

Grandparents raising grandchildren find solace and support in one another

BY DONNA RHODES
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BRISTOL – Four women got together for coffee and conversation last week, all of different ages and backgrounds, but with one thing in common — they are all grandmothers who have found themselves forced by collateral damage from the opioid crisis to serve as parents for the second time.

Statistics in New Hampshire show that 6,716 grandparents are responsible for the grandchildren who are living with them and 2,492 don't have



Paula, Donna, Jan and Suzanne are four Newfound area grandmothers who are the guardians of their grandchildren and have found support through each other for the challenges they face in raising a second family.

and 1,780 of them are no longer married.

Locally, Jan and Donna first met through their granddaughters who were in the same Brownie troop. Donna has had her two granddaughters, now ages 11 and 17, off and on since they were born. Three years ago, Jan became the guardian of three of her grandchildren, a girl and two boys, ages nine, 10 and 15. Life has changed for them both in ways they never imagined.

For Donna, it has been hard dealing with teens in a world much different from the one in which she raised her own children. She now has the Internet

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Several Newfound students selected for Music Festival

BRISTOL — The music department of Newfound Regional High School is pleased to announce that 22 students have been selected to participate in the Lakes Region Music Festival, scheduled for Jan. 18, to be hosted this year at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton. The festival is open to the most outstanding band and choral students from throughout the lakes region.

The NRHS students were nominated for the festival by their Music Director, Mr. Edward Judd.

The students accepted to the Concert Band are: Kassandra McClay, Devin Hersherberger, Leah Deuso, and Mikayla Ulwick, Flute; Kyle Nally, Katelynn Cornell and

Jeff Huckins, Clarinet; Autumn Braley, Oboe; Logan Glidden and Ryder Downes Trumpet; Joshua Bucklin and Hunter Pease, Baritone Horn; Stephanie Norton, Trombone; Johnathan Colburn and Brian Watson, Percussion. Newfound will be represented in the festival jazz band by Connor Downes on Trumpet. In the festival chorus, Newfound will be represented by Madison Nialetz, Faith Smith and Kaylin Parker, Sopranos; Cassie Coffin and Sophia Ritchie, Altos; and Duncn Farmer, Tenor.

The festival concert is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton.

the children's parents present in the household. It's been found that 4,200 of those grandparents are under the age of 60 and most (4,023) are still present in the work-

force. Worse yet, 564 of them are in poverty, 1,854 have a disability of one type or another



TTCC hosting annual 5K Jingle Mingle

The Tapply-Thompson Community Center will again be hosting the Annual 5K Jingle Mingle on Saturday, Dec. 7. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the race starts at 10 a.m. This event raises funds for TTCC programs and scholarships and is a fun, family-oriented run/walk. It is always held the first Saturday in December and the last local opportunity to do a 5K in 2019. All abilities of runners and families are encouraged to participate. Upon return to the TTCC we will be serving hot soups, hot chocolate and snacks for all participants as well as a prize raffle. Feel free to come dressed up for the holidays and get your jingle on with us! Race registrations are available on our Web site at www.ttccrec.org or by stopping by the TTCC.

Flying Monkey celebrates the holiday season

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey presents A John Denver Christmas with Chris Collins and Boulder

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Chris Collins as John Denver.

Canyon on Dec. 13 and "Christmas with The Celts" on Dec. 19. Chris Collins and

Boulder Canyon welcome in the holiday season with a special holiday concert, blend-

ing traditional Christmas music with some of your favorite John Denver hits and songs of the season!

Winning much acclaim and delighting audiences across the country, Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon will bring you home for the holidays with music from an artist that shaped a generation. You'll be reminded of John Denver's popular Christmas concerts and holiday specials as this award-winning band presents an evening of music the whole family will enjoy!

"Christmas With The Celts" is the brain-

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NH Electric Co-op to host food drive

PLYMOUTH — New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is pleased to announce it will host a holiday food drive on Saturday, Nov. 23 outside the Plymouth Walmart, located at 683 Tenney Mountain Highway.

NHEC employees will be collecting donations from the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a goal to fill a NHEC line truck with as much non-perishable food items as possible. All the items collected will be donated to the Plymouth Area Community Closet and the Campton Area Resource Center.

NHEC is a member-owned electric cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities. www.nhec.com

Volunteer trail work opportunities at the SLA

HOLDERNESS — Interested in learning firsthand how our hiking trails are maintained for the public? Come volunteer each Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with the Squam Lakes Association's Lakes Region Conser-

vation Corps members as they care for the 50-plus miles of SLA trails! The day's service will depend on the specific needs of each trail, but typical maintenance efforts include clearing waterbars, removing blowdowns,

cutting back branches that encroach on the trail corridor, and brushing in portions of the trail where the path is unclear. All experience levels welcome and encouraged. This is a fantastic opportunity to get out-

side while also helping conserve our trails for future hikers. As always, this work is weather dependent. Should any changes to plan arise, we will provide updates. Participants will meet at the SLA, located at 534 US Route 3 in Holderness, and carpool to the respective trail head from there. Volunteers should come prepared with appropriate clothing, extra layers,

comfortable water-resistant shoes for hiking, water, snacks, and micro-spikes and/or snowshoes. The SLA can provide snowshoes for up to six participants. Tools and eye protection will also be provided. If you have any questions about the trail day or want to join our crew, please email volunteer@squalakes.org, or call 968-7336. The Squam Lakes

Association is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners, the SLA promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

SLA to host family hike to Cotton Mountain

HOLDERNESS — This Saturday, Nov. 23, we invite you and your family to join the SLA on a family-oriented hike in the Squam Lakes region. For this first of a series of family hikes—which will recur on the fourth Saturday of each month—we'll climb to the top of Cotton Mountain, where the view is a great reward for the short but relatively steep climb. The hike is roughly 1.2 miles, round trip, and runs along the slope of a beautiful hemlock and pine forest. As we go, we will take our time to enjoy being outside and encourage the children to follow their curiosities. Whether your family is new to hiking or seasoned hikers, this is a fun way to get outside and explore!

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at the Cotton Mountain Trailhead off of Route 113, approximately 1.1 miles from US-3 in Holderness. We'll aim to wrap up around noon, but exact timing is hard to predict as it depends on the individual hikers. Each of our family hikes will begin with a brief discussion on how we can all stay safe and have fun while hiking—especially in the winter. This hike is for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should bring appropriate clothing, extra layers, comfortable water-resistant shoes for hiking, water, snacks, and micro-spikes and/or snowshoes. The SLA can provide snowshoes for up to six participants. Although

this hike is of moderate intensity, the difficulty may increase with any icy, snowy, or rainy weather. For more information about these hikes, or to sign up, visit the SLA Web site (squalakes.org) or contact the SLA directly at 968-7336. Since this hike is on an SLA trail, it can count towards the Squam Ranger program where hikers can earn a patch and become Squam Rangers by hiking all 50 miles of SLA trails. The SLA also offers other Squam Ranger hikes and environmental programs throughout the year. The Squam Lakes Association is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the Squam Watershed.

Edna Greenfield to teach watercolor painting

TILTON — It's an axiom taken for granted: 'watercolor painting is the most difficult of all mediums!' "Not true," says award winning watercolor artist Edna Greenfield. "If you know how to work with the medium, learn some 'tricks and treats' techniques, and on how to control saturation and color density, etc., it'll insure painting with watercolors is a lot of fun and exciting," she added. Knowing how to avoid mistakes, or fix them, do washes, blending, selecting the

right papers, paints and materials is what Greenfield will teach in her six week 'Edna Greenfield's Watercolor Classes' course titled: 'Water Class Splash 101' for beginners and improving artists. Her 1-4 p.m. classes begin Thursday, Nov. 7, and every Thursday thereafter until Dec. 19. Class size is limited to eight adult students and held at the Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery, Tanger Outlet Mall, suite 132, 120 Laconia, Rd. Tilton. Former students coming for a refresh-

er are asked to bring the materials they formerly used. For beginners, visit the LRAA/Gallery and pick-up a list, or call Greenfield: 254-8864. Greenfield's career as an accomplished watercolor artist began on a whim when her husband gave her painting lessons as a gift. She fell in love with painting, both oils and watercolors, but now prefers watercolor painting only. Her background and successes include Teaching Watercolor painting at the Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery, studies at the Manchester Institute of Art, Kimbal Jenkins school studying for many years with well-known professors there, exhibits at the Under Ground Studio, Plymouth, Vynn Art, Meredith, multiple libraries, and as an exhibiting member of the Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery. She's also attended a number of Maine coast workshops held by well-known artists Don Andrews, Judy Wagner, Tony Van Hasselt, and Frank Webb. Not only is Edna been well taught, she's also taught privately and exhibited at the Farnsworth Museum in Camden and Belfast Maine.

“It’s A Wonderful Life” onstage in Meredith

MEREDITH — It's a wonderful way to catch the holiday spirit: "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" performs Nov. 22 and 23 onstage at The Winnepesaukee Playhouse in Meredith. Radio plays are a tradition at the Playhouse, and this Winni Players production couples the exciting

engagement of live storytelling with a vintage re-enactment of what a 1947 radio show may have looked like behind the scenes. The bonus is, of course, that the story is also a much-loved holiday traditional entertainment. The tale is set in Bedford Falls, where George Bailey's Sav-



Radio plays – live productions of 1940s era popular entertainments – are a traditional staple at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, and “It’s A Wonderful Life” is a holiday classic. The two combine onstage in performances by the Winni Players Nov. 22 and 23 at the Meredith theatre. Information and \$15 tickets at winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org and at 279-0333. ings and Loan, while modestly holding its own, is delivered a blow when George’s Uncle Billy misplaces a considerable deposit. The blow falls hard on George, who has felt his dreams disappear and his future narrowed by the obligation of what had been his father’s business, the loss of his hero brother, and the responsibilities of his own family. It is a Christmas Eve George SEE **WONDERFUL LIFE**, PAGE A9

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Meredith Village Savings Bank wins Business Citizenship Award

MEREDITH — The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce presented Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb) with the Business Citizenship Award at their annual meeting. Local area members attended the Chamber’s Annual Meeting to celebrate businesses, non-profits and individuals who demonstrate professional excellence and commitment to the Chamber and the community. MVSb was selected as one of the event’s top honorees. The Business Citizenship Award recognizes a local organization dedicated to the improvement of the Meredith com-

munity, while demonstrating outstanding leadership or accomplishment in business and community service. “Each year, MVSb supports hundreds of non-profits through donations and sponsorships and award scholarships to students. Their annual fund provides grants for special programs and projects, and they encourage their employees to take active roles in the community by supporting their volunteer efforts too,” said Sue Cerutti, Executive Director of the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce. “When our community needs something, it’s



Pictured, left to right: Debbie Irwin, AVP Marketing Programs Officer, Rick Wyman, President, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Sue Cerutti, Executive Director, Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce.

niversary with them in Hesky Park. People were treated to live performances from John Davidson and the David Lockwood Band, the No Limitz Band, Mo the Clown and Magician Andrew Pinard,” continued Cerutti. “There was complimentary food and beverages from the Common Man and Hart’s Turkey Farm. Employees gave away prizes and non-profit volunteers served cotton candy and popcorn. Rick Wyman [President of MVSb] roamed the park to greet guests and give away \$150 cash prizes at random. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display over the lake and the entire community enjoyed a beautiful fall day filled with laughter.” Earlier in the year, the Bank gave away special prizes in their branches and on Facebook. In May, Bank

Bristol Baptist Church to host Christmas music program

BRISTOL — On Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., Bristol Baptist Church, located at 30 Summer St. in Bristol, will be hosting their annual musical program, entitled “Christmas In Song.” It will feature talent from the Newfound area (and beyond).

gram, the audience will sing Christmas carols from the hymnals. The free will offering taken will benefit the fund for the shingling of the church roof. There will be light refreshments in the vestry after the program. For more information, please call 744-8804.

TTCC hosting “One Stop Christmas Shop” for kids

BRISTOL — The Tapplly-Thompson Community Center is sponsoring its Annual One Stop Christmas Shop for Kids on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 29 from 4-7 p.m. This is an opportunity for children in preschool through 8th grade to shop for all family, friends, and teachers in one easy stop. Helpers will be available to assist younger children with

their shopping. All gifts will be wrapped and tagged before they leave. There are many items under \$1 and most items are under \$6. Just give your child a list and a budget and send them in for easy Christmas shopping! If you are interested in helping with wrapping or being a shopper please let us know. For more information, call the TTCC at 744-2713.

often Meredith Village Savings Bank that is asked to step up to the plate and they’ve continually been strong supporters of local

events, initiatives, businesses and organizations in the Meredith area and beyond.” It was MVSb’s 150th anniversary cel-

ebration, however, that inspired the Chamber the most. “The Bank invited the entire community to celebrate their an-

Local organizations come together for Mental Health Town Hall

REGION — Mental Health for US, The National Council for Behavioral Health and the NH Community Behavioral Health Association have assembled a Host Committee of 25 local organizations, including Lakes Region Mental Health Center, that have signed on to support the upcoming Unite for Mental Health: New Hampshire Town Hall to be held on Dec. 16 at The Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. The event will serve as a town hall for 2020 presidential candidates to engage with an audience of New Hampshire families, mental health professionals and local policymakers to discuss the key issues and solutions related to mental health. “The member organizations of the Host Committee are collectively involved in all aspects of the mental

health community here in New Hampshire and are led by engaged and compassionate leadership,” says Roland Lamy, Executive Director of the NH Community Behavioral Health Association. “The number of organizations willing to join the Host Committee provides overwhelming evidence that there is broad interest to discuss an issue of such profound importance. Their diverse perspectives and specialties will make for an inclusive and powerful event to raise awareness of mental health policies during the 2020 presidential campaign cycle and beyond.” Host Committee members are involved with event programming, bringing awareness to the event, attendance at the event and continuing the conversation around mental health policies after the event.

Member organizations of the Host Committee are:
American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, NH Chapter
American Mental Health Counselors’ Association
Bi-State Primary Care Center for Life Management
Community Partners of Strafford County
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Disability Rights Center
Granite State Home Health & Hospice Association
Greater Nashua Mental Health
Lakes Region Mental Health Center
Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester
Mental Health for US
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New Hampshire Medical Society

New Hampshire Mental Health Counselors Association
NH Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative
NH Community Behavioral Health Association
NH Psychiatric Association
Northern Human Services
Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc.
Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.
West Central Behavioral Health

More about the event:
What: Unite for Mental Health: New Hampshire Town Hall
Where: Dana Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Dr., Manchester, NH
When: Monday, December 16 at 6:30 PM
Who: 2020 presidential candidates, former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, other local experts
Registration: tinyurl.com/Unite4MentalHealthNH

Local art pop-up shop returns Nov. 29

PLYMOUTH — This year’s Fourth Annual Local Art Pop up Shop is being held for two days only on black Friday, Nov. 29 and small business Saturday, Nov. 30 at 75 Main St. in downtown Plymouth. You will find us downstairs between Artistic Roots and Thomas Roberts Hair Salon! Come buy tickets for the silent auction that benefits Voices against Violence and win great prizes. The auction will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday to give people time to come back and pick up anything they have won. You can also buy tick-

ets to guess how many candies in the jar, with 100 percent of those proceeds also benefiting Voices against Violence. Many of our artists are donating a percentage of their sales to Voices against Violence, so please be sure to support them. New this year is our Juried Local Art Contest open to all vendors participating in the pop up shop with a cash prize of \$100! There is also a public choice vote so come in and see who your favorite artist is! Voting will be done on Friday with the winner announced and on display on Saturday.

Live music all day Friday and Saturday with local musicians Ericka Cushing Benton, CRB3, Audrey Drake, White Steer, Mark Flynn and Holly Furlone. All of our artists are local and include fine art, chain-saw wood carvings, soy candles, chocolates

and caramels, jewelry, goat milk soap, wooden gift items including cutting boards, clothing and knitted gifts, furniture and more. Come for the local art and music and stay for the atmosphere and fun! We can’t wait to see you!



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CADY Corner

Restoring funding for Juvenile Court diversion programs

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

Senate Bill 294, sponsored by Sen. Bob Giuda, was passed and included in the state budget, a move that will restore funding to accredited Juvenile Court Diversion programs throughout New Hampshire. These vital programs lost State Incentive Funds in 2011 and provide evidence-based comprehensive services to first-time juvenile offenders rather than placing youth in the traditional Juvenile Justice System.

"The dramatically higher success rate and greatly reduced cost of juvenile diversion provides a win-win-win for our young people, our families and our communities," stated Sen. Giuda. "While providing careful oversight and accountability, diversion allows us to bring needed resources to bear so we're not only addressing the results of juvenile offenses, we're addressing the causes, on a case-by-case basis."

Sen. Giuda expressed appreciation toward Rep. Ned Gordon for "providing valuable insights from his years on the bench" and CADY Executive Director, Deb Naro on "bringing forward the absence of funding for juvenile diversion."

"We continue to work together to improve our justice system as new knowledge comes to light regarding mental health, substance abuse, and other issues confronting our state," he added.

Bill co-sponsor, Rep. Gordon said, "I am so pleased that we were able to include funding for diversion programs in the new budget. This will improve juvenile

justice in this state. Kids can be given the opportunity to address behavioral issues without going to Court and being branded as delinquents."

Deb Naro expressed her gratitude for the support of both Sen. Giuda and Rep. Ned Gordon for their advocacy and leadership on the legislation. "Last fall, I met with Senator Giuda and the Juvenile Diversion Network, and we worked together on this important piece of legislation to solve a long-standing problem with a state-wide solution," she says.

CADY's Juvenile Restorative Justice Program is one of 16 accredited juvenile court diversion programs in New Hampshire, which serve up to 700 youth per year arrested for first-time offenses. These highly effective accredited programs are members of the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network.

According to a recent study of 444 youth who went through a diversion program in New Hampshire, 79.3 percent were arrest-free one year later, with 58.7 percent arrest-free after three years. Both percentages are substantially better than traditional juvenile justice measures, which are 20.7 percent and 41.3 percent, respectively.

To learn more about Juvenile Court Diversion in New Hampshire, visit nhcourtdiversion.org. If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGHealthcare (934-8905) for help.



COURTESY

Craft fair draws full house to Minot-Sleeper Library

It was a full house for the November adult craft at the Minot-Sleeper Library on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 13. The event was hosted by Julie Adams, with assistance from members of the Friends of the Minot-Sleeper Library. More than 25 participants created their own unique hand-made wreath and centerpiece using an assortment of ribbons, bows, ornaments, pinecones, candy canes, and fresh greenery. Next month's adult craft will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m., and will also feature a holiday and Christmas theme. For more information, or to sign up, please call the library at 744-3352 or visit the library at 35 Pleasant St. in Bristol.

Strategies for Living

The search for a moral code

BY LARRY SCOTT

In recent weeks, we have seen what happens when a nation no longer has a moral code. From New York to Los Angeles to Chicago to Washington D.C., events I need not specify have reminded us again: America is in deep trouble.

Men and women in my age bracket, educated in the 'forties and 'fifties shudder at the principles guiding those who have come out of the 'sixties and

'seventies – here designated as the MeFirst generation. It is difficult for us to perceive why the younger set cannot understand our concern.

The MeFirst generation can share a bathroom with the opposite gender, abort on demand, welcome tens of thousands of illegal aliens, and champion a "green new deal" that will cost America trillions of dollars – and do so with little thought given to the

consequences.

"It's no big deal," we are told. "Love your neighbor and do as you please." But if present trends continue, there will be hell to pay.

My generation shakes their collective head in disgust, but we have no right to complain. We claim a moral code, but on what basis? We have subjected our grandchildren to an educational system that has ousted God from the classroom and the Bible

from the curriculum. We have told them that truth is relative, that right and wrong is a matter of personal judgment, and that everybody has equal claim to even the most aberrant of rights. We have given the MeFirst generation a lifestyle that has no faith in the Bible, no concept of a loving God, no universal standard of right and wrong, in short, no moral code.

College professors
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Letters to the Editor

Protect Gun Free zones – let them sue

To the Editor:

Our Supreme Court of the United States recently issued a ruling that Remington Arms Co. was subject to lawsuits in the Sandy Hook for the murders of innocent children. While I was appalled that a mentally disturbed boy killed his mother and others, I am just as appalled that the courts have decided that the manufacturers of the weapons are somehow culpable for the actions of an individual. No mention was made of the persons responsible who rendered the school a safe target for a crazy person.

I have an idea. Let's allow people to sue if they are the victims of a mass shooting in a gun free zone. There may be some debate on how many mass shootings actually occur in gun free zones. The numbers vary from 86 to 10 percent, depending whether you are a pro 2nd Amendment group or a Bloomberg radical group. It all depends on who is paying for the study. But don't you have a right to discourage violence on yourself when you enter an advertised gun free zone. I've read of at least two cases in the last few weeks where armed citizens stopped criminals. I don't know if they were in gun free zones but I'll bet at least a few people (like me) carry concealed regardless of the warning signs.

Certainly, the owners of the establishment or locations must enforce their decision to keep the area gun free and if they don't shouldn't they be culpable for any gun violence in the establishment? Are they responsible for the actions of

every individual who frequents their establishment?

In Tel Aviv, I watched an armed military person in a shopping mall, check all the bags for other types of weapons. I also observed two women with Uzi's on their shoulder carrying groceries as they boarded a bus. According to my Israeli friend, this visual open carry reduces the number of terrorist shootings and fewer cases of shooters clog their courtrooms because judgment is real time on the scene.

Some states are considering a ban on gun free zones. According to West Virginia legislator Brandon Steele, legislation is needed to hold no-gun zones accountable in the event of a tragedy.

"If you've taken away that person's ability to protect themselves, then it's incumbent on you [the establishment] to protect them," explained Mr. Steele who is seeking a revision in state code."

This is common sense. There are eight pieces of gun legislation in the New Hampshire legislature this term. I'm sure these could each be amended in one way or another. I intend to do just that. Of course, we could go the Tel Aviv way and further encourage open carry.

Contact me if you agree (or disagree) at 320-9524 or dave@sanbornhall.net if you want to talk or just have a cup of coffee.

Cheers!

Dave Testerman
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

Fisher (cats) and wild turkeys:
A saga from New Hampshire's past

Editor's note: Mr. Harrigan was traveling this week, and unable to submit a new column in time to meet our press deadline. The following North Country Notebook column was originally published on Nov. 22, 2018.

It is true, insofar as the

history-minded are concerned, that Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the national symbol to be not the eagle but the wild turkey. Well, sort of.

Leave it to Smithsonian Magazine to dig out the facts. What happened is that Franklin, shown a

mockup of the proposed Great Seal of the young United States, remarked that its bird looked more like a turkey than an eagle. This, combined with letters to his daughter, is how the turkey legend was born.

Here is part of what

Franklin wrote:

"I am not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle but looks more like a Turkey. For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad

moral Character."

Franklin went on to cite thievery of other birds' prey as chief among the eagle's bad habits. Also, he said, it is often loaded with lice, "generally poor" in health and appearance, and is an apparent cow-



ard, Franklin having once seen one driven off by a kingbird.

Besides, Franklin maintained, the turkey is a true native of North America. It is also a bird of great courage, he said, "and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards."

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As if in response to my bird remarks last week, my friend Richard L. from Bridgewater wrote: "Up on Bridgewater Hill, there are usually chickadees visiting feeders after the priest killing frost and first snow flurries. Didn't see them so far. Our Black-capped chickadees (Parus atricapillus) should be around, year-round in it's in their extensive range doing their acrobatics on feeders filled with sunflower seeds and suet. OK, it is not technically winter yet, but the mixed coniferous and deciduous forest should have plenty of hungry birds. By the way, no sightings of 'upside-down' White-breasted Nuthatches (Sitta carolinensis) either."

My wife and I enjoyed the Mark Twain presentation by Mike McKinley at the Minot-Sleeper Library last week. Mike really brings the famous writer and orator to life. A fun evening! There is always lots going on at our local library each month! Remember that Mondays feature Mah Jong from noon – 2 p.m. and Knot Only Knitters meet from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy these activities. Family Programs at MSL include the movie "Toy Story" on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m., and Children's Storytime on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m. with stretching, reading, crafts and a snack!

Another heads up: The 65th Annual Santa's Village will take place this year from Friday, Dec. 13 until Sunday, Dec. 15. A special open house will be held the day prior to the opening, Thursday, Dec. 12 for all contributors that donate money, materials and time to the Village. The Craft Fair will be held on the main floor of TTCC during the hours of the Village featuring over 25 craft booths to help you find that 'special' gift.

The TTCC will again be hosting the Annual 5K Jingle Mingle on Saturday, December 7th. This event raises funds for TTCC programs and scholarships and is a fun, family-oriented run/walk. It is always held the first Saturday in December and the last local opportunity to do a 5K in 2019. All abilities of runners and families are encouraged to participate. Upon return to the TTCC, hot soups, hot chocolate

and snacks for all participants as well as prize raffle will be available. Feel free to come dressed up for the holidays and get your jingle on! Youth basketball (from ages three to high school) registration is open. TTCC is looking for players, coaches and sponsors. The 'One Stop Christmas Shop for Kids,' an event providing an opportunity for children to do their Christmas shopping for family and friends all in one stop, will be held at the TTCC on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 29 from 4–7 p.m. Younger children will be assigned a helper that will be sure they get something for everyone on their list and keep them within their budget. Many different items for family, teachers and friends costing from 25 cents to \$6. All shoppers will leave with all presents wrapped and tagged!

The Day Away Program which is held each Thursday at the Simard Hall in the Our Lady of Grace Chapel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week, provides a respite for caregivers of loved ones with early dementia and Alzheimers. On Dec. 5, they are having their annual Christmas Open House from 2 – 4 p.m. with entertainment by "just because" to be held at Simard Hall, 2 West Shore Rd. in Bristol.

Stay warm, everyone and please look out for friends and neighbors who might need a hand during nasty weather.

Danbury

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South Danbury Church

Rev. Gail Kinney will lead Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church at 11 a.m. on Nov. 24. There will be refreshments and conversation afterward. All are wel-

come!

The church's eagerly-awaited Holiday Happy Hour is this Friday, Nov. 22, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stop by and warm up with a free cup of mulled cider or cocoa, and an apple donut. Learn about local businesses and their wares. While you're at the Happy Hour, take home some treasures from our collection of gently used cookbooks, to try out some new-to-you recipes for the holidays.

Enjoy flute music by Shideko Terai and Kathy Wright, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chat with author Mary Lyn Ray, who will be selling and signing her books for children. Browse the handmade crafts, holiday items and decorations, plus pies and baked goods. And stock up on a wide variety of delicious homemade meals to go.

Donations of homemade food, crafts, or holiday items will be gratefully accepted.

Their next special event is the church's "Christmas at South Danbury" program, on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. Save the date!

Danbury Winter Market

The next Danbury Winter Farmers' market will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will continue on the first Saturday through April. Shop at the market – in your own neck of the woods to make this year a Native NH holiday. Reminder to all Veterans—come to the market and get \$20 to spend with participating vendors. We have spaces left for our Dec. 7 market. For information, call Donna at 768-5579.

Hebron

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hebronnhnews@live.com

Friends of the Library to hold bake sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 23 from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hebron Library as the "Friends" offer a great selection of baked goods to benefit the Hebron Public Library.

New this year will be a chance to view and purchase a raffle ticket to win a great electric train set and surrounding village. The set will be on display on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the old Clerk's office next to the library until Dec. 14. Tickets for the train set raffle are \$5 for one and \$10.00 for three and are available on Saturdays at the Library.

For additional information contact the Library at 744-7998.

Train set information:

HO gauge train set, circa 1960s.

- > One working engine, second that may need some work, streetcar, switcher engine
- > Various other train equipment, assortment of cars.
- > Control panel
- > Some original boxes
- > Houses and other buildings
- > Lots of track
- > Heavy plywood base with attached track.
- > Raffle tickets available at the Hebron Library, regular hours. Demonstration of trains and raffle ticket sales every Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. from now till Dec. 14.

Raffle drawing 4 p.m. Dec. 14 at the library. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10.

Hebron Area Women's Group News

The Hebron Area Women's Group will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Hebron Congregational Church meeting room at noon. Our guest speaker is Kirk Phelps. His interesting program is about "Living Close to the Land." Our hostesses are Joan Matthews and Barbara Stevens. All area residents are welcome. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Bristol Food Pantry.

Bridgewater Turkey Trot Thursday, Nov. 28

Newfound Grocery & Country Store 408 Mayhew Turnpike Bridgewater is the place to be on Thanksgiving Day at 9 am as the Bridgewater Turkey Trot will be starting. You can pre-register starting on November 1st through the morning of the Trot or you can register the day of the Trot starting at 730 am. This year we will be raising money and or donations for the benefit of families from the Newfound Area. This charity helps provide clothing, gas cards, gift certificates and dinner boxes for local families. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the Trot any donation of \$250 or more your business name or logo will be included on over 200 Turkey Trot T-shirts. The deadline for that is November 8th. Any/All donations are accepted. Cash/Check/Gift Certificates or Raffle/Silent Auctions or anything that you can contribute! Please make checks out to Bridgewater Turkey Trot. This columnist did the Trot last year for the first time and had a great time despite the below zero weather and I am planning to do it again this year so hope to see you there!!!

Betsy Twombly Celebration of Life Nov. 30th

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Betsy:

Saturday, November 30, 2019
11 am
Hebron Congregational Church
on the green
Hebron, NH

Light refreshments following - thank you Hebron Area Women's Group

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Although I was already on the outdoor writing scene when New Hampshire received its first wild turkeys for restoration, and in my time have hunted just about all things legal, I never really got into hunting turkeys. This proved to be a wise move, because they are notoriously difficult to hunt. Wait, let me re-phrase that. They're easy enough to hunt, like anything else, but can be damned hard to get.

Yet hundreds of hunters in New Hampshire do just that each fall, and they take a few more in the spring Tom season. All the New England states now have permit-only hunting populations. And how the worm turns here: Hunters, through license and equipment fees, helped fund the restoration.

The restoration of turkeys is to me a not-so-minor miracle, and I feel lucky to have been alive and on the planet when this and many other old wildlife wrongs were righted. Just a quick look at the list gladdens the heart, and somehow makes all those chicken dinners and annual meetings and raffles and auctions worth it: moose, loon, Peregrine falcon, bald eagle, pine marten, even deer; even beaver (yes, beaver, which were almost trapped and developed to oblivion, whereas today every bit of New Hampshire's beaver habitat is full.)

To this already grand list, just to stir the pot a bit, let us add the lynx and the Eastern cougar (which I am by no means alone in thinking may have hung on in northern Maine, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, and is now regaining its ancestral range), and of course the wolf.

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Churches

Ashland Community Church

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Ashland Community Church is located at 55 Main St., on Route 3 in Ashland (across from Bob's Shurfine Market). Parking is available next to and behind the church.

Pastor: Ernie Madden
Worship Pastor: Aaron Stout
Phone: 968-9464
Email: accernie@hotmail.com
Website: ashlandcommunitychurch.com

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

Aug. 18 – September 15 Teaching Series: "I Love My Church!"

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.

Small groups: We also offer adult small groups that meet in various locations on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, for more information about our small groups program.

New Women's Ministry: A women's group will be starting this fall the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning October 2019.

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 here. You'll learn how to relate to God. You'll experience a Christian community. And here's the big thing – you will change. Join

us each week 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 968-9464 or accernie@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Bristol United Church of Christ ("the church on the hill")

We are handicapped accessible!

Our doors are always open wide to all those seeking to find a safe, but invigorating place for spiritual life, growth, fellowship and service. 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

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

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

Phone: 744-8132

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

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

Intergenerational services and Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. with announcements at 9:55 a.m.

NOTE: The church

offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday the 29th.

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

Extra Uke practice, for those who can make it, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. every Monday!

Bible Study at 7 p.m. Monday evenings.

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

Choir rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Morning Reflection is a wonderful spiritual and fulfilling experience that continues every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Andrew is now moderating the sessions until Don Sorrie returns in the spring. There is discussion throughout, by a lively and committed group! All are welcome!

Uke practice follows from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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 Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

T.E.A. Meetings are scheduled for every third Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. Location varies.

Special Events:
**NOTE: Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m.

Women's Fellowship has created a small library in the church which is up and running with a wonderful collection of spiritual and in-

spirational books. If you have any in good condition that you would like to donate, please leave them in a marked basket in Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget our Women's Fellowship annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. In Fellowship Hall at our church! We'll feature wreaths, swags, baked goods, crafts and gently used Holiday items! It's a great chance to buy a present or stocking stuffer for your favorite elf!

The November pot roast dinner was melt-in-your-mouth fabulous, as were the delicious desserts supplied by the Women's Fellowship. There will be no church supper in December, but they will resume on Jan. 11, and will feature a chowder supper.

The NANA Chair Yoga program will take place on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. through the month of November. Future dates will be forthcoming. Improves flexibility with simple movements while seated.

Ongoing: Bristol Community Services Food Pantry needs baked beans, spaghetti, tuna fish, peanut butter, instant potatoes, rice spaghetti sauce, soup and jelly.

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 twice a week on Mondays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays at 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for lessons and practice, and will be performing the second Sunday of each month during service at the B.U.C.C., unless otherwise noted. We will be performing next on Dec. 8 at our church that morning, and again that evening at the Bristol Baptist Church. We'll also be playing at Golden View Conv. Home in Meredith at 10 a.m. on Dec. 13. Watch for our future performance schedule!

B.U.C.C. cooperates with other churches and community organizations to serve the needs of all people who live near us. Our reach extends around the world through our work with other members of the United Church of Christ!

Christian Science Society, Plymouth

Our church will be holding a service on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m. in the church building at 7 Emerson St. in Plymouth. A special lesson will be read on the subject of Thanksgiving. This service includes time for those attending to express gratitude for blessings they have received. Our organist Robert Swift and our soloist Richard Moses will be providing music for this service.

Everyone is most welcome and we'd love to have you attend! Child care for little ones will be provided.

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

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays: 8 a.m. at Griswold Hall, 263 Highland St., Plymouth 9:30 a.m. St. Mark's Church, 18 Highland St., Ashland

Thursdays: 11 a.m., with healing prayers, St Mark's, Ashland (no service Nov. 28)

Special Thanksgiving Communion Service: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m., St Mark's Ashland. All welcome!

Blue Christmas: The Episcopal Church will offer a "Blue Christmas / Longest Night" service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at St. Mark's in Ashland. This will be a quiet, peaceful gathering for those who find holiday merriment out of sync with their souls this year.

Faith@Home

Our November focus will be on Psalm 23. Please be in touch with Deacon Maryan if you'd like to be a part of our second year of Faith@Home, which will start with an Advent kit. We will wait and prepare for Christmas all through December; lighting candles week by week.

Do you know of a household who might be on the "fringes of faith," who are curious about church, but not yet able or ready to attend a Sunday gathering? Or: Are you a parent or grandparent or neighbor who wants to grow more confident in your own ability to share and talk about following Jesus with the young people in your life? Our Faith@Home packets are a fun and inspiring way to learn and grow as Christians. Contact Deacon Maryan via the church office about being part of Faith@Home.

And coming in early January 2020: Our first Faith@Home Homecoming. This will be a chance for our scattered Faith@Home families to be together: to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi brought gifts to baby Jesus, to eat and play and pray together. Watch for a time, place, and date!

Help for the Holiday Blues

Support Groups: Have you lost someone you have cherished? Made a big move or change in job? Been laid off from your job? Ended a relationship or divorced? Suffered a physical, material, or financial disaster? Been caring for someone whose illness or disability is debilitating?

Pemi-Baker Community Health can help.

They are offering support groups at two convenient times on the SEE CHURCHES, PAGE A7

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Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alexandria	Cass Mill Road	N/A	\$17,000	Sharon A. Capasso	David C. and Nicole Atkinson
Alexandria	31 Church Hill Rd.	Mobile Home	\$47,533	William C. Counter	William F. Hibbard
Alexandria	89 Jacks Dr.	Multi-Family Residence	\$67,533	Anne D. White	Katherine Mary Davidson
Alexandria	334 Mount Cardigan Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$202,533	Michael R. Corliss	Zackery M. and Janessa M. McGraw
Alexandria	W. Shore Road, Lot 4	N/A	\$152,000	Robert H. and Kathleen Arnold	Raymond F. and Sue E. Medeiros
Alexandria	Welton Falls Road	N/A	\$118,000	Michael J. and Margaret L. Flanders	Leslie & R. Goumillot Fiscal Trust and Leslie E. Goumillot
Ashland	Riverbend Condo Unit 56	Condominium	\$133,000	Anthony R. Rusco	Charles H. Bradley
Ashland	N/A (Lot 13)	N/A	\$67,533	Kenneth Rydzewski and Darice Ciampa	Joseph Bartoszewicz
Bridgewater	52 Maple St. S.	Single-Family Residence	\$349,000	Benjamin F. and Kristen M. Sullivan	Scott D. and Ellen M. Carman
Bristol	50 Lake St.	Single-Family Residence	\$215,000	Matthew Berry	Collin Torrey
Bristol	Lakeside Road, Lot 12	N/A	\$217,000	Stephen J. McDermod and Christopher D. Sweeney	Amanda Curley
Bristol	94 Robieson Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$271,933	Christopher R. and Michelle C. Scimone	Jeffrey R. and Barbara J. Johndro
Campton	140 Hodgeman Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$255,000	Hill Villa LLC	Stephanie A. Kiernan
Campton	31 NH Route 175	Mobile Home	\$100,000	Renee Lefevre and Ruth F. Creek	Rosemary Olsen
Campton	254 NH Route 175	Single-Family Residence	\$157,266	Bonnie Mardin	Tamara Mann
Campton	912 NH Route 175	Single-Family Residence	\$206,000	Sharon E. Charron	Amy E. McCarthy
Campton	31 Ryder Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$255,000	Patricia Field	Nancy A. and Scott B. Trudeau
Groton	N/A (Lot 9)	N/A	\$115,000	Paul A. Morrison	James and Tammy Wetherbee
Hebron	41 Butternut Ridge	Single-Family Residence	\$420,000	Wayne and Sherry Gray	Thomas A. and Kathleen M. Tawa
Hebron	76 Groton Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$265,000	Janice M. Chase Estate and Norman C. Willey	Karen Corliss
Hebron	N/A (Lot 50)	N/A	\$115,000	Richard and Betty Merrill	Kevin G. Wurtz
Holderness	Huckins Hill Road	N/A	\$144,800	Beverly A. Smith RET	Valenti Fiscal Trust and Francis J. Valenti
Holderness	N/A (Lot 12)	N/A	\$585,000	Anne H. Knight RET	Pookie Property Holdings LLC]
New Hampton	Waukewan Road	Residential Developed Land	\$60,000	Tamsan B. Tharin	Cathy W. and Barry A. Hoeg
New Hampton	N/A	N/A	\$450,000	Winona Fiscal Trust and John P. Baird	Alexander L. Ray 1999 RET
Plymouth	Highland Street	N/A	\$146,000	Mary J. Chase	Maheshwar Srivastava
Plymouth	Old Hebron Road	N/A	\$315,000	Pamela A. Martin Trust	James and Lynn Davis
Rumney	239 Rumney Route 25	Single-Family Residence	\$42,000	MTGLQ Investors LP	Yvonne Downes
Rumney	1686 Stinson Lake Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$160,000	Julie Grippo	Elizabeth S. Pantzaelos
Rumney	N/A (Lot 6)	N/A	\$130,000	Ann Katan and John B. Holz	Scott Gilroy and Donna C. Thomas
Thornton	Mountain River East Condo Unit 11e	Condominium	\$86,000	Harry T. and Donna M. Shamberger	Joan M. Allen
Thornton	129 Snowwood Dr., Unit B3	Condominium	\$140,000	John W. Dalton	James Callahan
Waterville Valley	53 Boulder Path Rd., Unit 1	Condominium	\$465,000	Thomas M. and Linda I. Petrocine	Sarah V. Radwan
Waterville Valley	42 Forest Knoll Way, Unit G2	Condominium	\$285,000	William C. and Gloria L. Kelsey	John P. and Rosemary L. Crean
Waterville Valley	Route 49, Lot 1	N/A	\$210,000	James R. and Donna R. Bates	Christopher M. and Elizabeth S. Mayer
Waterville Valley	14 Tripyramid Way, Unit 18	Condominium	\$218,000	Pemi Development LLC	Alan Sawicki
Waterville Valley	21 Tripyramid Way, Unit 20	Condominium	\$175,000	Robert M. & C.H. Ogara RET and Carissa H. Ogara	Ryan C. Osterlind
Wentworth	511 N. Dorchester Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$108,000	David R. Bourgoin Estate and Trent M. Bourgoin	Troy A. Witham
Wentworth	32 Nh Route 25a	Single-Family Residence	\$118,533	Christine Stymus and Amy J. Downing	Bettina N. Simpson

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Churches

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following Mondays: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and Jan. 6.

Daytime afternoon group: 12:30-2 p.m., Grady Conference Room, Speare Memorial Hospital, 16 Hospital Rd, Plymouth.

Early evening group: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Main Conference Room, Pemi-Baker Community Health, 101 Boulder Point Dr., Suite 3, Plymouth. No fee for attendance. Groups are facilitated by Guy Tillson, MDiv, MA, Bereavement Counselor. Call for more information: 536-2232, ext. 206.

Consider attending the "Blue Christmas / Longest Night" service: 3 p.m., St Mark's Ashland, Sunday, Dec. 22.

Ashland Community Breakfasts return in January 2020

The Community Breakfast at Sherrill Hall in Ashland takes a break over the holidays; no gathering in November or December. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 (the fourth Saturday of the month) from 8-9 am. Join in the fun, food, and fellowship; bring (or make!) a friend at the table.

Quilters to gather twice in November

The Quilting Group meets again Friday, Nov. 22 in Griswold Hall, 263 Highland St, Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members and non-members of Holy Spirit & St. Mark's are most welcome to connect with this group, whose work is partially funded by Holy Spirit & St. Mark's outreach gifts.

On Monday, Nov. 25, the group will gather to distribute finished quilts. Meet at Griswold Hall to carpool, pass out quilts, and then have lunch.

Office Hours at 263

Highland St., Plymouth

Office hours in Plymouth are by appointment. Phone/voicemail: 536-1321. Please email or leave a voicemail and we will return your call.

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The Rev. Maryan Davis, Deacon

Plymouth Congregational UCC

Save the date

Coffee House – Our Speaker will be Marcia Morris, Program Coordinator of the Caring Campus Coalition at PSU. She will update us on the work of the "Campus Ministry" which our church helps support. Please join us on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food to share if you can. Everyone is welcome ~ bring a friend.

Guest Preachers – Please welcome our guest Preachers for the upcoming weeks. Rev. Bob Feeny will celebrate service with on Sunday, Nov. 24 and Rev. Gordon Rankin will be here on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Mission News – We will be collecting items for the organization, Voices Against Violence in Plymouth. Please bring items and put them into the laundry basket near the choir area. The wish list includes toilet paper, large trash bags, kitchen size trash bags, gas cards, laundry and dish detergent.

Prayer Requests

Rev. Bret Myers receives prayer requests at revbmyers@yahoo.com.

com.

Live-Streamed and More! Don't miss a thing. Sunday Worship services are live streamed on Facebook every Sunday. "Like" the church Facebook page and you will receive notifications when the weekly service goes live! Missed something? You can find it on the Facebook, "Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Plymouth NH." Scroll down to the date of the service or program you missed. It is all there! You will also find current information about upcoming church events and a few posts to make you laugh.

Feeding Our Children Together

We provide 3,000 calories to food insecure children in the Head Start Program and to Plymouth Elementary School during the academic year. Every Friday, grocery bags are delivered to the children so that they will have enough to eat over the weekend. If you would like to find out more on how you can help packing, delivering, or shopping for Feeding Our Children

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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Term or not



BY MARK PATTERSON

Buy term and invest the rest, was a slogan that became popular in the late '70's by a company that advocated buying term insurance that was much less expensive than whole life, the premise was to invest the difference in mutual funds. You will hear the same thing today advocated by radio and TV "financial gurus" that apparently believe that everyone is in the same situation with the same needs throughout their entire audience. Having been in this business of managing assets for 24 years; I can assure you that everyone has very different wants and needs.

First off, let me be clear that I believe most people should have some form of life insurance, whether it be an inexpensive term policy for basic coverage or an indexed universal

life policy that can serve several purposes beyond a death benefit for your beneficiaries. If you have a very limited budget, but want to make sure your spouse and children are covered in the event of your death, by all means seek out a low cost level term policy that will cover a specific period that you or your advisor determine.

What I have been experiencing from clients request lately is a return to a more permanent life

policy that builds cash value. There are several compelling scenarios that seem to be cropping up quite regular. The first scenario is one that I believe is related to an aging population. Many people bought a 20 year term policy in their 30's or 40's thinking that their families would be grown and not need insurance any longer; but have found out that not having insurance at 55 or 60 years old is not an option and to obtain

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Share Your Bounty with Family

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday –Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other. As you gather with your loved ones this year, perhaps you can think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

- Make appropriate gifts. If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This

account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

- Develop – and communicate – your estate plans. While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, you may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your children if something happens to you, how you want to be

treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements – last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.

- Solicit suggestions for charitable giving. Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirit of Thanksgiving. And you can make

it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative – and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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Grandparents

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and social media to deal with, along with all the other trials and tribulations young girls face in today's world that were unheard of 20 or 30 years ago.

Jan is 57 and retired due to a disability, but she now has another fulltime job caring for her grandchildren. Holding up a calendar she keeps, each day is filled with doctor appointments, eye exams, counseling, school events and other extracurricular activities the three are involved in.

"It's been crazy. All my friends just walked away, but then I met Donna," she said.

Donna understands what Jan is going through, since she, too, lost most of her friends when she took her grandchildren in to her home.

"None of them have kids at home, so they go out for dinner and all kinds of things that I just can't do now," she said.

Becoming friends, the two went out in search of resources that would help them cope with their new lifestyles, but found nothing in the Newfound area. Traveling to Concord or even Plymouth for support groups was out of the question since they just don't have the time. Their solution was to reach out to find others in the area who are in the same situation and are willing to share ideas, seek solutions and even let their pent-up emotions and frustrations out every now and then.

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employees visited every police, fire and EMS office in their service area to present appreciation packages, including t shirts, plaques, cookies, and a gift certificate for lunch. Over the summer, each Bank branch held a special customer appreciation ice cream social.

"I'm honored and absolutely humbled by this recognition," said Wyman. "It's especially significant because the award occurs during our 150th anniversary year. I am grateful for our employees' tireless efforts to serve others, specifically, the bank's 150th celebration committee led by Debbie Irwin, AVP, Marketing Programs Officer. I could not be prouder of our employees for all they've done to improve Meredith – now and over the last 150 years!"

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Joining them last week were Suzanne, who is raising her nine-year-old granddaughter, and Paula, a great-grandmother who now has her three-year-old great-grandson to care for, as well as her husband, who has some medical challenges of his own.

"I keep thinking, why did I let this happen to me?" Paula said. "I think I need to heal myself first."

In fact, many of the grandmothers raising a second family feel guilty that they may have let their children down in some way that led them to substance abuse. Jan and Donna are quick to point out, however, that that is not the case. Adults, they say, should be held responsible for their own decisions.

"Some people are embarrassed about it, but there's no shame in the fact that your kids got into drugs. That is not your fault," Donna said.

Coming to realize the truth in those words does not make the burden of starting over again as a parent in what should be one's retirement years any easier, though. Paula said people tried to encourage her to let the state care for her great-grandson, but she couldn't let that happen. She'll be 80 when he graduates high school, but she insists that he have a loving home to grow up in and doesn't regret her decision to become his guardian.

Jan gave up her retirement plans and any hopes of traveling when she had to take her grandchildren in. In fact, many like her

have lost much, if not all, of their retirement savings — anything that might have been tucked away has been re-dedicated to caring for their young wards.

"You also lose your quiet home, your privacy and even a good meal. It seems I always have to hurry through a quick dinner to get the kids somewhere or make sure they get their homework done," said Jan. "But, really, that's okay because they're all doing good, and that's what counts!"

Suanne found another struggle grandparents face is all the paperwork involved in raising their grandchildren.

"Every year, you even have to file for guardianship all over again," she explained.

And late paperwork for any medical programs or financial support could mean an immediate loss of benefits until everything is filed all over again.

Perhaps worst of all, though, is the emotional impact on the children themselves. Suzanne said her granddaughter was upset when she was told to take some papers home to her parents and wasn't sure what to do because she no longer lives with them. She often asks why she doesn't live with her mother, and Suzanne has to explain that her mom is sick, and can't take care of her right now.

Jan noted that when grandparents are compelled to step in and

raise their grandchildren, they are robbed of the chance to just have fun spoiling them on visits, but she's come to realize there are rewards in raising them, as well.

"In the end, I'm the one who gets the good stuff. I'm the one who gets all the hugs and kisses, and is there for all the experiences their parents are missing out on," she said.

Having met each other, the women have since shared advice and modern day parenting tips they've discovered along with ideas on how to entertain the children for little or no cost. All four said it's also been a big help to just get out for an hour or so to talk with other adults who understand. And that is why they have formed "Grammies."

"Since there's no support group nearby for grandparents like us we decided we'd just start one ourselves," said Donna.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 14, they will be holding their monthly "Grammies" get-togethers at 10 a.m. in Minot-Sleeper Library, and hope others who find themselves in similar circumstances will join them. Other dates that have been confirmed so far are Jan. 11, Feb. 15 and March 21. The gatherings will be informal and all are welcome to attend any or all of their scheduled dates where they can relax, share ideas, frustrations, and maybe even make new friends.

Wonderful Life


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hopes will be his last, yet there is hope in the person – make that angel – Clarence. Clarence only needs to turn George away from despair and instill in him a true spirit of the holiday in order to earn his wings, something that seems unlikely as the story begins one Christmas eve.


The radio play performers assume multiple roles in this stage adaptation of the classic film, presenting what radio players of the '40s and '50s would have done to air the popular dramas and comedies of their time. Audiences will get to see what radio listeners didn't: sound effects, actors changing characters as quickly as voices, and the true

ensemble of performances that make up good storytelling like this. Cast includes: Renee Bossert-Mitchell, Steven Carlson, Steve Copithorne, Jim Gocha, Maggie Godsoe, Pat Kelly, Gail Ledger, Santi McCullough, Jackson Mitchell, Rick Morten, Kayla Pingree, John Piquado, Lena Rathgeber, and Justin Sebastyan.


Performances at 7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 22 and 23, at The Winnepesaukee Playhouse in Meredith. Tickets online at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org or by phone at 279-0333; and the box office opens an hour prior to performances for last-minute ticket purchases. All tickets \$15 per person for this community theatre production sponsored by The Schrader Family.



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another 20 year policy has become very expensive. They realize that a permanent policy years ago would have been a much better choice and they would have cash value that they could borrow tax free from their policy. They have more assets to invest so they buy it now so not to run out the term again.

Some retirees are using their required minimum distributions from their retirement accounts to fund policies for their kids or grandkids

Many people born after 1960 are really concerned about social security, and they probably should be. The indexed universal life policies of today typically have cash accumulation option that allows for tax free loans that do not have to be paid back. Many people are using these cash accumulators as a means of retirement income. The government will do something in the form of higher taxes and or reduced benefits for those who

have acquired what they will deem as adequate savings. Social security was designed to be a supplement to income, but it has morphed into much more for many that did not plan for retirement.

To summarize; if term is all you can really afford, do it! But if you have extra income that you think you could allocate towards a more permanent policy, I would encourage you to speak with your advisor on the possible benefits of spending more now for the future and diversifying your tax obligation in the future. Life insurance is an asset class of its own and some of the Indexed universal life policies have internal rates of return that compete with investments that have much more volatility and down-side risks. Do your homework and compare policies.

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Strategies

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ask their students not to cheat, but cannot tell them why it is wrong. Parents ask their children to refrain from pre-marital sex. But why? Because you might generate an unwanted pregnancy? But if the student's only interest is in getting a good grade, and if the child does not fear the consequences of immoral behavior, he has no reason to follow traditional moral codes.

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Greetings from Restoration Church Plymouth, located at 319 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you do not have a home church we invite you to come and join our warm and friendly family here at Restoration Church.

Notebook

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So okay, our already larger Eastern coyote is demonstrably morphing into a timber wolf, able to hunt in packs and all. Still, one sort of hopes that the Old Boy will somehow show up, and, you know, howl in silhouette on the horizon or something equally poignant. Think: Wolf as “All-Things-Wild” Poster Child. And then think: How come we treat close-cousin coyotes like rats at the dump?

Please feel free to contact us at hello@restorationchurch.cc. Our church phone number is still the same, 536-1966. Our schedule has changed to the following:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and Third Monday of the Month Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month 6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, we officially launched as Restoration Church Plymouth. More details about this service will be included in the next article. We also started a new series entitled, Stories. We will be continuing this series this week as well. We have our own worship team during our services in our auditorium and

then we watch as a Pastor Nate Gagne preaches via video during our service.

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Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes, Worship Leader

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There are many refreshingly odd things about New Hampshire’s turkey story, not the least of them being Mr. Turkey Man himself, Ted Walski, who for most of the turkey project’s life has worked out of Fish and Game’s southwestern regional office.

Ted never gave up, despite two failed reintroduction attempts in the southeast during the early ‘70s, and finally persevered, tirelessly live-netting and transplanting until turkeys attained a

solid foothold across the Southern Tier. This set the stage for their rapid expansion into the entire state, even into the far northern reaches of the Connecticut Lakes and Hall’s, Indian, and Perry streams.

Another odd thing, one that many people don’t know about--and why would they?--is that New Hampshire obtained its first batch of turkeys in a trade with West Virginia for fisher (cats), which they once had and wanted back.

Finger-waggers, please go away. I’m fully aware that fishers technically and otherwise have absolutely nothing to do with cats, other than most fishers being about the size of a big housecat, and sleek and cat-like in the way they move, and having even been known, according to Wobanaki legend and lore, to catch fish, this undoubtedly occurring at the head of tiny little streamlets here and there in the high country. I mean, can’t we just envision it, a fisher (cat) sitting there on its haunches, ready to pounce as soon as it can spot a fin, while the mists and fairies and (for all we know) selkies swirl

around?

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We are getting way off track here.

In my book, hunters should eat what they shoot or should not hunt, and I am happy beyond words when I can come home with a couple of partridges (in some loftier quarters, grouse) and eat them for supper.

Ergo, turkey hunters are always saying with a straight face that they eat what they kill, and the print media are always full of the latest recipes on how to cook wild turkey so it doesn’t come out tasting like a spare tire.

I’ve been to more than my share of annual meetings and club banquets and game dinners, and woe betide the man who says that wild turkey cannot be cooked into something close to toothsome. And in fact and fairness, I’ve had some far beyond.

Some of you out there are no doubt featuring, as the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving table, a wild New Hampshire turkey. Eat with gusto, says I, and then maybe go out for a drive along the river, where (thanks be) you’ll have a pretty good chance of seeing a bald eagle.

(This column runs in a dozen newspapers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, are welcome via campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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Monkey

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child of producer Ric Blair. Mr. Blair reigns as one the country's most respected purveyors of Celtic music. He credits the popularity of the Christmas With The Celts concerts and the ensuing PBS-TV special to his unique blend of modern Christmas standards and sounds with the spirit and sounds of Celtic roots.

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Running to new heights

Middle school Bears capture state championship

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LONDONDERRY — It took a total team effort but that's exactly what happened, allowing the Newfound Memorial Middle School cross country girls to claim the small school state championship in mid-October in Londonderry.

Newfound placed its top three girls inside the top 20 and all five scorers inside the top 40 in the two-mile race, picking up 87 points to win the title over Deerfield Community School (104 points) and Plymouth (106 points).

Coach Ken Cutting noted that the team features runners from three local prominent running families as well as other runners who had parents who



COURTESY PHOTO

The Newfound Memorial Middle School girls won the small school cross country state championship last month.

Elite Hockey Camps coming to New Hampton

NEW HAMPTON — New Hampton School is pleased to announce a new collaboration with Elite Hockey Camps that will bring 600+ youth nationwide to campus for five weeks of programming each summer. The campus and location offer new opportunities for the program, and New Hampton School is excited to share the school and state-of-the-art ice arena with youth from across the country.

Founded by longtime Dartmouth College coach George Crowe and previously hosted at Dartmouth and Norwich University, the camp sought a new location more accessible to participants and with nearby attractions for summer recreating such as those in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. In addition, New Hampton School's ice arena, fitness facilities, residential spaces and dining services needed to host the program are on par with the camp's high-caliber reputation.

"We are really excited about this new location. Jacobson Arena is beautiful and the comfortable, residential campus will be a great space for our campers both young and old. New Hampton has long been recognized for a strong athletic tradition and it quickly became an obvious choice for the next evolution of our program," says Executive Director Patti Crowe. "In addition, we're thrilled to have many of their experienced faculty join us for our summer

program."

In 2016, New Hampton School opened Jacobson Arena as the new home for its hockey programs. Jacobson is a contemporary, fully enclosed and temperature regulated hockey facility. The arena includes men's and women's locker rooms, a warming area and lobby overlooking the ice, and seating for 120 spectators. The space has already helped the team excel to new levels including the women's NEPSAC championship led by Olympic athlete Cayla Barnes in 2017.

"This is a great partnership for New Hampton," says Head of School Joe Williams. "With the completion of Jacobson Arena, our campus is well-suited to host a program like this, and it is a wonderful opportunity for our faculty and staff to assist programming on the ice, in the fitness center, and in the residences. It's great visibility for our school, and we welcome the opportunity to share New Hampton with others."

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ran cross country and continue to instill good fitness values and work ethic in their kids.

"That being said, all of our runners that come to practice with focus, commitment and positivity and who consistently work hard are just as critical to our success as a team," Cutting said. "I'm sure many of them will go on to build their own bloodlines, growing the circle."

Cutting pointed out that one thing that really stood out to him about this season is the competition, the level of which has continued to increase over the years.

"All of our Lakes Region teams have grown increasingly competitive over the last several years," he said, noting the 2017 season saw Newfound finish as the runners-up to Deerfield and Plymouth and Newfound have developed a great rivalry, with the girls' teams tying at least four times over the last three years.

Cutting pointed out that one of the biggest challenges of this year's team was bringing together a fairly

young team with a diverse group of personalities. He believes the team had students from each of the regional school district towns, many who were coming together for the first time at NMMS.

But despite the success the team has enjoyed over the last few years, recruiting runners can be a difficult task, he noted, citing the popularity of other fall sports but also the difficulty of the challenge that is cross country.

That being said, the Newfound numbers have increased slowly over the last five years.

"Even with a rich running history here and home of the New Hampshire Marathon, the sport is sadly viewed as lesser by many despite its world wide esteem and popularity," Cutting stated, noting that the runners will sometimes hear disappointing remarks about their sport. "Obviously we block out that negativity and stay focused on enjoying what we do and keep working to achieve our goals."

Cutting also cited the support of the coaches from the oth-

er teams as a true indication about what the running family does for each other. He singled out Kevin Greenler at Plymouth and Tim and Kim Livingston at Kennett, but noted the entire local coaching community has been fantastic in his years at the helm of the young Bears.

"We couldn't do any of this without them and we have so much respect and camaraderie between us all that really speaks to the heart of the sport."

Cutting also thanked his coach, Steve Enman of Berlin, noting his team makes every effort to travel north to compete in the middle school race there named in his honor

"I wouldn't be here doing this if weren't for him and I just give all the credit to him," Cutting said.

The Newfound coach also praised the help of his parents, who have both battled cancer and showed him the definition of tough.

In the team race, Leah Caron ran to third place overall in 13:31 with Ceili Irving finishing in 13:44 for fifth place.

Addison Alpers was third for Newfound in 14:44 and Reece Cutting placed 24th in 15:01. Josie Halle rounded out the scoring for Newfound in 15:32 for 40th place.

Other Bears in the team race included Zoe North in 56th place in 16:15 and Sophia Westman in 74th place in 17:14.

The Bears also had girls in the non-scoring team race, with Emerald Biggs in 74th place in 16:53, Jordan Edwards in 109th place in 17:55, Mika Austin in 119th place in 18:29, Addyson Carlson in 161st place in 24:14 and Kaylee Fournier in 24:23.

The Newfound boys finished in 11th place overall in their race.

David Caron led the Bears in 38th place in 13:55, Josiah Caron was 55th in a time of 14:20, Robert Jarvis was 56th in 14:21, Andrew Sullivan was 91st in 15:14, Kelton Austin finished in 15:45 for 101st place and Caleb Anair was 108th in 16:04.

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DERRY — On Nov. 12, the Plymouth Regional varsity cheerleaders competed at their state meet at Pinkerton Academy. They spent their season preparing for this competition and worked together to put on a flawless routine. They proudly earned third in the state out of 14 competing teams. They were .2 points behind the state runner-up. Proudly leading this team were captains Jillian Benoit, Lindsey Betts, Jared Morrison and Morgan Kingsbury.

"We could not have been more proud of their performance on the mat," said head coach Danee Morrison. "They did not just perform a routine, they worked together as a team and represented our community with pride. They displayed character and went above and beyond."

The cheerleaders are coached by Morrison and Julia Silvia.

"We are grateful to continue to support a co-ed program and want to continue that tradition in Plymouth. Cheer is a sport for all, displaying athletic skills such as stunting, tumbling, jumps, and motions," said coaches Morrison and Silvia. "We are excited to continue our program and support our football team at the same time."

The cheerleaders and coaches are grateful for all the support that the community provides. They would like to thank Mr. Parsons, Mr. Carey and Mr. Halloran for always supporting the program. Special thanks to Paul Ferenc for stepping in and also being such a support system during championships. Thanks to the cheer families for their endless support with help, food, and time. Huge thank you to Top Gun Gymnastics Academy and coaches Carrie Kiley and Shea Desrosiers for welcoming the team in their beautiful facility and endless amounts of support. All of the veteran cheerleaders and families that are always supporting including the Petryckis, Cranes and Wells families. Huge thanks to Tristan Amburg, Eli Montoya and Royalty Elite for also helping the team with rebuilding and routine development and support.

Coach Morrison states, "Team growth and success take a village. Plymouth cheer is grateful for our people and the experience that sports provides



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The Plymouth cheerleaders came through with a third place finish at the state championships.

for our athletes, our children. Most importantly is the strong community that it provides for them to always come home to in the future. Thanks again everyone."

JETS program back at Waterville Valley

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Waterville Valley JETS is preparing for another year of snowsports fun and learning for local school kids. This program is offered through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. JETS is dedicated to encouraging area youths to participate in alpine skiing and snowboarding at an affordable price. It is open to kids in grades one through eight attending SAU 48 schools in Campton, Thornton, Holderness, Plymouth, Wentworth, Rumney, Ashland or Waterville Valley. The goal of the program is

to provide strong fundamental snowsports skills in a safe environment while having fun in winter. It provides all day supervision as well as the opportunity for improvement with coaches from the Waterville Valley Snowsports department. This program has been very successful since 1993 with many of its participants graduating from novice to more advanced skiing, racing, snowboarding and even ski teaching, thanks to the support of the Waterville Valley Resort. If your child wants to be active in winter

sports this is the program for you! JETS will run on weekends from Jan. 4 through to March 28, including weekdays during New Hampshire school vacation week, with a break on the weekends of Feb. 15/16 and Feb. 22/23. Parent involvement and participation is encouraged and welcomed. Adult chaperones receive a free ski pass on each day they chaperone with the JETS. The cost of the program includes the SAU 48 ski pass and daily instruction for \$259 for the season. This year, the JETS program has

some limited sponsorship money available. E-mail or call for a JETS Foundation sponsorship application if you are interested. Registration and payment for the program are due by Dec. 1. For more information, write to JETS, Waterville Valley Resort, P.O. Box 540, Waterville Valley, N.H. 03215. Or you can call 236-8311, ext. 3135 or ext. 5010. Leave your name and number and someone will get back to you with more information. You can also send an e-mail with your questions to wvjets@gmail.com.

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PLYMOUTH — It's safe to say that the Plymouth football team was a bit surprised to be hosting a home game in the Division II semifinals.

But it's also safe to say that the Bobcats, as the three-time defending champions, truly believed they would end the season in the Division II finals.

The sixth-seeded Bobcats held off a strong seventh-seeded Alvirne squad in a rematch of last year's championship game on a chilly afternoon on George Zoulias Field, the 14-7 win giving Plymouth its fourth-straight trip to the championship game.

"There's no better place to play playoff football than Zoulias Field," said Plymouth coach Chris Sanborn. "Now we know we're going to the championship. We don't care who we play, we're going to show up and play."

As it turns out, it won't be top-seeded Bow that the Bobcats see in the finals, as fifth-seeded Hollis-Brookline upset the Falcons in the other semifinal game, setting up the championship game between the fifth and sixth seeds.

"Clearly we're the underdog no matter who we play," Sanborn said with a smile.

Things didn't come easy for the Bobcats, but as has been the case for much of the season, they hung on and made big plays when they needed to.

Plymouth got the first possession of the game but could not get a first down and punted away. The defense then held tight as well, keeping the Broncos from reaching a first down.

The second drive was much more successful for Plymouth, as Joe D'Ambruoso, Joe Cleary, Robert Oliver and quarterback Cody Bannon carried the ball. Bannon converted a fourth and seven with 3:10 to go in the quarter to get the ball inside the 20-yard line.

Three plays later, Oliver barreled in from 12 yards out with 49 seconds to go in the quarter. Pete Wingsted's extra point was good and Plymouth had the 7-0 lead.

Big defensive stops from Joe Thorne, JC Gaumer and Ian Tryder closed out the first quarter and Thorne made another big stop in the backfield to start the second quarter, eventually forcing the Broncos to punt.

Oliver, Cleary, D'Ambruoso and Bannon needed just four carries to get the ball to the nine-yard line and then Bannon raced to the outside, tucking himself inside the py-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cole Johnston (44), Joe D'Ambruoso (19) and Cody Bannon (11) celebrate as time ticks off the clock in Plymouth's semifinal win.



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Cody Bannon (left) and Cole Johnston make a huge defensive stop on fourth down in the red zone in semifinal action.



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Robert Oliver looks ahead as he tries to escape the grasp of an Alvirne defender.



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Joe Cleary races the ball up the field in action Saturday afternoon in the Division II semifinals.

lon with 8:53 to go in the first half. Wingsted again delivered the extra point and Ply-

outh had a 14-0 lead. The next Alvirne drive lasted just three plays as Bannon

picked off a Bronco pass to give Plymouth the ball back. The Bobcats were unable to

capitalize however, as D'Ambruoso was stuffed on fourth and three and Alvirne got

the ball back.

The Broncos proceeded to eat up the rest of the second quarter clock, running the ball down the field 68 yards, eventually scoring on a touchdown pass on fourth and six with less than 10 seconds to go in the half, cutting the lead to 14-7 at the halftime break.

Alvirne got the ball to start the third quarter and despite a couple of nice defensive stops from Cale Swanson, D'Ambruoso and Sean Griffiths, the Broncos moved the ball down the field. They converted a fourth and two and got the ball down to the 10 yard line. Tryder came through with a huge sack to move the ball back four yards but a pass moved the Broncos to the seven. A run got them to the five for fourth and goal at the five. The Broncos completed a screen pass but Cole Johnston and Bannon came up with a huge defensive open field stop, giving Plymouth the ball back.

"That was the play of the game," Sanborn said afterwards.

D'Ambruoso got a quick first down on the next Plymouth drive but the Bobcats were forced to punt the ball away and Alvirne took over as the third quarter drew to a close.

The fourth quarter opened with a sack by D'Ambruoso and a big defensive stop from Jacob Duquette and D'Ambruoso, forcing the Broncos to punt.

D'Ambruoso made three quick carries on the ground for a first down and then Bannon hit Cleary with a screen pass that the senior back broke free to get across midfield. However, the drive stalled there and Alvirne took over again.

The Broncos moved the ball on short passes, including a conversion on fourth and three and then another on fourth and 10 with 2:15 to go. However, on fourth and 10 with 1:37 to go, the pass was incomplete and Plymouth got the ball back. D'Ambruoso carried for seven yards on the first play and two plays later, got the first down that sealed the 14-7 win for Plymouth.

"We don't do anything easy," said Sanborn. "But we took a lot of time off the clock."

"That's what happens when you grind the ball, that kept them off the field," the Bobcat coach said. "That was the key."

After what was a fairly slow start to the season at 2-2, the Bobcats finished with five consecutive wins to close the regular season and then upset Pelham in the opening round of the tournament. Sanborn looked back to his team's loss



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Locals earn field hockey All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the high school field hockey season concluding, the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association has announced its postseason honors and there were some local athletes earning spots on the list.

In Division II, Kennett’s Eva Drummond and Josie Phaneuf, Kingswood’s Abby Kelly and Plymouth’s Hannah Olmstead all earned First Team All-State honors.

Second Team honors for Division II went to Kennett’s Natalie Shaw, Kingswood’s Quinn Meserve and Savannah Thomas and Plymouth’s Molly Edmark and Olivia Eastman.

Also earning First Team honors were Bow’s Elizabeth Guer-

tin and Emma Hilton, Derryfield’s Lindsey Stagg and Charlotte Gleichauf, Goffstown’s Shannon Gifford and Makayla Strickulis, Hanover’s Katherine Blaisdell and Macy Curtis, Hollis-Brookline’s Faith Diste-fano, John Stark’s Olivia Desainde and Elizabeth Aubin, Mer-rimack Valley’s Reilly Swislosky and Molly McLaughlin, Milford’s Sophia Renda, Oyster River’s Laura Dreher, Pelham’s Abby Bevins and Abbie Patchen, Pembroke’s Alison Corriveau, Portsmouth’s Victoria Watson, Sanborn’s Isabelle Giles and Mar-ianna D’Amelio and Souhegan’s Cari Mas-tergeorge and Avery Karavas.

Second Team hon-ors went to Amelia Coe of Bow, Bella Materese of Derryfield, Grace

Taylor of Goffstown, Miranda Galbraith of Hanover, Emelia Mulligan and Del-aney Weimer of Hol-lis-Brookline, Gracie Bolduc of John Stark, Lauren McLaughlin of Merrimack Valley, Sydney Kolasinski and Caroline Bou-dreau of Milford, Leah Manning and Cameron Jester of Oyster River, Madi Robito of Pel-ham, Lauren Lehoullier and Alex Bonacorsi of Pembroke, Olivia Hammer and Julian-na Hillman of Ports-mouth, Krystiana Ste-fanile of Sanborn and Elle Byram of Souhe-gan.

Offensive Player of the Year went to Der-ryfield’s Lindsey Stagg and Defensive Player of the Year to Ella Ed-monds of Hanover. Jen Colgan of Merrimack Valley was named Coach of the Year.

In Division III, Newfound’s Caroline Marchand and Haley Dukette both earned First Team honors and Tiffany Doan earned Second Team honors.

Joining Marchand and Dukette with First Team honors are Kae-lyn Blais and Madi Cordwell of Berlin, Ashlyn Toupin and Libbey Hicks of Bish-op Brady, Elizabeth Gonye and Tegan Kir-by of Conant, Emma LaPierre of Franklin, Randy Byars and Lau-rel Gingrich of Gilford, Avery Barrett and Kate Bouchard of Hop-kinton, Sierra Keets and Lydia Tucker of Laconia, Syndey Bro-chu and Syndey Gon-yea of Lebanon, Em-ily Tholl of Littleton, Alannah Johnson and Emma Knisley of Ma-scenic, Amelia Wilson and Michaela Dowd of Mascoma, Carly

Ayotte of Monadnock, Eliza Bates and Mad-die Miller of Newport, Olivia Kimball of St. Thomas, Clara Avery and Brianna Frisbee of Stevens and Aviara Challinor of White Mountains.

Joining Doan on Second Team are Oliv-ia Boucher of Berlin, Kathryn Weed of Bish-op Brady, Mackenzie Anderson and Natalie Tremblay of ConVal, Emily Muilenberg of Conant, Jada LaPi-erre and Elizabeth Guillotte of Franklin, Taryn Fountain of Gil-ford, Katie Meserve of Hopkinton, Maci How-land of Laconia, Mol-ly Smith of Lebanon, Mackenzie Allaire of Littleton, Kailyn Matson of Mascenic,

Mackenzie Labrie of Mascoma, Caitlin Stea-rns and Carly Bernard of Monadnock, Kelsey Wheeler of Newport, Brooke Chander of St. Thomas, Fallon Lavertue of Stevens and Amber Gillespie of White Mountains.

Avery Barrett of Hopkinton was named Offensive Player of the Year and Randi Byars of Gilford was named Defensive Player of the Year. Steve Chris-tensen of Newport and Kelly Owen of Bishop Brady were named Di- vision III Co-Coaches of the Year.

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Time to call it quits (for one job anyway)

For the past couple of years, I’ve been working a second job four nights a week. The job is with Afterdark Cleaning in Wolfeboro and it involves cleaning the floors in the kitchen and dining room of Brewster Academy’s Estabrook Hall.

I’ve worked in kitchens in one way or another for a good portion of my adult life, so the job isn’t terribly difficult, though it is pretty mundane. Basically I spend an hour and a half cleaning up the kitchen floors and the other two and a half hours sweeping, mopping and vacuuming the dining hall portion.

The thing about the job is that the earliest I could start was 9 p.m. and for the most part, I was able to start about that time, but with Friday night football and then play rehearsals and performances, there were plenty of nights when I didn’t start until after 10, sometimes clos-



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er to 11.

No matter what time I started, the job took four hours or so and on those nights when I was there particularly late, driving home was a challenge as I worked to not fall asleep. While the night I crashed my car I was not working that job, I had worked the previous night and was still tired, obviously.

With the later start times for winter sports in the coming season, I made the decision that the late nights and early mornings needed to come to an end before I end up crashing my car again.

So, I gave my notice at the job last week and this coming Sunday is my final night cleaning at Brewster.

Obviously, my first

concern now is about the money, since I was bringing home around \$200 a week for the few nights of work and that money comes in handy when it comes to paying the bills, including the new car payment made necessary by the car crash.

I have a possible replacement job that may help to fill that void, but thankfully it is during the day. The good thing about the writing portion of my job is that I can do it at any time of the day, from anywhere. If this works out, it could help to fill the void without adding late nights to the schedule again.

When I first graduated from college, I worked 40 hours a week at a nursing home in Concord, drove across Route 4 to UNH where I worked a couple of nights a week and had marching band rehearsal the other three nights. And on my days off from the first job, I worked days at UNH. There was a

lot of hours worked without much of a problem. But, I guess I am getting old now and can’t quite handle getting through the days with just three hours of sleep.

Hopefully, by the time this goes to press, I will have a second job lined up a bit more officially and will be a bit more at ease.

For now, anyway, it will be nice to watch Survivor at some time other than 2 a.m.

Finally, have a great day Ellen Caputo.

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Football

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to Bow in the season opener and recalled seeing something.

“We lost everybody from last year,” Sanborn said. “But week one against Bow, they dominated that game, but we battled and we battled. And I knew we could do something with this team.”

He praised the community for its support and the coaching staff for preparing the team so well. He also noted that the coaches gave freshmen who usually don’t dress the chance to practice with the team during the week and they did a nice job on the scout team leading up to the game.

“We have to trust the formula,” Sanborn said. “You have to

want it if you want to win.”

He also pointed out that this year’s senior class has been part of something special.

“That’s four years of making the state title game,” he said. “That’s our 11th play-off win in four years.

“These seniors have been part of something special,” Sanborn added.

The seniors and the rest of the Bobcats will have a chance to close the season out in an even more special way, as they take on Hollis-Brookline at the University of New Hampshire on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m.

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