manifests — as a form of after-the-fact auditing. Suckling asked why they couldn't review and approve spending before it takes place.

Chair Jeff Levesque — re-elected to the position earlier in the March 25 meeting — said the reason it is done that way is because reviewing the manifest is a lengthy task. If done ahead of time, he said it would require about an hour and a half per week.

"We discussed it in the past, but none of the board members wanted to do that," he said.

School Administra-

tive Unit 4 Business Manager Michael Limanni said it is possible to pre-approve spending with the district's software,

which allows remote login and live vouchers. He offered to set up a demonstration of how that would work if members were inter-

ested.

The district treasurer now uses the electronic system for her work, and Limanni said it has worked out well.

Heidi Milbrand of Bristol agreed with Suckling that it would be better to make the

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Library celebrates National Poetry Month

BRISTOL — April is National Poetry Month. Since its inauguration in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets, Poetry Month has become the largest literary celebration in the world. In Bristol, the Minot-Sleeper Library invites all to celebrate by attending its next Poetry Night on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Every month on the first Thursday poetry enthusiasts convene at the Minot-Sleeper Library to recite selections of their favorite poems or to share an original piece of work. The group sits in a circle and each person has 5 minutes to recite the poem of their choice. Once everyone has shared, those who wish to recite a second or third poem may do so. Such poets as Robert Frost, Dorothy Parker and Mary Olivier are often quoted. There is no shortage of applause and laughter throughout the evening. Refreshments are served thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the

Minot-Sleeper Library, and a good time is had by all.

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Minot-Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant St., Bristol, on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are

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Last blast of winter

Old Man Winter hit the Newfound region with one last blast of snow over the weekend, as seen in this photo taken by the Newfound Lake Region Association during a trek through Wellington State Park Friday morning.

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Fire strikes on New Hampton School campus

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NEW HAMPTON — The New Hampton Fire Department was supported by several surrounding communities when a fire broke out in a storage barn located on the New Hampton School Campus last week.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, New Hampton firefighters arrived on the campus to find heavy flames coming from the walk-in basement of a two-story wood structure just off 57 Main St. in New Hampton. Causing greater concern was the buildings extreme proximity to Gables House, a residential building that provides housing for some of the school's faculty members. The roofline of the barn is situated just a few feet from Gables House, which was built in 1887.

After taking quick assessment of the situation, Fire Chief Michael Drake immediately called for a second alarm. Coming to their aid that night was firefighters, EMTs, and equipment from Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Franklin, Meredith and Meredith EMS.



A second-alarm fire on the campus of New Hampton School last Tuesday evening caused considerable damage to a barn that was in close proximity to faculty residential quarters.

DONNA RHODES

An hour or more into fighting the blaze, a request was sent to Plymouth Fire Department for their air trailer to help re-supply the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for those entering the smoke and flame-filled building.

Drake reported that the fire was knocked down in the building at 10:53 p.m., however several firefighters and equipment remained on the scene for more than two hours as they did an overhaul of the site.

It was reported that fire did manage to spread to both the

basement," one employee said.

Fire officials reported they were able to contain the fire to just the one building, preventing extension to other nearby structures. There were also no injuries reported to either firefighters or

civilians.

Because of the vacation schedule, the school's communications director could not be reached for further comment. On Wednesday however, the building was still standing and the maintenance

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Newfound Repair Café

BRISTOL — This spring, the Minot-Sleeper Library and the Bristol Rotary Club will host their first Newfound Repair Café at the library on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A Repair Café is a free event where skilled 'fixers' volunteer their time to help repair items to the best of their ability.

Community members are welcome to bring clothing, appliances, electronics, tools/knives that need to be sharpened, and more!Attendees are welcome to bring items that they can carry, so long as they are not leaking, dangerous, or foul smelling. Those wishing to bring multiple items may do so, but will be asked to re-enter the line for each additional item. Some replacement parts will be available and people whose items cannot be repaired, will be given names of related local repair places.

The Newfound Repair Café is an opportunity for items to be fixed, instead of ending up in the landfill. In addition, it is a chance for community members to socialize and perhaps learn how to fix their own items in the future! If you are interested in volunteering your time as a 'fixer' for any amount of time or have questions about the Newfound Repair Café, you can call Azra at 744-3352 or email her at childrens@townofbristonh.org.

This event is free to all and sponsored by the Bristol Rotary Club. For more questions about Rotary Club please email President Bill Karkheck at Bill.karkheck@deadriver.com.

Tapply-Thompson Community Center Happenings

Mud Season Mixer: Have you had enough of winter? Join us for some great music, snacks and dancing on Saturday, March 30 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Featuring local favorite “The Uncle Steve Band” at the Old Town Hall. Tickets are on sale now at the TTCC &

Bristol Town Office for \$20 per person. Cash bar provided by the Homestead Restaurant. **Mother & Son Minute to Win It Game Night!:** A special night for Mothers & Sons to join in some fun, silly competitions and games. All ages are welcome. Join us on

Friday, April 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$15/ couple and includes refreshments & prizes. Call 744-2713 to reserve your spot by 4/1.

Easter Egg Hunt Eggggstravaganza!: Come to the TTCC on Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. and see what you

can find...Visit with the Easter Bunny, Get your Face Painted, Enter a picture in the Coloring Contest & Win prizes! No registration required, donations accepted at door. Just come by for a great day packed with tons of candy, tons of prizes, tons of fun!

April Vacation Camp: The format will be similar to our popular summer camp programs. Vacation camp will incorporate Arts & Crafts, Indoor

& Outdoor Games and Activities into this week-long program. Campers will use the Tapply-Thompson Community Center for indoor activities and Kelley Park for outdoor adventures. Campers must bring snacks, water bottle, lunch, outdoor gear and indoor gear. Camp runs from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and the cost is \$80 for the week. Before & After Camp hours are available for an additional cost. **Summer Camp Reg-**

istration Now Open: The TTCC offers summer day camp programs for youth in grades 1 – 8. We have exciting staff, theme days, swimming at Wellington and weekly field trips. Don’t miss out – the camps fill up fast. Camps run from June 24 – Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The weekly camp fee is \$80 – does not include field trips. Scholarships are available – inquire at TTCC Office. Early (7 – 9 a.m.) and late (4-5:30 p.m.) care is also available at an additional cost.

Newfound Babe Ruth Season Opening Banquet & Dance: This event will take place at Kathleen’s Cottage on Saturday, May 11. The proceeds for this event will benefit the Newfound Babe Ruth Improvement Fund for railings on the new stairs at Wells and other future improvements. Don’t miss this fun-filled night of music, food, **SEE HAPPENINGS, PAGE A9**

PSU announces block transfer program

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) announced today that it has signed an agreement with the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) that paves the way for qualified students who complete an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts to move seamlessly to PSU to continue their college education.

Under the agreement, Plymouth State will honor an earned Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from any New Hampshire community college, which will be used to fulfill students’ general education requirements, plus applicable elec-

tives, depending on their selected majors.

“We are pleased to provide this important pathway for students at our state’s community colleges to pursue bachelor’s degrees at Plymouth State,” said Donald L. Bix, Ph.D., President of Plymouth State University. “Students will come to PSU with a solid foundation in liberal arts and well-prepared to transition into our integrated academic clusters, where they will have opportunities to tackle real-world problems and gain critical thinking and collaboration skills that will prepare them for today’s careers.”

This new block transfer program aims to make the transition to PSU for qualified students simple, efficient and affordable.

“This new transfer agreement will significantly help community college students who want to continue their education at Plymouth State University. Community college graduates can take advantage of this pathway designed to streamline the transfer process,” said CCSNH Chancellor Ross Gittel. “Thanks to a pathway that starts at a community college and moves seamlessly on to a baccalaureate de-

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Jazz Night at Newfond Tuesday

BRISTOL — The Newfound Music Department is pleased to host “Newfound Jazz Night,” a concert featuring our local jazz talent.

The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Newfound Regional High School. Among the performers will be the Newfound Memorial Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Jennifer Stevens, and the Newfound

Regional High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Edward Judd.

Among the Middle School selections will be “In the Zone” by Rick Stitzel, and “Rock Melon” by Mike Fisher. Selections for the High School will include “Flight of the Foo Birds” by Neal Hefti, and “Tuff Talk” by the Jazz Crusaders.

Admission to the event is free.

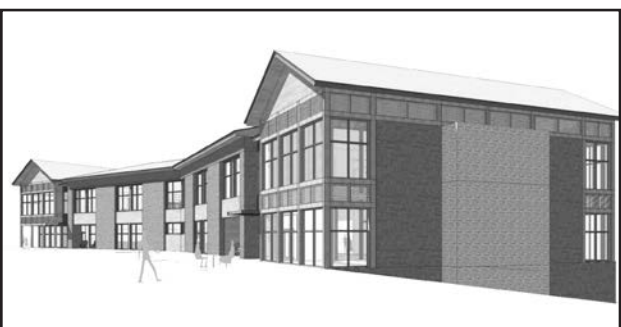
Holderness School campaign surpasses goal

HOLDERNESS — We did it! Holderness School charted a bold course for our teaching and learning program when we publicly launched the Elevating Academics Capital Campaign in 2018. After two and a half years of strategic planning and fundraising, Holderness is proud to announce that the campaign has achieved its goal of raising more than \$27.2 million!

The initial fundraising goal was \$25 million, but thanks to a matching gift from an anonymous donor that challenged other donors, the goal stretched to more than \$27.2 million.

Head of School Phil Peck joyfully states, “It is unbelievable how many individuals reached out and gave of themselves to support teaching and learning at Holderness. We are pinching ourselves with this news, for it allows us to break ground for the new academic building later this year without requiring any debt leverage. We have raised \$27,310,000! We are beyond thrilled.”

Board Chair Robert Hall shared that, “The campaign had many donors who just came through in amazing ways. The momentum



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An conceptual image of the new academic building.

started with a very generous bequest, continued with the largest gift the school had ever received, and was accelerated with a phenomenal yet anonymous matching challenge that generated excitement in our community and helped us cross the finish line.”

One of the lead donors and current member of Holderness’ board of trustees Andrew Davis commented, “I’ve had first-hand exposure to the kind of school that Holderness is and how it impacts students. I care deeply for Holderness and believe the new academic building and renovations to the existing academic campus

landscape will have a significant impact on the school. This new building will help to amplify the academic programs that already exist and make room for new programs to develop...The education programming is already there, and now there will be a place for it to reside.”

“The school is immensely grateful to Andrew, our anonymous donor family and the many other wonderful donors who believe in Holderness and who exemplify our core value of service beyond self,” relates Phil Peck. “Their combined generosity has enabled us to enter a

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If a woodchuck could chuck wood, he'd probably aim right for my head

It won't be long before people will have forgotten everything, and will just go around mumbling and grunting, because they don't read, and if you utter an oath like "Judas Priest!" they'll say "Huh?" and not even look.

The same thing is in store, I'd bet, for a huge number of old catch-phrases, like the ones my mother's mother used to use. For example, when her hair was all a-fly, which it seldom was, she'd say "Goodness! My hair looks like the wreck of the Hesperus!"

She lived Down East, around Jonesport and Cherryfield, Maine.

At the time of the wreck of the Hesperus (1839), some of the nation's blue-water shipping was still under sail. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem was probably based on the wreck of another ship, the Favorite, out of Wiscasset, which was smashed up on an out-

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



crop of rock known then and now as Norman's Woe.

At the time, human sustenance depended almost wholly and directly on the ocean and the land. Saltwater farms had a long list of special rules and cautions, built on centuries of first-hand experience.

Lobstering was (and is) like that too. During my working career I did photo-features on lobstering twice, once with a man who fished shallow waters like estuaries and mouths of brooks and rivers, and the other time with a hardy soul who fished the deep blue sea.

Both trips bolstered my convictions about how hard and dangerous lobstering can be, and if someone complains about the price of lobster



COURTESY PHOTO ROGER IRWIN

Woodchucks perhaps aren't the problem they once were, with fewer cows and tractors coursing the land. This one, when Guildhall's Roger Irwin photographed it, cast a shadow worthy of some over-promoted-to-the-point-of-madness annual event in a state with too many letters to spell here.

I'm just as likely to reply "You go fish for it, then."

It's the same with hay. In a perfect world, a bale of hay means four trips around the field: cut, ted (meaning flip), rake, bale. Then you have to pick it up, and then get it to the barn and stow it away, but who wants to hear all that?

So, I'm also the wrong guy to complain to about the price of a bale of hay, my likely reply being

"You go make one."

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What got me going on this subject was the ridiculous poem "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck," ad nauseam, all because someone began it on the phone the other day and I couldn't get my hands over my ears in time. (It seems to be one of the few old sayings that has not been set to

music, or at least I am blissfully unaware of it.)

When I was just getting into my teens, Spring meant (among other things that would become all-important) shooting woodchucks. This meant any woodchuck, anywhere outside of town, that you could draw a bead on. The snow had just gone and fields were still bare of sprouting greenery, and you could see forever.

In this scenario, the woodchuck carcass was checked for deadness, left in the hole, and quickly succumbed to scavengers, burying beetles, and the tug of gravity. Farmers thanked you, because a woodchuck hole is a perfect place to break a cow's leg or a tractor's front wheel. And shooting woodchucks was not necessarily the purview of lone hunters. Entire families could be seen, driving around and stopping now and then, at which point a lone figure would jump out, take long and careful aim, and shoot.

This action was followed by two things: (a) the shooter ran out into the field and, while holding the woodchuck's carcass aloft, did a little jig, with much gesticulating and pointing; or (b) the shooter, having missed, slunk (slinked, slank. slunked) back to his witnesses. "Wind was off" was a pretty good line to have handy.

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Ken Hartlen was a crack shot and a well-known woodchuck hunter. He stopped to stand behind me and watch one day when I was about to take a shot on the Chet Noyes Road that I'd spent a good deal of time lining up. My .22 bolt action with open sights was clearly not up to the task; this shot was too far away, and really called for a scope.

Still, I knocked the woodchuck over with a clean shot, the kind of

shot I probably couldn't have made again in a zillion years. Ken walked down with me to retrieve the woodchuck, and we talked about getting used to piecework (at the time, I was working at the Beecher Falls Factory, Ethan Allen).

Today the pastures and fields that have not grown up are likely to be home to sheep, goats, horses and beef cattle, and I seldom see anyone stopping to take a shot at a woodchuck. The custom seems to be gone, to which I'd bet many people would add "For good."

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As I look back on those days, just about half a century ago now, two thoughts on ethics arise, which back then nobody, I think, ever thought about.

One, which I have practiced ever since my teens, ever since the day I shot a bear that I had no good reason to shoot, is to eat what you kill and kill nothing you won't eat. No problem there. On top of that, I've eaten woodchuck pie, which, in accord with the axiom that everything that is not a fish ultimately tastes like chicken, tastes just like chicken pie.

The other one, much less clear, is what to do about problem animals--specifically, what to do about the woodchuck that has its holes near your garden and is sneaking out at night, or in broad daylight, to mow down your lettuce, corn shoots and bean sprouts with mind-numbing regularity and efficiency.

Oh, here comes the chorus, I can hear it now-- a wave, a tsunami of finger-waggers: "Have a heart, Harrigan!" (get it?).

But here is something the trap and release advocates never seem to address: The likelihood that any nearby habitat for woodchucks--and you

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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Required minimum distributions



BY MARK PATTERSON

Tis the season for Clients that have reached the age of 70 and a half to think about their Required Minimum Distributions. RMDs only affect qualified or retirement funds, but not Roth IRA's. When we defer money into our Traditional IRA, 401k, 403b or really any tax deferred plan, we are deferring paying the tax on that money, so at some point, in this case, 70 and a half, the government wants our money which they be-

lieve is their money. People that are taking an income from those accounts are usually fulfilling the requirement, however many are not and at 70 and a half are required to take what starts out at approximately 4 percent but increases each year.

Many people have other sources of income like Social security, pensions or a variety of other means that fulfill their need for income. Leaving a legacy is important to many who have this retirement money that is not needed for current income. That opens-up a variety of strategies for passing wealth to beneficiaries. Without getting into multi-generational trust or other complicated means of transferring large sums of wealth, I would like to make a few suggestions for people who have worked hard for their retirement dollars and want to pass them ef-

ficiently to beneficiaries but are not in need of a team of tax attorneys and accountants.

One simple strategy is to fund a Life Insurance Policy, passing a tax-free death benefit to your beneficiaries. Another potential benefit of this strategy is that this policy may fund chronic illness, potential in home care or skilled nursing facility if needed for the owner of the policy. Some policies can grow cash value in addition to these other benefits like college funding for grandkids. These policies vary from carrier to carrier and based on the owner's health and age, so take this as general information and speak with a qualified planner that works with these scenarios to see if you may qualify for a policy that has these potential benefits.

For some who may not qualify for a policy or do not want to go through the under-

writing process, there are some options that we can discuss, like a stretch IRA. If you are fortunate enough to have been able to have this flexibility with your RMD's, take the time and use your imagination about what you would really like to accomplish with this money, a qualified independent planner should be able to come up with great vehicles to get you where you want to be.

I would encourage you to seek advice from an independent firm that is not compensated for the use of proprietary products, or captive agents who can only show you their companies' products, and I always say; work with a fiduciary who works for the client, not their firm!

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CADY Corner

Convergence is coming!

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

We hope you will save the evening of May 9 for “Convergence,” a special community event hosted by Plymouth Regional High School advanced art students and their teachers, Lynn Sanborn and Mary Boyle. Convergence promises to be an evening of artistic inspiration and a special feature will be former NH Supreme Court Chief Justice John Broderick serving as Emcee.

Convergence will showcase the works of these promising young artists with the proceeds from sales benefitting two important community organizations, Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth (CADY) and Acorns to Oaks. Through their own interpretations, these students will be bringing much needed awareness to substance misuse, mental health, and suicide prevention.

Acorns to Oaks was created in memory of Timothy Daigneault by his daughter, Michelle K. Thompson. The goal of Acorn to Oaks is to generate awareness around mental health and suicide prevention. Proceeds received by Acorns to Oaks will benefit NAMI NH, a statewide organization working to improve quality of life by providing support, education and advocacy for people affected by mental illness.

CADY’s mission is to help our local youth make healthy and safe choices by working with schools, parents, youth, and communities to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and to promote healthy environments and promising futures.

This January, CADY and Acorns to Oaks met with PRHS advanced

art students and their teachers to discuss the missions of both programs. Throughout the conversation, commonalities of both organizations began to surface. The mission of CADY and Acorns to Oaks each empower youth to seek healthy, drug-free lifestyles, generates awareness on substance misuse, and combats the stigma associated with addiction, mental health and suicide. Many powerful works by PRHS advanced art students as well as local professional artists will be exhibited at the event accompanied by music, poetry readings and delicious food created by the talented PRHS students. During the event, artwork will be available for purchase through a silent auction with the proceeds of the event benefitting both organizations.

Everyone at CADY and Acorns to Oaks are thrilled and grateful that PRHS advanced art students will be educating, engaging, and empowering our community through the arts and supporting our important missions. The vision of these young artists will convey powerful messages that promote resiliency, build and strengthen connections with others, and advance awareness of what it’s like to be a teenager today.

We are very excited to see the unique creations from these incredibly talented and generous students and believe you will be as well. Please save the date and join us on: Thursday May 9 from 5-7 p.m. for “CONVERGENCE”—an evening showcasing our youth, their vision, and our community—all converging to support two important causes. Thank you, PRHS!

PET of the Week Minky

Since October this utterly precious 7-year-old beauty has been staying with us, waiting ever so patiently for you to come and take her to her forever home. Minky came to us when her previous caretakers could no longer care for her and her two sisters due to a move. This girl has been through a lot of ups and downs in her relatively short life and deserves a stable home to get her groove on and

show just how cool it is to be a cat. Sweet, timid and shy, or like any good cat, discerning. Once Minky warms to that right human you will find that she’s got the perfect cat class and cat style with her sassy proud walkin’ jingle in the midnight sun attitude. Minky’s deep soulful green eyes are the kind you’d like to melt into for a thousand years and still want to share more life with this sweet feline.



Strategies for Living

Why do I write?

BY LARRY SCOTT

Why do I write? Why do I continue to belabor issues that seem to be of little interest to anyone outside the church? Part of my motivation, obviously, is that it gives me a forum to highlight issues about which I feel very deeply. But there is more to it than that.

I believe Christianity has a message of truth that is critical to our survival as a nation. Postmodernism has told us all truth is relative, including one’s perception of what is right and wrong. Interesting, however, that truth in medicine and science is jealously guarded; it’s only in matters of faith and morality that suddenly truth becomes relative.

In her book, “Finding Truth,” Nancy Pearcey tells of a presentation she made defending this premise. “Afterward a Harvard professor came up to

me from the audience visibly upset. ... ‘They know their theories don’t explain ordinary life outside the lab’ he said emotionally. ‘But why throw it in their faces.’ The first thing that struck me was that he had let slip an amazing admission. These scientists and philosophers know their theories do not fit the real world” (p. 171-172).

Richard Dawkins, one of the “new atheists,” would like to tell us that we are merely “survival machines” blindly programmed by our genes. “When a young man pressed him on the issue after a public lecture, however, Dawkins admitted that he does not practice what he preaches. He does not treat the very idea of responsibility as nonsense. He does hold people responsible for their actions. ... ‘But don’t you see that as an inconsistency in your views?’

the young man asked. Dawkins replied, “I sort of do, yes. But it is an inconsistency that we sort of have to live with, otherwise life would be intolerable” (“Finding Truth,” p. 157).

“If you’re an atheist,” he is quoted as having said on another occasion, “you know, this is the only life you’re going to get. It’s a precious life. ... It’s something we should live to the full, to the end of our days. ... Being an atheist frees you up to live this life properly, happily and fully.”

Perhaps. If there is no God, if truth is relative, if there is no objective standard of right a wrong, and if there is no life after death, if this is all there is, then granted, one can live as he pleases. But life without God is no walk in the park. Without the benefit of divine direction, life has a way of sometimes throwing

us a vicious curve. Life without God, in short, is a life that ultimately leads to catastrophic consequences.

Our discussion really comes down to this. There is a truth that is not relative. Jesus said, “The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth.” He gave his life, and he arose from the dead, to prove his point. I believe that, and it is a truth that, for me, has changed everything.

There is, in short, a balance to my life, a harmony between what I believe and how I live. Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life and have it abundantly.” I live as I believe, and it is, indeed, an “abundant life.” Now you know, if there ever was a question, this is why I write!

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rllarryscott@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Bristol spends \$20 million, and for what?

To the Editor:

Sewer to the lake was the biggest scam to ever hit the Newfound area. Sewer service to the South end of Newfound Lake will have absolutely no effect on water quality whatsoever. It is solely an unnecessary municipal sewer project that will be financed on the backs of taxpayers and sewer ratepayers of Bristol. Lakefront property owners will be saddled with a “betterment” tax which is regressive and unfair in the extreme.

One hundred ten misinformed voters fell for the line that this project would preserve Newfound Lake. This project will only benefit the engineers, construction companies and installers that sell and service the lines, septic tanks and grinder pumps forced upon the residents of the Newfound area. Ultimately, it will benefit the realtors and developers that have been eyeing the development of Route 3A for many years.


There was not a shred of information pre-

sented at the bond hearing or town meeting that linked area septic systems to the seasonal degradation of water quality in Newfound Lake. There was no information submitted that definitely linked this project with any beneficial effects on water quality in Newfound Lake, simply because there are no direct benefits to be derived. Runoff is the chief culprit cited in almost every report that has ever been presented. How about the paved roads that girdle Newfound Lake? What about the tons of sand and salt spread over miles of these roads? Where do you suppose that pollution goes? It goes directly into the lake every year with spring runoff, that’s where.

Anyone who believes that by Bristol installing sewer to the lake has anything to do with preserving Newfound Lake is simply delusional.

Paul Simard
Bristol


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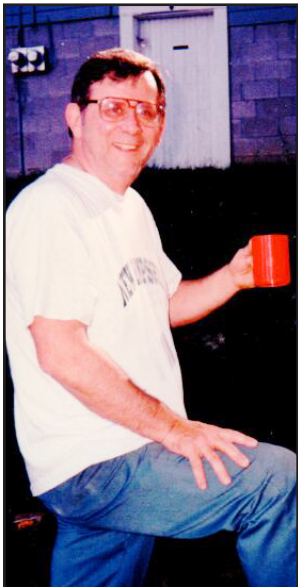
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Donald E. Kimball, 81

BRISTOL — Donald E. Kimball, 81, died Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Lakes Region General Hospital after a period of declining health.

He was born in Melrose, Mass., the son of Everett and Mildred (Smith) Kimball. A three sport high school athlete, he competed in baseball, basketball, and football. As a Wakefield High Hall of Famer, his free throw record in basketball still stands. After graduating from Wakefield High School, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps and following his discharge he attended Bentley School for Accounting. He worked over his career as an accountant/comptroller with Slumberland, GMI Asphalt, and Baron Abramson, Inc.

Don and his family moved to Bristol in 1975 from Wakefield, Mass., where he became active in the lo-



cal community. He coached little league baseball, was a former member of the Rotary Club, and a former member of the Bristol Budget Committee.

He was a fan of all the New England sports teams; however, his favorite was the Boston Bruins. The Bruins recognized him in 2003 for having held season tickets for over 45 years, the longest active at that time.

Donald also enjoyed

gardening in the summer months and sharing his bounty with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kathaleen "Kathy" (Prendergast) Graham of Bristol; two children, Edward "Ted" Kimball and his wife Sharon of Medfield, Mass. and Tina Kimball of Bristol; two step children, Laurie Graham of Sanborn-ton and David Graham and his wife Kathy of Pelham; two grandsons, Ethan and Adam Akerman; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Chapel of Holy Trinity Parish 2 West Shore Rd., Bristol, on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice. Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol is assisting with arrangements.

Kathryn P. Rakowski, 98

NEW HAMPTON — Kathryn P. Rakowski (Kay), 98, peacefully passed away at home, at sunrise, on March 19, 2019 with her son and daughter by her side.

She was born in Shelburne on Feb. 21, 1921 to Charles F. and Vivian (Jackson) Parker.

Kathryn graduated from Berlin High School in 1935, and then went on to The State Street Hospital School for Nurses in Portland, Maine In 1943 to become a Registered Nurse. She met her husband, Frank J. Rakowski, there at a USO Dance, where he was serving in the Navy during WWII and eventually got married on Sept. 15, 1944. They then moved to New York in 1947, with their two-year-old son, Frank Jr. as she worked at Doctors Hospital in New York City. Moving to Long Island in 1961, Kathryn, worked at Huntington Hospital and then at The Veteran's Hospital in Northport, N.Y., where she took care of the terminal ill and Leukemia cancer patients. Eventually, retiring from her job in 1985.

She moved to New Hampton in 1986 with her husband and built their retirement home next door to her daughter, Mary-Jo (MJ) Vien. After her husband's passing in 1989, she went back to work, part-time, at The Goldenview Nursing Home.



Kay enjoyed her vegetable garden and composting as she loved to watch and fed the birds. Her first winter back in NH she used 900 lbs. of black oil and thistle seed and enjoyed looking up in her book what birds came by to visit.

Kay was an excellent seamstress and while her son was serving in the Navy, during the Vietnam War, he would send her yards of material, wool, from Italy. She made beautiful suits and pill box hats to match, silks from Hong Kong, where she made all the formal dresses for her and Mary-Jo for many years.

She loved to cook and made at least one new recipe every week and always from scratch. Kay started cooking classes in the 1960's, so when her son came home on leave, he'd have a fabulous meal. She continued with weekend cooking classes with her daughter at The New England Culinary Institute and King Arthur Flour, where they got to learn from celebrity chefs. For many years she was

a student of Barbara Lauterbach's cooking school in Center Harbor.

Kay belonged to the Meredith 50 Plus Club from the start until it ended, but loved all the activities and outings Carol Gerken had planned. Kay also went on many trips sponsored by MVSb, going every year to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall, loved Branson and her last big trip to the Canadian Rockies. After that, most of her friends had passed, so she continued her bus trips with her son.

Kay was a member of St. Charles Church in Meredith and never missed mass, even on vacation as she was a member of the Rosary Makers Society. As a young girl she enjoyed skiing, she said a good day of skiing was when you could get two runs in, because back in those days you had to hike up the mountain.

Kathryn leaves behind her son, Frank Rakowski, Jr. of Boston, Mass. and Mary-Jo Vien of New Hampton and her sister, Doris Barker, 95, of St. Petersburg Fla., along with many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the Mayhew Funeral Home 204 DW Highway in Meredith on Thursday, March 28, from 5-7 p.m., and a Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Charles RC Church in Meredith on Mon, April 1 at 10:30 am. Burial will take place in the spring.

Towns

Alexandria

Merry Ruggirello 744-5383
sunshine_eyes51@yahoo.com

Spring has arrived at last! Still plenty of snow covering the ground, but it's going, and with warmer days it'll be gone in no time! I'm already planning on how to turn my jungle back into a flower bed, with some vegetables in between. Container beds are on the to do list too. Despite the snow, rain and ice, I am so thankful to be pain free and able to do the "little" things. So blessed and thankful to have a fabulous cheering section as I've walked on this journey. You are awesome!

Town

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Rabies Clinic at the Alexandria Fire Department Tuesday, April 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per dog or cat over three months. Proceeds go to the John Pyne Memorial Fund. Please have your pet on a leash or otherwise restrained.

Alexandria UMC

We are hoping Pastor Faith will be well enough to have office hours on Thursday, March 28 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with Book Study following. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery from that nasty "bug" that has had you laid up the last couple of weeks Pastor:

Sunday, March 31, church service begins at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following at 10:15 a.m.

NAC Lenten Series April 3 at the Bristol UCC at noon. Light lunch following the service.

Sincere sympathies are extended to Donna Rhodes in the loss of her "Nanna." May your heart find comfort remembering the time you shared with her through the years.

Still a bit brisk out there this morning, but it's time to head out and break down some snowbanks! I hope you have an awesome week ahead. Be safe in your travels, where ever you may go!

Danbury

Donna Sprague
huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury Church

It's Springtime at the South Danbury Church.

Sunday services will continue at 11 a.m., weather permitting because we still might get some "weathah!" Everyone is welcome to worship, and to enjoy coffee and conversation afterward.

Winter Market

The last winter farmers market of this season will be Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the grange hall. Every space is full providing customers with a variety of locally made and grown items. There will be fresh maple syrup, honey, beef, pork, goat, chicken, kombucha, chocolates just in time for Easter, birdhouses for the gardens, wooden spoons for the kitchen, naturally dyed nature's print clothing for spring, socks, hats and mittens for winter's last display of chilly nights, veggies, dairy items, blankets, soaps, bugs away spray, jewelry, soy candles, yarn, original art on totes, mugs and Merrimack Wonder pepper seeds. There will be breakfast sandwiches, hot soup and a crock pot meal to fill the tummy. The atmosphere is friendly and upbeat. Buy directly from growers and makers. Make the connections and support community.

2019 Chocolate Fest

Huntoon Farm participated in the regional Chocolate Fest sponsored by the Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce. Held at Colby Sawyer College in New London, 11 area businesses sampled chocolate items to over 100 guests. The farm produced a mocha filled whoopie pie with chocolate ganache swirl and were humbled to receive the best taste award based upon popular vote of all attendees. The event benefited the Road to Independence, a non-profit organization which provides training for mentally and physically challenged individuals.

Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597
hebronnnews@live.com

Curbside trash collection news

Once again, it is time for the weight limits to be posted on the roads and the curbside trash service will cease during this time. Until further notice Casella Waste will be collecting trash and recyclables at the Hebron Highway Shed. Weekly updates will be given as to whether or not the truck will be at the Highway Shed. A notice will go out and be posted at the Hebron Post Office or on the Town Website when curbside trash collection will resume. Please be sure to check the Town Website or the Post office for those updates.


The Hebron Select Board thanks you for your patience and understanding.

Filing period for town-elected officials

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Town-Elected Positions Available
Selectman: three-year term
Tax Collector: two-year term
Treasurer: one-year term
Library Trustee: three-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds: three-year term
Auditor: two-year term

Per RSA 669:19, candidates who file on the last day of the filing period must do so in person. Please contact the Town Clerk (744-7999)with any questions.



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Bristol	N/A (Lot 2)	N/A	\$39,933	Alan and Linda Faro	Michael F. Sharp RET
Campton	38 Boulder Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$157,533	Keith S. and Tammy J. Noyes	Matthew C. and Amy L. Literis
Campton	21 Overlook Rd., Unit 1	Condominium	\$65,000	Mark A. Macdonald and Nancy A. Hicks	Frank A. and Lisa Pollicino
Campton	20 Prescott Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$227,333	Steven E. Grill	Robert D. and Kim E. Bossey
Campton	81 Susie Lane	N/A	\$145,000	US Bank NA Trust	Pensco Trust Co. LLC
Campton	18 Tripplewood Rd., Unit 15	Condominium	\$94,000	Jane Hammontree	Nicolette Keown
Campton	N/A (Lot 16)	N/A	\$240,000	Campton Meadowloft LLC	Justin M. Flynn
Groton	29 Brock Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$142,533	Otto Jespersen and Elizabeth Bandkau	Karen and Earl Schweizer
Plymouth	347 Mayhew Turnpike	Residential Developed Land	\$42,133	Michael F. Manning	Grace Baptist Church
Plymouth	347 Mayhew Turnpike	Residential Developed Land	\$21,733	Michael F. Manning	Grace Baptist Church
Plymouth	11 Page St.	Mobile Home	\$150,000	Susan Rose-Desharnais	Patricia A. Breslin
Thornton	13 Laurel Circle, Unit 6	Condominium	\$128,000	Kathleen A. Nagle	Patrick E. Byrne
Thornton	5 S. Branch Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$202,533	Richard L. and Bonnie A. Riberdy	Nancy M. Adams 1998 RET
Waterville Valley	Golden Eagle Lodge, Condo Unit 333	Condominium	\$73,000	Kenneth E. Schwarz RET	Miroslav Bozic
Waterville Valley	81 W. Branch Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$477,000	Alvin L. Nigrosh and Bonnie L. Barrclogh	Patrick L. and Denise K. Wynn
Waterville Valley	N/A (Lot 9a)	N/A	\$520,000	Craig Underwood	MG RT

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are

usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

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Churches

Ashland Community Church

Sundays
10 a.m. Worship – Come as you are! Casual, welcoming atmosphere. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the worship center.

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

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

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

Small groups: We also offer four adult small groups that meet

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

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Bristol United Church of Christ (“the Church on the Hill”)

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

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

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

*Bristol U.C.C. Is hosting their Newfound Area Churches Lenten Service at noon on April 3, followed by a luncheon.

Bible studies have

begun again on Mondays at 7 p.m. This year, the study subject is Peter. It resumed March 4 and runs through Lent. Please contact Rev. Andrew if you are interested.

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

Phone: 744-8132

Office Hours:
Main Office – Monday through Friday - 9 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours: Monday through Thursday - 9 a.m. to noon and other times by appointment

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

Weekly Events:
Mondays: A.A. Step meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Bone Builders – 9:30 a.m.
Senior Crafts: 9:30 a.m.
Senior Luncheon – Noon
AA Discussion – 8 p.m.

Wednesdays: Come join us for a wonderful spiritual and fulfilling experience at Morning Reflection held every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the church, Room 1. Rev. Andrew is moderating, with discussion throughout, by a lively and committed group!

Fridays: Bone Builders – 9:30 a.m.

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

Women's Fellowship – Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in Room 1. All are always welcome!

Choir rehearsal continues at 4 p.m. every Wednesday.

Ongoing: Bristol Community Services is in need of anything and everything! Please help if you can!

Our next delectable monthly church supper will be our scrumptious roast pork with all the fixin's, held on Saturday, April 6! 5:30 to 7 p.m. Adults \$9. Children \$4. under 12. Take Out Available: 744-8132

The ukelele band continues to grow and become more proficient as the weeks go by! We're having a ball! If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Doe.

The band gets together once a week on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for lessons and practice. Watch for the date of their next performance!

B.U.C.C. cooperates with other churches and community organizations to serve the needs of all people who live near us. Our reach ex-

tends around the world through our work with other members of the United Church of Christ!


Episcopal Churches: Holy Spirit, Plymouth St. Mark’s, Ashland

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2019

Save the dates for these opportunities to gather for worship and fellowship during the holy season of Lent: Wednesday evening book study on “The Return of the Prodigal Son,” 5-6 p.m. at the CLC on Highland St in Plymouth; Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Easter services including an all-age-friendly celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter (with a bonfire, singing, and storytelling) on the campus of the Holderness School (Saturday, April 20, 5 p.m.). Easter Sunday services are 8 a.m. in Plymouth and 9:30 a.m. in Ashland.

Members attend New England regional training events

Two teams of Episcopal parishioners are attending weekend workshops presented by Province 1, the Episcopal Church in New England. The second conference, “Longing for Belonging,” on building church-community connections, is a collaborative presentation. SEE CHURCHES, PAGE A12



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Tracey Steenberg, Town Clerk
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“Idol” superstar comes to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — Ruben Stoddard will perform at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Best known as the winner of “American Idol” Season 2, Stoddard will pay homage to his hero, Luther Vandross, with his show “Ruben sings Luther.” Tickets for this concert start at \$54.

“My goal was to not only to pay tribute to Luther but to add my

own passion on top of Luther’s brilliant songs. It all started with my mom who has always loved Luther and played his music in our home continuously – especially during Christmas,” Stoddard explains.

He goes on to say, “But people always asked when I was going to do an album of Luther’s songs. Happily the day has arrived. It was a thrilling experience selecting the

songs from his different albums and putting my own interpretation on them. I am so proud of this record.”

Ruben Stoddard is the winner of American Idol’s second season and since then has been a Grammy nominated R&B, gospel and pop singer. He has recorded six studio albums, appears frequently on TV, toured extensively and has sold over two million albums worldwide.

“As for the tour, we are not only recreating some of the production



Ruben Stoddard

COURTESY PHOTO

elements, musicians, background singers, wardrobe and lighting that were ever present when Luther took the stage, but my heart and soul will be in every note I sing as I honor one of the greatest vocalists we’ve ever had,” he said.

Tickets for Ruben Stoddard Sings Luther Vandross range from \$54 - \$64. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at www.flyingmonkeyNH.com.



Gary Gulman

COURTESY PHOTO

“Last Man Standing” finalist comes to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — “Last Comic Standing” finalist and Boston native Gary Gulman will perform at The Flying

Monkey in Plymouth on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. as part of “The Great Depress Tour.”

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Comedy featuring Frank Santorelli at Pitman’s

LACONIA — Pitman’s Freight Room is pleased to announce that our March Comedy Night on Friday, April 5 at 8 p.m. will feature Frank Santorelli.

Santorelli is an Italian-American who is best known for playing the recurring role of “Georgie the Bartender” in The Sopranos. Frank is also well known for his star role in The Godfathers of Comedy. He has starred in numerous movies, including: “No Reservations,” “Meet the Parents,” and “Crooked Lines.” Santorelli’s passion has always been comedy. He has headlined at some of

the world’s most famous comedy clubs in New York, Los Angeles and across the country.

Opening the show is Nick Lavallee. Nick Lavallee is an American comedian, musician, and singer-songwriter from Manchester, New Hampshire, United States. Active in stand-up since 2009, Lavallee has released four albums, numerous Web videos, and has performed with Andrew Dice Clay, Bo Burnham, Bob Marley, Doug Stanhope MC Lars, and Sally Struthers.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and we are a BYO venue. For reservations, call 527-0043.

April news from Artistic Roots

PLYMOUTH — We welcome new member, Patty Sebillian to the gallery. We are pleased to have her photography as part of our inventory. We also welcome Jong How Kim to our teaching staff this month. He will be teaching Long Stitch Bookmaking on April 5 and 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. This is an introduction to bookmaking.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

What Should You Do With an Inheritance?

If you were to receive a sizable inheritance, what should you do with it? This money could help you achieve some of your important financial goals – so you’ll want to think carefully about your choices. Of course, everyone’s needs are different, so there’s no one “right” way to handle a large lump sum. But here are a few suggestions that may be useful:

Pay off some debts. Depending on the size of your inheritance, you may want to consider paying off some, if not all, of your

debts, such as car loans, personal loans and student loans. You might even consider paying off your mortgage, but you may not want to, as you might be able to get a better return on your money by investing it. Also, if all your money is tied up in a house, you’ll typically have less liquidity than you would get from your investments.

Contribute more to your retirement accounts. You may now be able to afford to contribute more to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement

plan, as well as to your IRA. These accounts offer tax benefits plus an array of investment choices, so they are excellent ways to build resources for retirement.

Save for college. If you have children, or grandchildren, whom you would like to someday send to college, you might want to put some of your inheritance into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which provides tax benefits and gives you great flexibility in distributing the money.

Build an emergency fund. If you haven’t already built an emergency fund containing six to 12 months’ worth of living expenses, you may be able to do so now, using part of your inheritance. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account, so that it’s readily available to pay for unexpected costs. Without such a fund, you might be forced to tap into your long-term investments. Above all else, you may want to get some help. If you don’t already have one, a financial professional can recommend

ways of using the money to help you meet your goals. For one thing, you could further diversify your investments, which is important, because diversification can help reduce the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t prevent all losses or guarantee profits.) And a financial professional can help you determine how much your plans could change due to the inheritance. To name just one possibility, you might be able to move up

your retirement date. If so, you’d need to adjust many aspects of your financial strategy, such as when to take Social Security, how much to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts, and so on. You’ll also need to consult with your tax advisor, because some inherited assets, such as an IRA, could have tax implications. Your loved ones worked hard, and probably invested for many years, to leave a legacy for you. So, to honor their memory, do whatever you can to handle your inheritance wisely.

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School Board

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change. “It would be easier to carve out time to do that than to drive down to the office and do it,” she said. “I can sit at my desk during the day and do that.”

“I work in Hanover,” Suckling said, “so to get to the SAU office

by 4, and get through the traffic ... I can stay at work for an hour or a half-hour later every day, and I can power through it a little more easily.”

Limanni said the administration audits itself through purchase orders, “so there are layers of oversight, but the software is there, and we could do a live

voucher.”

The catch is that there are legal requirements for when certain bills get paid, so they would need a commitment from the board members to use the system, Levesque cautioned.

“I’m not opposed to it, we just need to make sure it gets done, however we choose to do

it,” Levesque said.

Superintendent Stacy Buckley suggested that Limanni prepare a demonstration for the board to see how such an approval process would work.

Vice-Chair Jason Robert of Hebron suggested that members of the Newfound Area School District Budget Committee should at-

tend the school board meetings “to be more aware of what’s discussed.”

Levesque agreed, saying, “They have very little clue to what’s going on and they make decisions based on what they know, which isn’t always factual.” He said if the budget committee wants to take the lead in budget preparation, as some members have suggested, “they need to be here and do the job.”

Voters this year chose to give the budget committee the authority to calculate the default budget, rather than the school board, after the board had exploited a provision of

the Official Ballot Law to use a liberal interpretation of what constitutes a “one-time expenditure” and include money voters had never approved in the default budget.

Voters also approved an advisory article that would have capital expenditures appear as separate warrant articles. The school board has not yet discussed whether to accede to the voters’ request.

The board did vote to approve the 2 percent salary increase for custodians that the budget committee had included in its version of the budget. The school board did not include the raise in its budget proposal.

Happenings

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drinks, and amazing raffle prizes that include 100 gallons of heating oil from Dead River, a kayak from Dick’s Sporting Goods,

and many more. The \$40 per person includes full dinner, two raffle tickets, entertainment and child care. Tickets can be purchased at the TTCC office or online at www.ttcrc.org.

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Block Transfer

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gree program, students can save thousands of dollars by taking the courses and getting the preparation that will support their success.”

To qualify for the transfer program, students must complete an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts at any CCSNH college and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Students entering Plymouth State will be subject to the admissions procedures for transfer students as outlined in its academic catalog.

For information about this program, visit www.plymouth.edu and www.ccsnh.edu.

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About the Community College System of NH

The Community College System of New Hampshire consists of seven colleges, offering associate degree and certificate programs, professional training, transfer pathways to four-year degrees, and dual-credit partnerships with New Hampshire high schools. The System’s colleges are Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth and Rochester; Lakes Region Community College in Laconia; Manchester Community College; Nashua Community College; NHTI – Concord’s Community College; Riv-

er Valley Community College in Claremont, Lebanon and Keene; and White Mountains Community College in Berlin, Littleton and North Conway. The seven community colleges in the system are committed to working with businesses throughout the state to train and retain employees to develop a robust workforce across all sectors and embraces the “65 by 25 Initiative,” which calls for 65% of NH citizens to have some form of postsecondary education by 2025 to meet future workforce demands.

Fire

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crews were grateful for the quick response of the firefighters, which prevented any further damage to Gables House or other school facilities. While busy with the salvage and clean up process,

they did confirm that the building was being used as a storage area for maintenance and other equipment.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation by the New Hampton Fire Department and the N.H. Fire Marshal’s office last week.

Poetry

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encouraged to bring a piece of poetry to share – original or published by another poet.

Those who wish to come to listen are also welcome. Those with questions about the event can call 744-3352 or email minotsleeperslibrary@gmail.com.

Building

FROM PAGE A2

new era for innovative, collaborative and flexible learning spaces and such generosity has allowed us to reach our goals much faster than we believed possible.”

The Elevating Academics Campaign will allow for the construction of a new academic building, increasing

the size and configuration of many existing learning spaces to augment collaborative, hands-on, and interdisciplinary learning, and the creation of an academic quad that thoughtfully connects classrooms with the outdoors. Hagerman, for example, will feature re-sized classrooms and enhanced theatre spaces that amplify its current im-

port on campus. Once completed, academic learning space will double with the addition of 33,000 square feet. The new and renovated spaces will increase labs, break-out/planning spaces, special use facilities (maker spaces, fly loft and a black box classroom), and enhance collaboration, teaching, and learning for decades to come.

Notebook

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can replace “woodchuck” here with skunk, squirrel, raccoon, armadillo, chipmunk and mouse-

–is likely to already be full. Meaning, put a little more bluntly, the space and food for every specific species is already taken. No room at the inn.

This is why, when

someone’s inquiring at the hardware store about what to do about a marauding woodchuck, the whispered answer is likely to be “Lead poisoning.”

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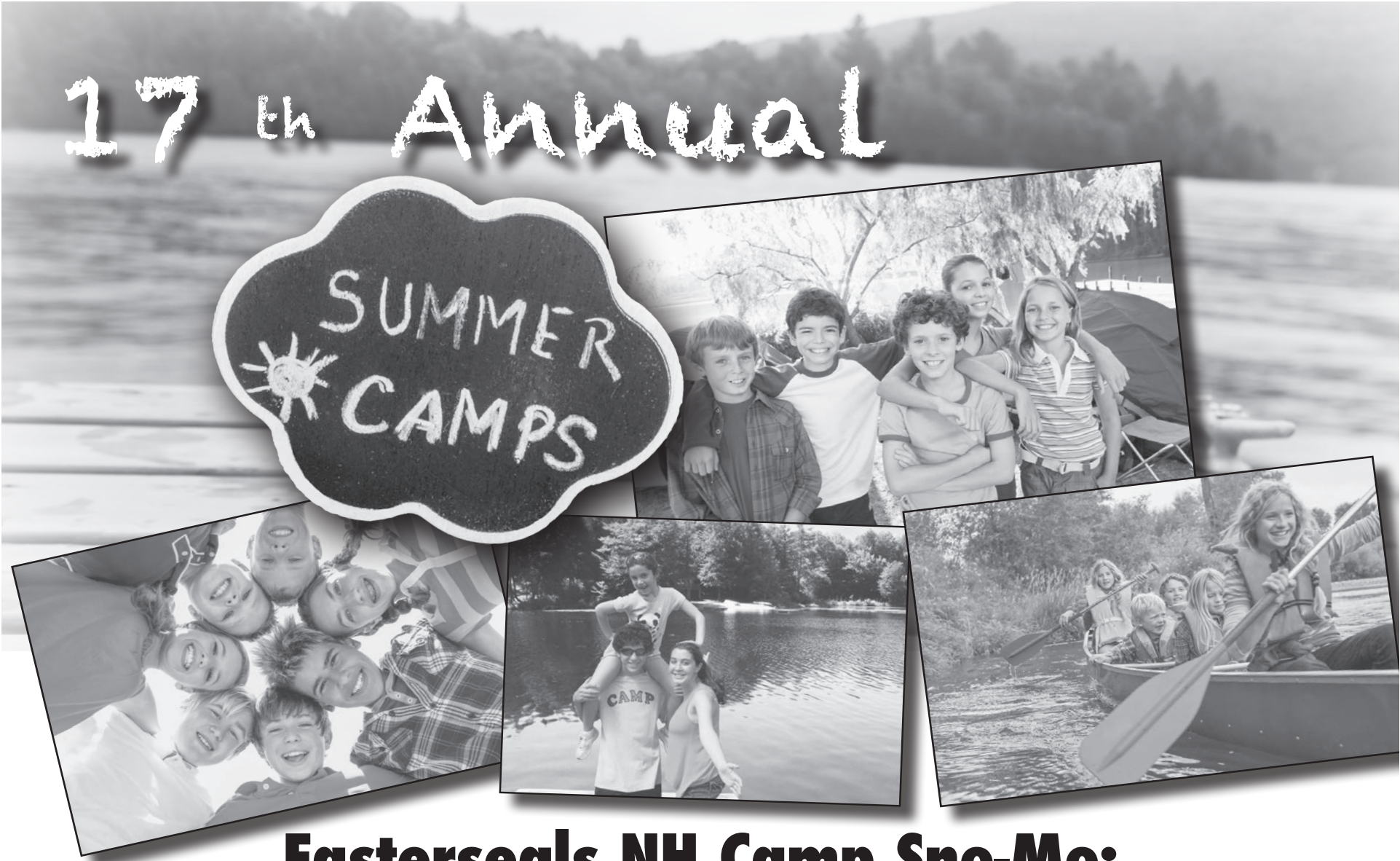
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Children of all abilities love and thrive during a summer camp experience. Summer camp allows for time away from home, meeting new people, creating lasting friendships, sleeping under the stars, and the endless opportunities to try something new! For some children this can be a challenge. Children with special needs are not always



able to attend camp because their unique needs make it difficult. However, at Easterseals Camp Sno-Mo, campers with special needs are able to have a truly amazing experience is a

safe, adaptive, and caring environment.

Additionally, our campers participate in activities offered by the Boy Scouts. These activities are those you



will find at many traditional summer camp programs throughout the country and include aquatics (swimming and boating), riflery, archery, hiking, ecology, first aid, high and low ropes courses with a zip line, camp crafts, and more.

Sno-Mo Campers participate alongside Scout campers to complete requirements to earn their badges. They form friendships and memories while working together. This partnership allows our

campers to enjoy a traditional camping experience where the possibilities are endless.


Our caring staff receive extensive training on therapeutic crisis intervention, medical/water safety and first aid/CPR ensuring our campers enjoy a safe and meaningful camp experience. Sno-Mo staff hail from many countries and bring their culture and experiences with them. By providing a safe environment, we enable our campers to challenge themselves to learn and grow, develop confidence, and discover how much they can achieve.

A perfect example of this is embodied in Alex's story. Alex is a long-time Sno-Mo

camper who uses a wheel chair and walks with a crutch. He is also living proof that you are only limited by the limits you place on yourself.




Once summer Alex has a conversation with his one-on-one camp staff Jessica. Alex had indicated that he wanted to hike Mt. Shannon while at camp. Given his mobility limitations, we knew this would require some creative thinking but brainstormed the possibilities because Alex was adamant about doing the hike with his crutches! Mt. Shannon is 1,400 feet above sea level and, at certain points, can be a little tricky to navigate especially near the summit.

After much discussion, Alex and his staff decided to attempt the hike. Alex's story is a testament to the power of a supportive environment and the courage to pursue one's dreams. **More on page 2**



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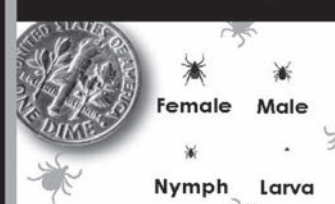
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Churches

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tation with the United Church of Christ in New England. The first session focused on “The Way of Love,” the church-wide Rule of Life introduced last year by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Ashland Community Breakfast

The next Ashland Community Breakfast will be from 8 to 9 a.m. in Sherrill Hall on Saturday, April 27. Come join us and bring a friend!

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Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and third Monday of the Month

Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, we officially launched as Resto-

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

Our Mission Statement: Just One More! Everyone is welcome

Artistic Roots

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The cost of the workshop for members is \$65 and for non-members is \$75.

Annette Mitchell will offer an Ink Drawing Series beginning on April 1, 8, 15 and 23. This course is designed to introduce participants to the use of a wide range of ink drawing tools and methods. Presentations will include traditional techniques as well as others that combine ink with me-

dia such as charcoal or acrylic paint. Cost to members is \$100 and for non-members is \$120. There are 5 places still open.

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Gulman

FROM PAGE A7

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Gary Gulman is proving to the comic world that you don’t have to come in first to be a star performer.

Originally from Boston, Gary Gulman has been a scholarship college football player, an accountant, and a high school teacher. Now he is one of the most popular touring comics and

one of only a handful of comedians to perform on every single late-night talk show.

For those who have followed his work, Gulman was a finalist on the NBC comic show “Last Comic Standing” in both seasons two and three. Though he didn’t take home the big prize, Gulman has carved out a nice career that has seen his star power rise.

Gulman has made numerous appearances

on late-night TV, and has even gotten his own Comedy Central special, “Gary Gulman: Boyish Man.” He was so funny on his initial one-hour special, that Comedy Central greenlit a second one, “In This Economy?” in 2012. In addition to his comedy appearances and specials, Gulman has also appeared in numerous shows, including “Inside Amy Schumer.”

So, as one could say,

Gulman is definitely living out his dream, a dream he has had ever since he launched his career, and to see it come to fruition is proof-positive that you don’t have to come in first to be first.

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BRISTOL — Most high school athletes have professional or college athletes that they look up to.

But sometimes, for the younger set, it's those same high school athletes that serve as the role models.

There may be no better example of that locally than young Alyssa Seymour and the Newfound girls' basketball team.

Seymour, an eight-year-old basketball player at the Tapley-Thompson Community Center in Bristol, developed a rooting interest in this year's Bear squad and the players responded

in a way that many pros should take notice of.

Freshman Paulina Huckins caught Alyssa's eye early on and after the two were introduced, Alyssa has become an even bigger fan of the team and Huckins.

Alyssa's mom, Tracy, noted that watching the team has helped the youngster improve her own game and the team has continued to go above and beyond.

"She picks up what the girls either have taught her or she has seen during the games," Tracy said. "She is always rooting for them, cheering them on, yelling



COURTESY PHOTO

(Left) Alyssa Seymour poses with a basketball presented to her by the Newfound girls' basketball team.

at the refs if she feels they make a bad call, calling out the girls' names. She even high fives them and tells them good luck."

Tracy noted that team member Tiffany Doan sits with Alyssa before the varsity games and goes over the plays that the JV team is running, answering any questions the young fan has.

The Bears have noticed their young fan and prior to the final regular season home game, a game where the seniors were honored, the team made a special presentation.

Huckins found a pink basketball she used when she was about Alyssa's age, brought it to the team and had all the players sign it. They then purchased a case for the ball and presented it to Alyssa prior to the start of the game.

"Right before the seniors went out and played, coach Kammi Williams announced in the microphone that they had a special gift for their number one fan," Tracy said. "When she announced Alyssa's name, she was in complete shock and even though shy around crowds, ran out on the court and was presented the basketball."

Williams noted that the girls did everything on their own.

"Paulina donated one of her pink basketballs, they went out and bought the case on their own," Williams said. "It's pretty cool that they did that."

"But it is kind of their thing," the Bear coach said. "They're good kids."

Tracy pointed out that the way the girls have treated her daughter has had a great impact on both Alyssa and herself.

"Words can not express how much this meant to me," she said. "And because the girls did this for her, she will always remember this feeling and have a wonderful outlook on sports. They all showed great leadership and respect."

"We always hear about negative things, especially teenagers," Tracy added, noting the girls went above and beyond for their fan and in the process, made one young basketball player's winter.

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O'Brien, Driller win first parallel U.S. Titles at Waterville Valley

BY TOM HORROCKS
US Ski Team

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Different venue, and a totally different first-time championship event, but the same outcome for Nina O'Brien (San Francisco, Calif.) as she won her third-consecutive Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships title in parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Resort Saturday.

Fresh off her super-G and alpine combined titles earlier this week at Maine's Sugarloaf Mountain, O'Brien was hot from the start in Saturday's race, posting the second-fastest qualifying time, and then easily moving through the opening rounds and into the semifinals and finals where she defeated Canada's Stephanie Currie for the victory.

"I've had a few good ones lately," she said referring to her past few days of racing. "I've actually never won a parallel before, so this was a good day for me. Certainly a long day, but I think it was fun for everyone racing and watching."

Currie, who also competes for nearby Dartmouth College, settled for second as Alice Merryweather, who won the U.S. Championships downhill title on Tuesday and competed for the Attitash Race Team, rounded out the podium in third.

On the men's side, World Pro Ski Tour experience proved to be the deciding factor as the top three all recently competed in pro events that fea-



COURTESY PHOTO

The men's podium for the parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Saturday included (l to r), Tucker Marshall, Garrett Driller and Alex Leever.

tured the parallel slalom format.

"The World Pro Tour definitely gave a little added experience, knowing how to come out of the start gate, and how scary it is to have someone right next to you going down the course," noted winner Garrett Driller (Tahoe City, Calif.).

Driller, who won his first U.S. title, qualified third and advanced through the event to face off against Tucker Marshall (Pittsfield, Vt.) in the finals. However, Marshall injured his back two gates from the finish in his semi-final victory and was unable to start the

finals.

"We have matched up a couple of times on the Pro Tour, and we have gone back and forth in winning runs," Driller said. "He was really hoping to get in there on the finals with me. He made it there, but his back went out and it was a bummer that he didn't get to do the final race against me."

"The day started out really good," said Marshall, who qualified 11th. "I was feeling really good on my skis... but about two gates from the finish (in his semifinal run against Alex Leever), I slide into a rut and compressed my back... and kind of limped



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The women's podium for the parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Saturday included (l to r), Stephanie Currie, Nina O'Brien and Alice Merryweather.

into the finish and into the final," said Marshall, who sat out the first run of the finals, but did attempt to start the second to no avail as the pain was too great.

Leever (Vail, Colo.) defeated recently crowned U.S. alpine combined champion Luke Winters (Gresham, Ore.) for third.

The parallel slalom format has proved a huge success on the FIS World Cup with city events in Sweden, Norway and Russia over the past few seasons. Introduced to the U.S. Alpine Championships program this year, the athletes and the fans embraced the head-to-head format

that filled the day with aggressive racing.

"I love this format," Marshall said. "It's making a comeback... with younger generations getting into it. There are more races. We had one NorAm this year where I was on the podium again, so I like the event and I can only imagine it's going to get bigger and bigger."

"I feel like I've found some consistency in my skiing this year, and I was happy to see that show up in my speed races as well," O'Brien said. "So I'm hoping to close off the season here in Waterville on another good note."



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- ENGLISH: Crop
- SPANISH: Cosecha
- ITALIAN: Raccolto
- FRENCH: Récolte
- GERMAN: Ernte

Did you know?

ONE OF THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A STRONG ECONOMY IS A THRIVING AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: COW

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to basketball.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = e)

A. 14 19 20 23 23 24 17

Clue: Bounce ball

B. 8 6 6 5

Clue: Net

C. 18 21 16 19 14

Clue: Block or protect

D. 5 6 20 1 15 11

Clue: Score

Answers: A. dribble B. hoop C. guard D. points

SUDOKU

6	4			1				9
					7			
	9	5			4	2		3
		3					5	
7	1		9					
			1		8			
								2
3	5					6		
	2				3	8	9	

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	6	8	3	6	7	1	2	4
9	1	7	4	9	6	8	5	3
2	4	3	1	5	8	6	7	9
4	2	7	3	8	9	6	5	1
8	6	3	5	2	9	4	1	7
1	9	6	7	4	3	8	2	5
3	7	2	8	4	6	5	9	1
6	4	7	3	1	2	5	8	9
9	8	5	2	6	4	3	1	7

ANSWER:



CHRIS COHEN – COURTESY PHOTO
Luke Winters (center) took his second win of the 2019 U.S. Alpine Championship Sunday at Waterville Valley Resort. Garrett Driller (left) was second and Sandy Vietze was third.



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The women's podium on Sunday at Waterville Valley included (l to r), Paula Moltzan, Nina O'Brien and Tricia Mangan.

Top slalom skiers tackle Waterville Valley

O'Brien, Winters win U.S. Alpine Championship slalom titles

BY TOM HORROCKS
US Ski Team
WATERVILLE VALLEY — Nina O'Brien (San Francisco, Ca-

lif.) and Luke Winters (Gresham, Ore.) are both on a late-season hot streak after winning slalom titles at

the 2019 Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships Sunday at Waterville Valley Resort. O'Brien won her

fourth-consecutive U.S. title by taking Sunday's victory under warm sunshine on Waterville's World

Cup Course, and Winters won his second title to back up his alpine combined win Thursday at Maine's Sugarloaf Mountain.

taking a 1.45-second advantage over Paula Moltzan (Burlington, Vt.) into the second run.

New season of theater kicks off in April

SPORTING CHANCE
By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Spring is rolling around and that means the eventual start of spring sports, assuming the snow melts before June.

However, spring in my world also brings about a new season of theater productions at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. I've been involved with the theater since 2012 and enjoy working behind the scenes on productions and occasionally making a cameo or two on the stage.

This spring is bringing something a little different to the stage. Instead of the traditional drama or comedy, we are presenting a show entitled "The Ghost in the Meadow." This is an old-fashioned ghost story, written by Joe Simonelli and directed by Priscilla Adams.

I've worked on numerous shows over the years and last year I was the producer on three different shows, including the Christmas show, which was our most successful show of the year. I was a bit burned out on producing, so I decided not to produce any shows this year but I am still looking to be involved.

For the spring show, Priscilla asked me to serve as the assistant director. I have served as the assistant direc-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
THE CAST OF *The Ghost in the Meadow* will be on stage the first two weekends in April at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

tor once before, for the summer show a few years ago entitled "Bathroom Humor." And I have to admit that assistant director is not my favorite job but I enjoy working with Priscilla so figured it would be a good chance to get a little more experience on that side of the show.

We held auditions right before Christmas and we had a great turnout for auditions over the course of the two nights, making our casting choices tough. With a small cast, it was a tough choice but we came away from auditions feeling we had put together a decent cast.

Our cast includes a trio of experienced actors in three of the main roles as well as one newcomer in the main cast. We also cast a couple of smaller

roles with a few people who have been on the stage before. Kimmi Adjutant, Kaylin Dean and Meggin Dail have been regulars on our stage and other stages around the area and have worked together with Jordan Canney, an experienced backstage helper who is making his stage debut. Michaela Andruzzi and Corky Mork are playing the two smaller roles.

The cast has worked hard and put together what I think is a pretty good show, despite the fact that the assistant director is still a little light on the experience. They've worked around my incompetence and have improved in leaps and bounds over the past few weeks as we've amped up for the production.

It has been a pleasure working with Priscilla

and the cast and crew as we prepare to welcome audiences to the theater. I am hopeful that people will take a chance on a "different" show and will come out and see "The Ghost in the Meadow." The show is April 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m.

Finally, have a good day Matt Johnson and Tiffany Carter.

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