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COMPLIMENTARY

Runners embrace the holiday spirit at Jingle Mingle 5K

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRISTOL - Nearly 50 people gathered Tapply-Thompson Community Center last Saturday morning to take part in the 2019 Jingle Mingle 5K run/ walk, an event that not only provides a lot of family-oriented but also helps to support scholarships and programs at the center, serving residents of the Newfound Re-

Many of the participants were dressed from head to toe for the holidays in red, green and white outfits. Some included bells that jingled as they mingled before the 10 a.m. start time for the event.

Touted as the last



The Caron family of Danbury was all decked out for last Saturday's Jingle Mingle 5K at Tapply-Thompson Community Center, pleased to support scholarships and programs the center offers to local residents.

local 5K for the 2019 running season, TTCC staff and volunteers sold tee shirts to commemorate the race as they welcomed all who signed up. Raffle tickets for prizes from local businesses were

also on sale. The Caron family of Danbury was one of many who came out to brave the brisk temperatures that day but it certainly didn't cool their enthusiasm for the race.

"This is our fourth year now and every year we keep adding to our costumes. We just love the festiveness of this. It's our favorite 5K," said Christine Caron.

She and her husband Dave registered SEE **JINGLE MINGLE**, PAGE A14

DONNA RHODES

Newfound presents winter concert tonight

BRISTOL — The Music Department at Newfound Regional High School will present its annual Winter Concert, on Thursday evening, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the NRHS Auditorium. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, including selections performed by the Chorus, Concert Band, Select Choir, and Jazz Ensemble.

The Band will perform a varied repertoire, including "Journey Into Diablo Canyon" by Shaffer, and music from the movie "Avatar." The Select Choir is slated to perform "Music of the Night" from "Phantom of the Opera," while the Jazz Band will perform an original selection by Music Director Edward Judd called "Mac's Blues." The Chorus will perform "Alleluia" by Mozart, and selections from "Phantom of the Opera," along with other selections.

The concert is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.



Pretty as a postcard

White snow, holiday greens and festive red bows in historic Hebron Village have once again created the postcard-perfect New England scene people from all over come to enjoy.

KTHO Auction and Raffle will feature familiar favorites, exciting new items!

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PLYMOUTH — With already experienced, happy to report that the freezing tempera- the Keep the Heat On (KTHO) Committee is

annual

Wednesday, Jan. are selling fast at Plymouth's Chase Street Market! Sponsors are signing on to help in a big way, and new auction and raffle items are coming in every day. The Plymouth Area Community Closet (PACC) and the Committee are truly grateful to our generous friends who have responded to the ur-

gent appeal for assis-

tickets for its 15th

fundraiser

tance to our neighbors. The auction and raffle will be highlights of a fun-filled evening that includes a buffet dinner supplied by more than 22 of our finest area restaurants and their chefs—all to raise money for local families in need of home heating fuel and other forms of assistance. The contributed items are truly extraordinary, so be sure to bring your checkbook or credit card to KTHO. Last year's event raised

the KTHO Committee is again trying to raise as much as possible for fuel assistance.

New this year: Exciting entertainment will be provided in place of a live auction. Details will be available soon and will be shared in this newspaper.

This year's silent auction and raffle will feature a wonderful selection for all tastes and budgets. Enjoy the outdoors and bid on ski passes to Gunstock Mountain Resort or Waterville Valley Resort, or golf passes to Den Brae Golf Course, Jack O' Lantern Resort & Golf Course, or White Mountain Country Club.

You can find classy and comfy items for the home at Harris Family Furniture, or leave your troubles behind with a scenic plane ride or a relax-

Bridge House celebrates grant

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

PLYMOUTH - On Monday, the Bridge House in Plymouth was the grateful recipient of a \$100,000 check for a grant from the Housing Ministries of New England, money that will soon benefit programs and services

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Bridge House in Plymouth received a check for \$100,000 this week through a grant from the Housing Ministries of New England that will support programs and services for their new Permanent Supportive Housing wing. From left to right are Jack Daly of HMNE, residents Brian and Susie, Bridge House Executive Director Cathy Bentwood and Brian's loyal companion Sampson.

in their new six-unit hand out, making sure Housing wing.

"We have the philosophy of giving a House," said the orgahand up and not a nization's New Hamp-

Permanent Supportive people feel they have a purpose and that's what we saw in Bridge

shire board member Jack Daly who made the presentation.

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HMNE, led by president Thomas B. Cal-

ing two-night stay at a sweet Little Squam Lake cabin. Art lovers can choose from original works by local artists, or you can treat more than \$50,000, and SEE KTHO, PAGE A12

Pamela Noble announces retirement from **MVSB** and Merrimack County Savings Bank

MEREDITH — Pamela Noble, Vice President, Mortgage Sales Operations Officer for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) and Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack), is retiring on Dec. 31, after more than 29 years with the Bank. Noble is based out of the MVSB Main Office in Meredith, and has worked at that location since 2000.

"Pam has been an integral member of the mortgage lending team," said Carol Bickford, Senior Vice President, Residential Mortgage Lending. "She has exceptional leadership qualities and dedicates herself to service. It has been my pleasure to work alongside her. Pam has been a remarkable employee and colleague, and we can't thank her enough for the last 29 years."

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to work at such a fine community institution, where service to others is prioritized," said Noble. "I will miss



Pamela Noble

the incredible people I've worked with over the years, as well as many of our customers, who I am happy to call my friends."

Noble began her career with MVSB in 1990 at the Route 104 Office in Meredith as a Part-Time Teller. She went on to hold positions as a Customer Service Representative, Assistant Head Teller and Head Teller before transitioning to Lending in 2000. Since then, she has been promoted to Assistant Vice President then to Vice President, Loan Officer and again to Vice President Mortgage Sales Operations Officer for both MVSB and the Merrimack.

She has been essential to MVSB's annual fundraising team for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Noble has also served for a number of years on the Lakes Region Making Strides **Against Breast Cancer** Planning Committee. She has served as a board member of the Lakes Region Boys and Girls Club and continues to serve on the board for New Beginnings.

Unlike stock banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank are mutual savings banks that operate for the benefit of their depositors, borrowers and surrounding communities. As a result, each organization has remained steadfast in fostering the economic health and well-being of their communities, prioritizing the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship in all matters of business and service.

Founded in 1869, Meredith Village Savings Bank is celebrating its 150th anniversary. For 150 years, the Bank has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central New Hampshire. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800.922.6872 or visit mysb.com.

Founded in 1867, Merrimack County Savings Bank has been serving

businesses. non-profits and municipalities in central and southern New Hampshire for over 150 years. The Merrimack was voted "Best Bank" by the Capital Area's People's Preferences for the 9th consecutive year in 2018. To learn more, visit any of their local offices in Bow, Concord, Contoocook, Hooksett and Nashua, call 800-541-0006 or visit themerrimack.com.

Kapow! Create nature comics with the SLA

— Use comics as a tool for conservation! Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) on Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon as we create nature-based strips. An important part of conservation is communication. To encourage people to conserve, you have to show them why they should care! Comic strips can be a fun way to share cool parts of the natural world with a widaudience. Lakes Region Conservation Corps member, Grace Callahan, will lead a nature walk/snowshoe around the SLA campus (534 US Route 3, Holderness) followed by a workshop where participants will create their very own nature comics.

The walk in the first half of the program will include discussion of topics such as winter life on Squam, New England animal migration, comparisons of deciduous and coniferous tree life processes, and ongoing conservation efforts in the surrounding area. Participants

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HOLDERNESS might find inspiration for their comic strips from topics discussed on our walk or from other natural phenomena for which they have a passion.

Participants walk away with a better understanding of lake life, an appreciation of the arts as tools for conservation, and of course, their unique comic creation! The SLA will provide all art supplies. If snowshoes are needed, participants are encouraged to bring their own—however the SLA can provide snowshoes for up to six participants. Participants should bring warm winter clothes, water, a snack, and binoculars if desired. The walk will not exceed a mile and will be on flat terrain. Participants of all ages are welcome! This will be a very kid-friendly

For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology program, go to the SLA website (squamlakes.org) or call the SLA directly at 968-7336. The SLA offers a variety of programs throughout throughout the winter covering different aspects of lake and forest ecology and local conservation efforts. These programs are led by the Lakes Region Conservation Corps Americorps members and are free and open to the public.

event.

bike to Cotton Mountain HOLDERNESS will take you to the ages, but is of modertop of Cotton Moun- ate intensity and may

SLA to host family

—On the fourth Saturday of each month join other families for a hike. Whether your family is new to hiking or seasoned hikers this is a fun way to get outside and explore. All of these hikes are on SLA trails and if you hike all 50 miles of trails then you can become a Squam Ranger and earn a patch! Every hike will begin with a discussion of how we can all stay safe and have fun.

This month's hike

round trip, and runs along the slope of a beautiful hemlock and pine forest. We will take our time, follow the children's curiosities, and enjoy being outside. Timing is hard to predict since it depends on the hikers so we may end a bit earlier or go later.

This hike is for all

tain where the view increase in difficulty is a great reward for with any icy, snowy or the short but steep rainy weather! Chilclimb. The hike is dren must be accomparoughly 1.2 miles, nied by an adult. Participants should bring appropriate clothing, extra layers, comfortable water resistant shoes for hiking, water, snacks and snowshoes and/or micro-spikes depending on conditions. The SLA can provide snowshoes for up to six participants.

> For more information about these scheduled hikes, or to sign up, visit the SLA Web site (squamlakes.org)

or contact the SLA directly (968-7336). The SLA also offers other Squam Ranger hikes 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 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

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Children's Auction cracks the \$600,000 mark

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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BELMONT — Kids in need across the area will be getting a lot of holiday cheer thanks to over \$600,000 raised by the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

On Saturday, the 38th annual auction closed for another year with a total of \$600.032, which will be distributed to more than 60 nonprofit organizations helping families right in the Lakes Region.

This year's auction opened on Tuesday, headquartered in the former Peebles store in the Belknap Mall: a larger space for the production and the items.

Auction Chair Jaime Sousa said the auction started with fewer items than usual. This year Thanksgiving fell late on the calendar, meaning they didn't have that extra week between Thanksgiving and the auction. Snowstorms also hampered contributions. Sousa said at some points items that came in were going out just as fast. During the week a number of pleas went out for more items.

"The community really came through in just the nick of time," Sousa said.

The auction aired on Lakes Region Public Access as well as

the Laconia Daily Sun Web site and numerous local radio stations.

When the auction closed on Saturday afternoon, it cleared the \$600,000 mark. This also included the \$355,453 raised by Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub and Eatery.

Sousa said it was unbelievable that they raised this much. She thanked everyone who contributed to the auction in some way.

The Children's Auction started in 1982 with WLNH DJ Warren Bailey operating out of a van in the parking lot of the Laconia YMCA.

"It all started with people just coming up to is at the van and saying, 'How can I help?'" Bailey said.

He said there were people who donated who only had a few dollars in their pocket but wanted to contribute it to people who needed it more.

Bailey said when they started the Children's Auction 38 years ago their goal was to raise \$2,000, \$1,000 per day of the auction. When they raised \$2,100 he said they knew this could go places.

Bailey said they have the philosophy that every dollar they raise is a dollar more for kids in the com-



The final number of \$600,032 is unveiled at the end of the Greater lakes Region Children's Auction with Bob Glassett and Jaimie Sousa holding the check.



Ed Darling with members of the phone bank, in front is a donation from the Meredith Fire Department.

munity. Bailey said the effort is all volunteer and the money all stays in the Lakes Region.

Last year they were able to give to 60 different nonprofit organizations.

of support takes his breath away.

He said that amount

"It's because of your

tions to the Children's Auction we now serve 60 nonprofit organizations," Bailey said at the end of the auction.

The first checks will be handed out this Friday to the category of the greatest need and the other checks will be distributed through the winter.



Emcees Jim Fronk and Zack Derby stand with Children's Auction founder Warren Bailey holding the check for this year's final total.



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Integrated health care delivery projects make a difference locally

REGION — It may seem like an alphabet soup of acronyms, but abbreviations such as DSRIP, IDN, and CHSN represent an important shift in how health and social service providers are delivering care and striving to improve health for residents in the Central New Hampshire and Winnipesaukee

gions. Since 2016, New Hampshire has used federal funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), available under New Hampshire's Section 1115 Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) transformation waiver, to work on new and better ways to address critical community health needs through projects that integrated physical and behavioral health care.

Responding to the residents. alarming rise of substance misuse and overdose, as well as continual difficulties in accessing behavioral and mental health services, the five-year DSRIP demonstration program focuses on providing resources to states for regional projects that address these health crises by working to expand capacity, reduce gaps in care transitions and integrate physical and behavioral health care. Regional health and social service provider partners, working together at every level of health care delivery, form the basis of change. Although the DSRIP programs' primary target is New Hampshire Medicaid members, changes being made to the regional health service delivery system are having

Acknowledging the power of locally-identified community health needs and plans for successful change. DSRIP funds are distributed through the State to seven New Hampshire regions. Each region has developed an Integrated Delivery Network (IDN), a group of health and social service partners that committed to working together to understand the issues facing that region's Medicaid population, developed plans to bring services together in a coordinated way, and have been acting on those plans for three years now.

The Central New Hampshire and Winnipesaukee Regions were combined and identified in NH's Hseven-region structure as Network Five (IDN5). Geographically, IDN5 spans northern Merrimack, Belknap, and southern Grafton counties and includes the towns of Alexandria, Alton, Ashland, Barnstead, Belmont, Bridgewater. tol, Campton, Center Harbor, Danbury, Ellsworth. Franklin. Gilmanton. Gilford, Groton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Lincoln. Livermore. Meredith, New Hamp-

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SEE **IHCDP**, PAGE A12

SCHOOL for you! **Dates:** Saturdays: Jan 25; Feb 1,8, & 15, 2020

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Location: American Legion Post 15; 39 Main Street, Ashland, NH

Cost: \$60 for initial registrant (Includes Study Guide; Beekeeping for Dummies; one year membership to PBBA). There will be a \$15 fee for an immediate family member who wishes to attend the classes (no extra materials available). (Children under 16 are free).

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CADY Corner

How to talk to your child about marijuana

BY DEB NARO Contributor

to your Talking child about marijuana and other drugs is undeniably difficult. Often, the hardest part is starting the conversation. It is important to

get in the right frame of mind and set the stage for an effective conversation about substances—here are some helpful strate-

Keep an open mind.

gies.

If you want to have a productive conversation with your teen, one thing to keep in mind is that when a child feels judged, they are more likely to shut down. In order to achieve the best outcome for you and your teen, try to preserve a position of objectivity and openness. This is challenging and may take practice.

Put yourself in your teen's shoes.

For instance, consider the manner in which you yourself would prefer to be addressed when speaking about a difficult subject. It might be helpful to think about how you felt when you were a teenager.

Be clear about your goals. It may help to write

them down. Once you know what you would like to get from the conversation, you can look back at these afterward and review what went right, what went wrong, what goals were met, which ones were saved for a later date and whether you were able to deliver them effectively.

Be calm and relaxed.

you approach your teen with anger or panic, it will make it harder to achieve your goals. If you are anxious about having a conversation with them, find some things to do that will help relax you beforehand.

Be positive.

If you approach the situation with shame, anger, scare tactics or disappointment, your

efforts will be wasted. Instead, be attentive, curious, respectful and understanding.

Don't lecture.

Keep in mind that if you spoke with them about drugs when they were younger, they already know that you disapprove of their use. To lecture them about this will most likely lead to them tuning you out, anger or worse — it may be misinterpreted as you disapproving of them instead of their actions, which can lead to shame and, in turn, more substance use. Throwing your weight around in order to stop something from happening ("You can't, because I'm your parent and I said so") is highly ineffective. Avoid pulling rank it's frustrating for all concerned.

Find a comfortable setting.

Announcing a sitdown meeting ("We need to have a talk after dinner") will usually be met with resistance, while a more spontaneous, casual approach will lower and maybe even your own. Perhaps this means taking a walk or sitting in the yard or park. Look for a place that feels less confined but not too distracting.

Be aware of

body language. If your teen is sitting, you want to be sitting as well. If they are standing, ask them to sit down with you. Be mindful of finger-pointing and crossed arms; these are closed gestures, while uncrossed legs and a relaxed posture

are open gestures. For more information about how to talk to your teen about drugs or alcohol, visit our Web site at cadyinc.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.



Season off to a busy start at Ragged Mountain

Ragged Mountain Ski Resort was busy last weekend, with skiers and snowboarders enjoying more than 12 open trails and three lifts in operation as the 2019-2020 winter season gets underway. New this year at Ragged is the remodel of their Meetinghouse Lodge and a new pizza oven in the Stone Hearth Bar, the perfect spot for lunch or après ski relaxation. For more information on trail openings, conditions and upcoming special events, visit them on Facebook or check their Web site, www.raggedmountainresort.com.

Letters to the Editor

Community Choice: Regaining control of our energy future

To the Editor:

On Aug. 8 of this year, the Governor signed into law SB 286, a bipartisan bill allowing local ing the need to reduce energy consumption for your child's anxiety municipalities to create their own energy dis- that period, and thus reduce the customers electricts and aggregate power consumption. This is good news for residents and businesses interested in working together to lower electrical rates based on the aggregate load of the entire group, as opposed to each negotiating individually. This mechanism is referred to as Community Power Aggregation, or more commonly known as Community Choice.

Community Choice is not a new idea, and has been successfully implemented by other municipalities with success in state including Massachusetts, Colorado, and California. The simple idea is to use the total "aggregate" electrical load of the community as a lever for negotiating for better rates from electrical suppliers. This is the same approach popularized in "buying clubs" such as Costco and BJ's. By aggregating the buying demand for goods, purchasing power can be used to negotiate lower product costs.

In addition to negotiating for lower power costs, communities can also negotiate with suppliers for improved services, such as demand response management, local energy storage, as well as renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro, biomass and hydro. For example, customers might have the option to purchase the lowest cost electricity available, or choose a 100% renewable option for 2 cents more per KW-hr. A Demand Response Service might include a

application for your phone that provides alerts when energy demand (and cost) is high, indicattrical costs substantially.

The first step in the process of a Community Choice Program is the formation of a Community Power Committee. The Bristol Select Board recently authorized me, as the current Chair of the Bristol Energy Committee, to begin to form a committee. Once formed, a Community Power Plan will be developed and readied for public review and input.

On Dec. 17, I will be hosting an educational presentation at the Bristol Library to review SB-286 and begin to raise awareness and, hopefully, interest of local residents to become involved in this effort. There are many outstanding questions about the scope, governance, and implications of SB-286, and we do not know all of the answers. But I believe it represents an opportunity for local residents and businesses to lower electrical costs, improve resiliency, and move towards a locally generated renewable power future. I hope you will join us for the event on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Bristol Town Library to learn more and begin the process of Regaining Control of our Energy Future.

> Paul Bemis Chairman Bristol Energy Committee

Here we go again

To the Editor:

Bristol, here we go again...the select board wants \$242,125 more to operate the town in 2020. This represents a 5.19 percent increase over last year's expenditures. Did you get a 5 percent raise in your salary or social security to pay for

Our small-town spending keeps rising by unsustainable amounts of money, yet the population has only increased by maybe 100 people over the past 20 years. Uncontrollable increases cause your property value to decrease, when across the nation property values are rising. Let's face it, who wants to buy or build a property in Bristol that has a high tax rate when they can go to Bridgewater or other low tax towns and basically get the same level of service or even yet, use Bristol's services!

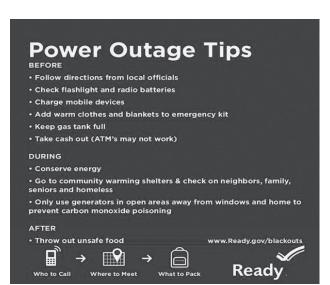
Taxpayers, Renters, those who own vacation homes and businesses, this is your money and if you do not speak up to let the select board and

the budget committee know how you feel about these increases they will continue. If you do not vote and come to town meeting, but then complain about your taxes going up, then you are the only one to blame. If you want to stop this unsustainable spending, then vote for someone that is conservative. In a small town like ours your vote goes a long way. Let's hope the budget committee can skinny this down to a reasonable number before it goes to town meeting on March

Lastly, let's not forget about the elephant in the room, the School Budget of close to \$23 million this coming year, of which Bristol pays about \$6,440,000. Shoot, it costs Bristol taxpayers more to run the schools than it does to run the entire town. The November school potion of your tax bill had a 6 percent increase, where town/state/ county were all between one and three percent.

John Sellers

Bristol



By JOHN HARRIGAN

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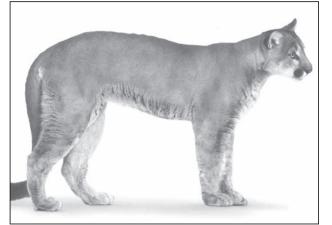
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Chasing the phantom of the road-killed cougar

Among emails that came in while I was on a passenger vessel churning its way up the Mississippi was this, dated Nov. 29:

"Hi John,

"Today on Orfordville Rd. in Orford, we saw a large cat with a LONG tail. Unfortunately it crossed the road too far in front of us and went up a hill through the woods. We were too far away for photos or a good look at the ears. In the light it was difficult to say coloration. What I can definitely say is it was too large to be domestic and it had a long tail."



Here it is again, the old photograph of a cougar that I've had around so long that I've forgotten (with apologies) its origins.

I thanked this reader for his note, because I really do appreciate it (a) when people are readers, and (b) when readers care enough to write.

But okay, so what do I do with a report like this? In the long pecking order of cougar/ mountain lion/catamount reports, it's a



This is the not altogether wistful sign that's long graced my front lawn. In fact, one of the better cougar incidents I've heard about in a half-century of newspapering occurred right near my back driveway, while I was down at work.

fairly small peck. Still, has the long tail that so there it is.

There is nothing out there in the woods that

But although I've never seen a mountain lion myself, there have been enough sightings over my four decades of keeping track, by extremely reliable many cougar-sighting people, in such vivid people so vividly dedetail, and by people scribe, and please---no who'd have utterly citing of coyotes, lynx, no reason to make up such a thing, to make bobcats, foxes, fishers or martens. No reame a firm believer. It's sonable, clear-sighted worth mentioning that person could mistake I long ago found peace

get me.

Why then, astute readers will want to know, are there no good photos or films of mountain lions in this age of so many people lugging iPhones around? Answer: There probably are---it's just a case of people not knowing what to do with them, or about their importance. It's just another photo of just another wild animal. Who cares?

with the Santa thing.

Then there's nervousness and fear concerning two perceived dangers: what I call "Officialdom," that old reliable bugaboo. hunters.

Justifiable or not (Fish and Game steadfastly says it's not), it's out there, big time. that anyone trying to report a cougar sighting, even an extremely good one, risks embarrassment and/or outright belittling from

Conservation Matters

A monthly column focused on conservation education, as the result of collaboration among several area conservation commissions and organizations. If your town's commission or conservation organization would like to contribute articles, please contact Jessica Tabolt Halm jesshalm78@gmail.com

Help keep it an all-seasons wonderland

BY STEVE WHITMAN

Alexandria Conservation Commission

As we enter into the winter months and celebrate the holiday season, let us not overlook the ties conservation has to the holidays we celebrate.

Thanksgiving, a day that we set aside to recognize and give thanks for all those things, which make our lives more enjoyable and productive is behind us. I am sure that the majority of us gave thanks for many things that have affected our lives over the past year; our health. the addition of a loved one to our family, personal good fortune, and I could go on – how many stopped and gave thanks for the natural resources we share that make our lives possible? A variety religious holidays and New Year's are on our doorstep providing us with the opportunity to not only share gifts and good times with our friends and family, but also provides the opportunity to reflect on the importance of giving back and helping those who are unable to help themselves. New Year's, the first day of the rest of our lives, allows us to look back on the past year's accomplishments and shortfalls and make resolutions to change our lifestyles moving forward. Winter is a fun season and provides us with the opportunity to reflect on how we have progressed to this point in time, and how we can adapt our lifestyles to meet the challenges we will continue to face in

How does all this tie with conservation efforts and the work that Conservation Commissions and their counter parts are doing throughout the world? Our natural resources the environment are (or should be) at the top of the list of things for which we are most thankful, without them we could not survive. Conservation is about giving back, respecting,

future years.

and taking care of those resources that are unable to take care of themselves given the stress we put on them to satisfy our demands. Even "renewable resources" are at risk if we use them up at a faster rate than we replace them. Conservation means careful management of our resources to ensure that there are enough to sustain our needs. Management is a combination of actions designed to sustain availability by controlling use and protecting habitats and the

environment. Although not readily recognized as such, recycling is a large part of managing resources. Recycling's three main components are: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The first component, Reduce, is really where it all begins. We need to cut back on the amounts we consume. We have become a "single use" society, use it once and throw it away. Styrofoam food containers are probably the best example; not only do they consume non-renewable resources, petroleum, but most end products of this type are not biodegradable. Why not buy a thermo-mug and use it every day, or keep a glass or mug for use at work? That brings us to option 2; Reuse. There are many items such as glass jars or tin cans that can be reused/repurposed as storage containers for numerous small items like pencils at your deck, screws and nails in the workshop, leftover foods, or used in craft projects; this eliminates the need to buy something new to

fulfill that need. When options 1 and 2 don't work, move to option 3: Recycling. It may seem strange that the last option of the recycling triangle would be to recycle, but while recycling does cut down on the amount of resources used, it does use some resources in the process of converting materials into 'raw' material for new products.

Conservation and resource management also takes into consideration management of land development. This consists of a comprehensive master plan, which includes protecting unfragmented segments of land to protect the ranges and habitats of wildlife; limiting development in certain topographical land configuration such as lands with slopes steeper than 25 percent or with wetlands considerations; and adherence to non-pervious surface requirements, both of which affect soil erosion and water pollution. Forests and plant vegetation also play an important part, both in holding the soil in place with their root system to prevent erosion, and trees store CO2 and expel oxygen back into the atmosphere, which makes timber harvesting and reforestation a conservation issue. Conservation commissions are there to help conserve our natural resources, not to eliminate using them, but rather to manage their use to ensure they are used efficiently and to the maximum benefits for all. A resource is only a resource if it is available for use, and everyone's job is to use our resources sparingly and wisely, and do our

vironment; our lands, oceans, streams, rivers, and lakes, and the air

we breathe. So as you're drawn to your holiday traditions this year, please take a moment to appreciate the importance of our natural resources and the part they play in our everyday lives, and remember that the holidays are a time not only for celebration, but also for reflection, planning ahead for the future, embracing the thought that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and recognizing that we all have a responsibility to take care of those who cannot care for themselves - including our natural resources and the environment. Happy

this guy.

such a small animal

for such a big one,

except perhaps---and

even this is a stretch--

even

only in the case of

the cougar is the tail

described as "rope-

like," which is the key

to any reputable (and,

with me, reportable,

meaning in the news

or in a column) moun-

tain lion sighting. An

adult cougar is big,

and I mean very big---

an adult male can top

200 pounds. Does any-

one want to look an

earnest, honest, clear-

eyed, nothing-to-gain

person in the eye and

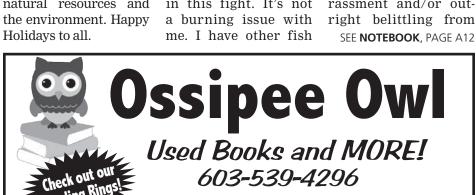
tell him he saw a bob-

cat or a fisher? Not

-the coyote.

And

The fact is that I really don't care whether cougars are here or not. I have no dog in this fight. It's not



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Use Year-end Bonus (or Gift) Wisely

payments, and the items themselves

As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating - or have already received - a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. (If you're really lucky, you might get both.) You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run?

part to protect the en-

Here are a few suggestions: • Pay off some debts. Virtually all of us carry some type of debt, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. For example, your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible.

Other debts, though, such as those on

consumer items, are not so positive -

you generally can't deduct the interest

probably won't enhance your personal wealth. Plus, the bigger your monthly debt payments, the less you'll have to invest for your future. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.

• Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn't have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.

· Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. And although you've got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still might want to put your "extra" money into your account right away. If you wait, you'll probably find other uses for this money. And if you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement. you'll need to maximize every possible resource – and your IRA is one of your best ones. Furthermore, the sooner you get the money into your IRA, the more potential it will have to grow over time.

already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, you can use your year-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven't already started such an account you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)

To achieve all your financial goals, you'll need to take advantage of your opportunities - and your , year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.

• Feed your college fund. If you're



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Rose V. Kelley, 70

GROTON — Rose V. Kelley-70 of Groton passed away on Monday, Dec. 2,2019 at

Rose was born in Concord, Vt. on Aug. 6, 1949. Her parents were Leslie E. Rainey and Virginia R.(Dorman) Rainey of Victory, Vt.

graduated Rose from Concord Highschool in Vermont. She was a homemaker, she worked as a cook for Russell Elementary School in Rumney, and she worked in the green houses and making holiday wreaths for Kelley's Flowershop in Plymouth.

Rose enjoyed fishing, baking, playing cards, and spending time with her family and friends.

Rose is survived by husband, David Watson of Groton; her Carl Sanborn, and wife Tricia of Barnet, Vt.; daughter



Misty Smith and husband Paul of Plymouth; daughter Shannon Ricciotti and her partner, Dustin Gray of Rumney; siblings, brother Frank Bartlett, sister Katherine Russell and husband George, sister Ginny Moore and sister Margaret Juraska; grandchildren, Noah Barber, Kyle Barber, Trysten McClain, Joseph Ricciotti, Giovanna Ricciotti, Jonathan Sanborn and wife Jess, Zack-Sanborn, Sebastian Sanborn, Devin Carten and husband

Matt, Brian Sanborn wife Melinda, Tristan Dunbar Alexis Sanborn; great grandchildren, Kenneth Barber, Kenzlee Sanborn, Kailee Sanborn, Ivarr Sanborn, Tarah Carten, Tori Carten, Kadance Boyce, Aubrey Boyce, Dante Sanborn, Elizabeth Sanborn, Jasmine Dunbar, Mariah Dunbar, Cody Dunbar, and Maddison Dunbar; many nieces and neph-

Rose was predeceased by her mother and father; son Brian Sanborn of Vermont; brother Donald Bartlett of Vermont; and sister Leslie Sheltra of

Services will be in

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Al Blakeley adblakeley0@gmail.com

The birds are back! Well, most of them. So great to have them at both feeders and viewing so many varieties, including a pair of cardinals. The suet feeders go up next in hopes of attracting the woodpeckers and our little friend, the brown creeper. It is so easy to be entertained in our old age!

The Winter Concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at NRHS.

Cookie Buffet to benefit the Minot-Sleeper Library will be held at the Masonic Hall, next to the library, on Dec. 13 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. and on Dec. 14 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Masonic Hall will also hold the Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 14 from 8 - 10:30

The 65th Santa's Village and Christmas Craft Fair will be held at the TTCC on Dec. 13, 14 and 15: Dec. 13 the Craft Fair will be from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., while Santa's Village will be from 6 - 8 p.m. Dec. 14 & 15, the Craft Fair will be from 1:30 - 5:30pm while Santa's Village will be from 2:00 - 5:00pm. Admission is free*. (*Canned goods will be collected for Bristol Community

Services Food Pantry.) If you could help decorate crafts for the Toy Shop for elves to give out this weekend, it would be appreciated. They need to be back by Friday or Saturday before 1:00pm. TTCC is also looking for cookies for Mrs. Claus to give out. She really appreciates the help that our local bakers give her as she is getting on in years...

If anyone is interested in helping shoveling out the TTCC after storms, please let them know.

The Minot-Sleeper Library will be closed: Friday, Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. They will close early on Dec. 24 and 31 at 4 p.m.

The Giving Tree will be available again this year so patrons may purchase books or movies as a gift to others using the library. Information may be found online at: www. minotsleeperlibrary. org/giving-tree.html or you can call or email the MSL

US Census Jobs Information Sessions will be held at the MSL on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - noon.

Bessie's Story: Book

Discussion and Book Signing on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30pm at the Minot-Sleeper Library. Dog lovers and book lovers will love this story about a chocolate Labrador's life dealing with blindness and overcoming that, living life to the fullest navigating the world using heightened senses of hearing and smell. Authors, Ashley and Tom Farnem, share Bessie's story during this pre-

Looking for unique gift for someone for Christmas? My niece just opened a shop called Good Vibes Only Art to sell artwork she and her friends have crafted. It's in the brick building across the street from the Bristol Diner.

sentation.

The basketball season is under way this week. Try and get out to see the locals play at all levels. The participants deserve your support.

Danbury

Donna Sprague huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury Church

Sunday worship at South Danbury Church will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15. This will be the third Sunday of the Advent season. There will be refreshments and conversation afterward. All are welcome!

The "Christmas at South Danbury" celebration is drawing near, Sunday evening, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Winter Farmer's Market

The grange hall was filled with happy folks shopping and spreading good cheer to neighbors and vendors alike at the Dec. 7 farmers market. The next market is Saturday January 4th and begins the true winter farmer's market season as 2020 will arrive. Some fall vendors go into hibernation while some snow bunnies return. New to the market will be Steve's BBQ Sauce along with returning vendors Brownie's Beads and the Sock Lady. The market runs from 9am to 1pm and is a great place to spend a winter's day. There are a few vendor openings for January. For questions and information, call Donna at 768-5579.

Blazing Star Grange will hold a potluck supper on Thursday Jan 9th at 6pm at the grange hall. Bring your favorite dish to share. Winter evenings are made warmer when you share it with friends.

Groton

Ruth Millett 603-786-2926 rem1752nh@gmail.com

The Town will be accepting donations of winter clothing and non-perishable food items during the month of December. If you would like to donate to the drive, there are bins located at the Town House in the hallway. Once we start to collect winter clothing, you are welcome to come to the Town and take the winter clothing that you need. Any items that are left over will be donated.

The Select Board and Highway Department would like to remind you of the following during the winter months:

Groton Residents only are allowed to take three five-gallon buckets or (15 shovels full) of sand for their personal use. The use of town sand for commercial sanding or in mechanical sanders is not allowed.

During winter months when snow removal from roadways must take place, vehicles need to be parked at least four feet off the roadway. Failure to do so may mean that your vehicle will be towed at your expense. See the Town web site for further information on this.

If you plow, blow snow or shovel snow into the roadway you are required to remove the snow from the road. If as a result of plowing your driveway runoff occurs onto a roadway causing ice to form you will be held liable for any injuries or damages that may result of that snow or ice being on the road. Be considerate of others who share the roadway.

Please clean vehicle of snow before driving as snow and ice may fly off affecting drivers behind you. Also make sure you windows are cleaned off and that you have adequate visibility.

There will be a Select Board Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., the last one for this year.

Newfound School District Budget Hearing will be Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newfound Regional High School. Snow Date Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.

Scheduled Meetings

Select Board Work Sessions -Tuesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 7 – 5 p.m. at the Town House.

Select Board Meetings - Tuesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 7 – 7 p.m. at the Town House

Planning Board Meeting - Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Holiday closures

All Town Offices will be closed Dec. 13 from noon to 2 p.m. for our annual Christmas Luncheon.

The Select Board Office will be closing early at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 18

The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The Select Board Office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1.



Florida.

the spring of 2020.

Donations for Rose's burial can be sent to Misty Smith 584 Tenney Mountain Highway, Apt. #3, Plym-

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Ashland Community Church

Real Church. Real People. Real Simple.

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@hot-

mail.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

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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!

Grace Baptist Church

All families are invited to a classic Christmas Musical: "Peanut Butter Christmas." The children's choir, teens, and drama team of Grace Baptist Church will present this memorable musical twice on Dec. 15. The first presentation will be at the Baker River Bible Church at 10 a.m. Baker River Bible Church is located at 259 NH-25, Wentworth. Following the ministry, there will

be a Soup Brunch. The second presentation will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center at 8 Depot St., Plymouth. Following this ministry will be a Christmas Cookie Fellowship.

Peanut Butter Christmas," written by

"Patch the Pirate" Ron H amilton and Gary E mory, tells the story in drama and song of SEE **CHURCHES**, PAGE A7



Main St., Plymouth, NH 536-2625.

Churches

a family who loses all of the normal glitter of C hristmas and discovers "that all that you really need for Christmas is Jesus." They are stuck in a broken-down motel room with nothing except some peanut b utter and unable to get to Grandma's house f or Christmas dinner. Though their room was f rozen, their spirits were merry as they rem ember how little Joseph and Mary had in Bethlehem on that very first Christmas.

The following songs will be sung by our children with Kids Bells accompaniment: "Joy to the World Medley," "The Peanut Butter Song," "I Wanna Cancel Christmas," "Happy Birthday to Jesus," and "Christmas Is the Time."

Don't miss these joyous presentations. Any questions? Call 530-2866.

Plymouth Congregational UCC

Save the date

First Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols – Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Join us for a service of beloved scripture readings, carols and choral favorites for Advent. Featuring the 40 voice Festival Chorus with organ and piano accompaniment. Directed by David Williams Accompanist, Ashley Paine.

Prayer Requests

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

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 renotifications ceive 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 cal-

ories 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 together, email office@uccplymouth.

PCUCC is a vibrant community of faith that is welcoming, theologically progressive, social liberal, open and affirming, inclusive and enthused about sharing Christ's love with the world. If you are new to the community and looking for a church home, we invite you to come and experience God's love through worship, study and service.

Support Our Church

If you shop at any Hannafords, please purchase a pre-paid grocery card from our Finance Committee. The church receives 5 percent of each card purchased. Cards are available on Sunday mornings and come in denominations of \$100, \$200 and \$250.

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Please enjoy a free wonderful dinner prepared by Chef Mike on every Thursday between 5-7 p.m. All are welcome!

Restoration Church, **Plymouth** (Assemblies of God)

Greetings 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. 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 follow-

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,

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.

Our Mission Statement: Just One More!

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicapped accessible on the east entrance.

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Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairground Rd., Plymouth, is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

> This week at **Starr King:** Dec. 15

The Flower of Christmas

Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, Guest Worship Leader

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director, and Choir

For many UUs who take Christmas more symbolically than literally, what meaning can we find in this holiday? Can we enjoy the traditions and not feel their weight? Can we make this season of light a time of renewal, sharing and even joy?

Susan works in medical anthropology and public health, and was twice a college president. She lived in Guatemala until age 16. She is a second-generation member of the Starr King Fellowship and a sixth-generation

Winter Solstice Candlelight Celebration Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

Join us in a community celebration with stories and dances of light, hope, and peace.

If you wish, bring a small object of nature (pine cone, shell) to add to the center of the Circle.

Wear white if you can to symbolically banish fear, ignorance, and darkness.

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For more details, visit our Web site www.starrkingfellowship.org 536-8908

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Falls – Risk factors and prevention strategies

BY MARTHA SWATS

Owner/Administrator

Comfort Keepers

Every year, three million seniors are treated in the emergency room for fall injuries. And, falling once doubles someone's chances of falling again.

Preventing accidents in the home, including falls, is one of the most important planning strategies for helping seniors stay independent. Fractures, head trauma and other injuries can cause long term mobility issues and have lasting physical effects. And, once an injury occurs, it can affect someone's ability to live the way they want and enjoy the same lifestyle and activities.

Health issues that occur more often as we age can also make seniors more likely to fall. These risk factors include:

- Muscle weakness
- Heart disease
- Parkinson's dis-
- Alzheimer's disease and other demen-
 - Malnutrition
 - · Low blood pres-Poor vision
- Ear infections or inflammation

Pain or sensitivity

in the legs or feet There are some precautions that seniors and their families can

take to reduce the like-

lihood of a fall.

Evaluating risk factors and taking preventative measures in a way that considers the unique lifestyle, needs and health of a senior can help.

 Minimize hazards – Some fall hazards are obvious; flights of stairs, slippery shower floors or cords that are too far from a wall outlet. But there are less obvious features that can be an issue for someone with dizziness or vision loss. These can include loose rugs, certain types of carpeting, dimly lit hallways or a dog tov in the middle of the floor. Removing the hazard or installing safety devices, like grab bars and brighter light bulbs, can help.

 Evaluate footwear Footwear that has an open back, doesn't fit properly, is worn out or has a slippery bottom can all contribute to tripping or balance problems. There are a variety of safe shoe options to fit any activity and personal style...safe shoes don't have to be boring!

 Know the effects of medication – Seniors their families should talk to a healthprofessional about how a person's specific medications both prescription and over-the-counter - can have side effects that cause dizziness or balance issues.

 Nutrition and exercise – Having healthy habits when it comes to diet and exercise can prevent weakness in the legs and feet, and can reduce pain. Seniors should always talk to their doctor about any diet and exercise plan, and can ask specific questions about how these things affect their fall risk factors.

 Focus on mental health - Studies show that there is a correlation between depression in seniors and falls. According to one report, "both depression and fear of falling are associated with impairment of gait and balance." Positive mental wellbeing can improve many areas of a senior's life, and reduced fall risk is another benefit. Connecting with loved ones, finding a sense of purpose, engaging in enjoyable activities and experiencing joy can improve physical and mental quality of life.

Some families only think about fall prevention after a loved one is hurt. Taking precautions before an accident happens can help seniors maintain their physical health and their independence.

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care. Whether a senior is recovering from a fall or needs help with fall prevention, we can provide services to help.

To learn more about our in-home care services, contact your local Comfort Keepers location today.

About **Comfort Keepers**

Maintaining senior health and wellbeing is a priority for the team at Comfort Keepcan assist in providing seniors with transportation to and from the doctor's office or clinics to receive their vaccinations. In addition, caregivers can also work to promote healthy lifestyle supporting physician-recommended diet and exercise plans, as well as medication reminders. Contact your local Comfort Keepers office today to learn more.



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		Gilford Christmas Tournament		12/20/19	6:30 PM	Mascenic Regional HS	Н
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01/10/20	4:30 PM	Inter-Lakes HS
01/14/20	5:30 PM	Winnisquam Regional HS
01/17/20	5:00 PM	White Mountains Regional HS
01/21/20	5:00 PM	Franklin HS
01/22/20	5:00 PM	Fall Mountain Regional HS
01/28/20	5:00 PM	Prospect Mountain HS
01/31/20	5:00 PM	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
02/04/20	5:00 PM	Inter-Lakes HS
02/06/20	6:30 PM	Mascoma Valley Regional HS
02/11/20	5:00 PM	Berlin HS
02/14/20	5:30 PM	Newport HS
02/18/20	5:00 PM	Gilford HS
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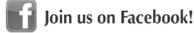
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Residential Open Land	\$60,000
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Single-Family Residence	\$85,000
N/A	\$74,933
Single-Family Residence	\$210,000
Single-Family Residence	\$155,000
Single-Family Residence	\$279,933
N/A	\$97,533
N/A	\$92,933
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Residential Developed Land	\$295,000
Single-Family Residence Single-Family Residence	\$240,000
	\$119,500
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N/A	\$282,000
N/A	\$180,000
N/A	\$535,000
Single-Family Residence	\$170,000
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Single-Family Residence	\$101,000
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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Women and finance



BY MARK PATTERSON

When I meet with potential new clients in our first visit, they will almost always state that "they do not know anything about this stuff." I get that, because "that stuff" or investment management is chocked with language and disclosure documents that is meaningless unless you have worked in the field of financial planning and asset management for a period of time. So, if you are a woman who is married or with a partner, there is a high probability that you will be on your own, left to manage the finances, or at least understand

doing for you. Whether it be through divorce, death or separation from your spouse or partner, there is a 70 percent chance that you will change advisors because many feel as though that advisor never really spoke to them, but to their spouse. It is the advisor's shortcoming for not making sure that they addressed the needs and questions of both parties in the relationship. It is my personal experience that the women may not be as outspoken in the meeting, but more pensive, listening to the advisor and her partner, however she is likely the decision maker on if they will work with you or not!

We at MHP Asset Management have recently held workshops specifically for women. The goal is to educate on the issues that we will all face at one time or another, however, affect Women to a

workshop we discuss Social Security and timing strategies for the single, widowed or divorced women. Medicare and long-term care insurance that women are much more likely to need than men. Another alternative is a policy that can be used for chronic illness, death benefit or cash accumulation. These policies have helped many people to mitigate risks associated with the need for an LTC option. We also discuss the negative sequence of investment returns risk, that can cause you to run out of money while in retirement. These are risks that can all be mitigated if planned for properly and in a timely manner. Most workshop participants admit to the "ostrich syndrome" of burying their heads in the sand. I understand this because I am human

too! Consider allowing

expectations to these things done. The last thing we discuss is something that I have always done for new clients, but until recently did not ad-

dress at a public workshop. Understanding the difference between an investment advisor representative, a registered representative and an insurance only producer. How can you find and read disclodocumentation on these individuals and firms that may use the same titles but are very different in what they do. Whether it is the SEC.Gov webstand the ADV part 2 of a registered investment advisor firm, or FINRA Broker-check for the registered rep or the state insurance commissioner for the producer, insurance the language used is often times abstract unless you are involved with this business of investment management. Understanding the fees, if the firm is acting in your best interest, background of the advisor or broker are all things that can derived from these documents. Many people like their advisor, and there are

what your advisor is greater degree. At the setting timetables and site to read and under-many good ones out there, but I have also had new clients come to me because their old advisor would not fully explain fees or what their roll was in the management of the money. Transparency is key to building trust with your advisor and their firm, like President Reagan said regarding the Soviet Union, "Trust, but Verify!"

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havioral health workforce capacity development in NH, health information technology infrastructure to support integration, and integrated health-

care.

The IDN5 commit-The IDN5 ment to partnership gion-specific projects relationships working include for positive change resulted in the formation of Community Health Services Network (CHSN) LLC. In an effort to provide "whole-person" care, CHSN includes members and affiliates from all areas of the Care community such as hospitals, primary care, mental and behavioral health, home health and hospice, recovery support, public health, counties and various other social or community services. synonymous with IDN5, is comprised of thirty-one partner organizations education, in total. For participation in the DSRIP program,

Re-Entry for Justice Involved Adults and Youth with Substance use Disorder (SUD) or Significant Behavioral Health Issues," "Expansion in Intensive SUD Treatment Options," and "Enhanced for High-Need Populations." All of these projects use sive team structures and systems to create region-specific tions. The team model addresses various areas in people's lives that affect their physical and mental health, such as employment, transportation, legal issues, childcare, and social isolation. Simply stated, CHSN members and affiliates are working hard so that individuals and families in the region are able to identify early on what they need, get

designed to address be-

"Community Coordination extensoluhousing, connected to resources in a timely fashion, and live a healthier life. Progress is measured throughout the

program, with an eye to the future for optimal community and health. population Strategies that are already working are maintained and panded. Personnel, services, and systems are added in new ways, as partnerships and projects have matured into 2019 and beyond.

CHSN has demon-

strated significant advances in all six of its projects to date. Some of these include the creation of an inter-agency Care Coordination Team with 18 member organizations, Belknap County Department of Correction's implementation of the Supportive Community Re-Entry Program, expanding intensive SUD treatment options with multiple additions of qualified professional counseling service providers at the outpatient level, a Community care team that works closely with patients who have a high utilization of local Emergency Departments, enhanced access to Medication Assisted Treatment, improvements to regional information technology systems to support integration for improved patient care and much more.

For more information, watch for planned future CHSN articles where provider partners and CHSN staff will share details about specific projects and agency involvement, as well as client impact stories of positive experiences and outcomes in individual lives and communities served by the program. Additional information on the 1115 DSRIP waiver can be found by visiting https:// www.dhhs.nh.gov/ section-1115-waiver/ index.htm or for more information on CHSN, https://www. pphnh.org/special-initiatives/integrated-delivery-network-idn/.

Bridge House

FROM PAGE A1

laghan, Jr. in Massachusetts, is a nonprofit organization that was founded with the mission of promoting housing and social need of low and moderate income families through advocacy and support for quality afforadable housing

Daly said that HMNE received 21 grant applications this year and narrowed it down to three that they felt were worthy for contributions in 2019. From there the board narrowed the field down to two groups and eventually decided to give both the \$100,000 they typically award to just one nonprofit housing group each year. The other grant was awarded to Smith House in Rhode Island.

"We were going to split the \$100,000 between the two. Because of the good work, as well as the need for what they both do however, we changed things up this year and gave the same amount to both of them," Daly said.

What impressed the HMNE board was Bridge House's well-presented application, which showed community involvement in their mission to serve homeless veterans and others in need.

"Programs like this create a team but you also have to get the community to buy into that, which they've done," he said. Bridge House Exec-

utive Director Cathy

Bentwood assured him that even the residents of her facility are involved in all that happens there.

"Making them part of the solution is important," she said.

On any day residents can be found helping with meals and other parts of life at Bridge House and some, Bentwood said, even come back to volunteer once they are back on their feet again with a job and a permanent home.

Daly was pleased to hear that and said his organization has found that there are people who can find themselves in a difficult situation, yet later go on to succeed in life because of programs like Bridge House.

"We've heard great stories about what people can accomplish once they get back on their feet. I know of one woman who went from being homeless to getting a degree and a job, working as a nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston," he said. "She said she hopes her child will grow up to be a doctor now."

Currently Bridge House offers temporary housing for homeless veterans and families who are struggling. Children and their parents have frequently stayed in their facility until they could find more stable housing and Bentwood said her staff has alwavs worked hard to make sure there was no shame to staying in their temporary "boarding house" where their parents also have to pay rent. To prevent situations

like that from happening so often in the future however. Bentwood and her staff have now developed an outreach program that seeks out families in need so they don't have to turn to Bridge House for shelter. That, she says, seems to have been met with some success thus far.

"No landlord wants to go through evicting people so we just want to help keep families in their homes whenever we can," she said.

Besides the shelter and outreach program, Bridge House also offers hospice space for people in their final stage of life and soon will open their Permanent Supportive Housing unit.

"This money will go a long way in helping us provide services and programs for our veterans and others who need us," said Bentwood.

Besides her gratitude to Daly and Housing Ministries of New England, she said she also wanted to thank Kathleen Lingenberg for all of her assistance in the process involved in writing the grant.

"She and I worked on this together but she really was the driving force behind it all," Bentwood said.

Daly said he looks forward to coming back with the entire HMNE board of directors next spring when they will hold their annual meeting at the Common Man in Plymouth then tour Bridge House and all it offers to those in need in Plymouth and the surrounding community.

Notebook **FROM PAGE A5**

anyone in the general category of Officialdom. "They talk to you like you're stupid," is what I often hear.

People are scared to death of looking stupid. It's akin to the reasons people often give for not wanting to write letters to the editor, even when they have something well worth saying. They fear that the editor will run the letter just as they wrote it, mistakes and all, an embarrassment no good editor would allow.

And then there's your big, bad hunter, often depicted in the media as an overgrown, feeble-minded Elmer Fudd, who's going to rush out and try to shoot any cougar reported as out there, anywhere. So cougar-sighters opt to protect a cougar they suddenly see, somehow, as "theirs." Never mind, by the way, that the cougar is fully protected (or was, until it was declared extinct) unless you're defending life and limb or

little matter (last time I looked) of a thousand-dollar fine.

There well may be photos of cougars around, but how about a road-kill? You'd think we'd have hit one in the road by now. In fact, we have, in the form of a roadkill in Connecticut, in 2011, involving a South Dakota cougar with a severe case of wanderlust.

But the question is about New Hampshire, and probably the answer is the same, "We have." But here we get into a non-urban legend akin to the fabled Poodle in the Clothes Dryer, or the Disappearing Hitchhiker---the Incredible Disappearing Road-Killed Cougar. Cue the file-photo. Film at 11.

If I had a nickel for every road-killed cougar I've heard about, as the old saying goes, I'd be rich. Well, not quite.

The hardest I ever worked on a pha ntom story, meaning one that I never quite got to the bottom of, was when I began chasing

a reported mountain lion kill on I-93 in New Hampton fifteen years or so ago. It was so much fun (not) that I forget. But as I recall, I chased it even unto calling a retired police or fire chief, I forget which.

The story was that a motorist hit and killed a cougar near the town line (there are at least two), and that a curious driver stopped to take a picture, but then a state pickup truck (exact department or division unspecified) pulled over and a guy swung the dead cat into the back of the truck (quite a feat if it was, say, a big adult male), and sped off before the second driver could get a decent photograph.

I was supposed to receive the sole photograph taken at the scene before the cat was spirited away, but never did, so I can't say what I'd so like to say, "Film at 11."

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Holiday Cookie Walk supports Bridge House

BY DONNA RHODES

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PLYMOUTH - Among the many festivities that took place around town last weekend was a Holiday Cookie Walk at the Plymouth Senior Center, benefitting the Bridge House, the local homeless shelter that provides veterans and others in need with not only a safe place to stay but other services they may require as a result of their circumstanc-

From 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., people strolled the tables laden with delicious homemade cookies, selecting those they liked best for their holiday entertainment. There was more than just the sweet

treats. however. There were crafts for children to enjoy, face painting and a raffle that adults could take part in for a chance to take home one of several great prizes from local merchants.

Best of all was a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus who took time out of their busy schedule to talk with children and have their photo taken with kids from one to 100 years of age.

Ed VanDorn, president of the Bridge House Board of Directors, said many people from the community pitched in to make the Cookie Walk a success once again this year. Among those were the volunteers who as-



Among the many who attended the Holiday Cookie Walk to benefit Bridge House last Saturday were Bridge House worker Nancy Cole, Vietnam veteran Joe Krol, Santa Claus and Ed VanDorn of the board of directors.

Wrap up your holiday shopping at the Belknap Mill

LACONIA — Wrap up your holiday shopping at the 11th annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the historic mill building in its holiday glory at 25 Beacon St. East in downtown Laconia.

This popular event has attracted crafters from around New Hampshire offering a shopping experience not to be missed. Visitors will enjoy a wide assortment of unique products from more than 30 crafters over two floors of the Mill. Included in this year's offerings are: acrylic & watercolor art, handmade hats & scarves, jams & jellies, wood products, stone products, bird houses, honey, fleece blankets and mittens, nightlight blocks, handcrafted chocolates, quilts, wreaths, homemade applesauce, floral arrangements and



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There will be freshbaked goods and lunch options available for sale from the Laconia High School Key Club. Visitors to the bazaar are invited to take a chance at the vendor raffle; all items are donated by participating vendors, with proceeds supporting the Belknap Mill.

The Belknap Mill is the oldest, unaltered brick textile mill in the country. It has permanent museum exhibits that interpret the history of the textile industry in Laconia, as well as educational programs for all ages. Admissions is free and open to the public. For more information, email Tara Shore at operations@belknapmill. org, visit belknapmill. org or Facebook, or call



At last weekend's Holiday Cookie Walk in Plymouth, four-yearold Jordan of Campton was excited to show Santa the fire truck face painting he got as his family selected some cookies to take home.

sisted in the activities for the day, the generous home bakers who provided all the cookies and of course, Santa.

lined up at the door well before 11 o'clock, VanDorn said.

Annually, he added, the Cookie Walk provides as much as \$2,500 to \$3,000 in funds to help Bridge "Kids just love this House in their mission each vear. People were to serve a population of veterans that many have



Courtesy

Hikers enjoy the panoramic views of Squam from the peak of historic Red Hill on last Wednesday's Squam Lakes Association Guided Hike. To join us on future hikes, visit our Web site at www.squamlakes.org.

SLA to host winter tree ID hike

HOLDERNESS -Confused about what trees and shrubs are around you once autumn rolls around and steals all the leaves? Well "leaf" your worries behind and emBARK on a journey with the SLA in a wonderful morning of winter tree identification on East Rattlesnake! There are many ways to identify trees besides the leaves. Bark, buds, leaf scars, branching pattern, smell, and even taste are all exciting ways to figure out what is growing around us year round.

Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for an opportunity to learn about some of New Hampshire's native tree species. Participants will join Lakes Region Conservation Corps

(LRCC) members Moses Shafer and Grace Callahan as we discuss tree anatomy and techniques to identify several native species. All participants will meet at the SLA headquarters in Holderness before carpooling to the Butterworth trailhead.

There are some steep sections of the trail. Due to the time of the year, participants are encouraged to dress in layers, bring snacks and water, and to bring snowshoes or micro spikes. Snowshoes can be provided for up to six participants.

For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology program, visit the SLA website (squamlakes. org) or contact the SLA directly (968-7336). The SLA also offers other Adventure Ecology pro-

grams throughout the year. These free programs are open to the public and cover a variety of nature and conservation related topics. The Adventure Ecology programs are presented by the LRCC AmeriCorps members at the SLA who perform important conservation work in support of the Squam Lakes Associa-

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.

race of its kind for the 2019 running season. **FROM PAGE A1**

all seven of their "kiddos" for the race this year and made sure each were decked out for the holidays. From sparkling tutus for mom and the girls to bells that jingled when they ran, the family was set for a fun outdoor fitness adventure.

"This race has fitness, family and fun all rolled up in one. It's got everything!" Caron said.

The course for this year's Jingle Mingle led the runners from TTCC down onto Lake St. where they turned up Ballou Rd. and onto N. Main St. at the top of the hill. Runners then made one last jog up Cedar Street before heading down Mayhew St. and back to TTCC. Once back at the center, everyone was invited to join the race coordinators for snacks, some hot soup and hot chocolate. Winners in the raffle were also awarded their prizes at that time.

Approximately 50 people of all ages and abilities headed into downtown Bristol last Saturday morning for the Tapply-Thompson Community Center's annual Jingle Mingle 5K, the last local

"TTCC is a wonder-

ful place that does so much great stuff for the community. The soup is always delicious and the camaraderie for this race is awesome. We look forward to it every year," said Caron.



Newfound Landing

Bears upend defending champs in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound hoop girls avenged last year's semifinal loss in a big way kicking off the new season, as the Bears defeated the defending state champions from Monadnock by a 43-30 score on Friday, Dec. 6.

"The game started out very slow for both teams," said Newfound head coach Kammi Williams. "We had many open opportunities and just couldn't buy a basket."

The first half scoring was obviously a problem as each team scored just nine points in the first half and the game was tied at nine at the break.

The second half was much different as the Huskies pressed and the Bears struggled at first, but then they started hitting their shots and trailed by just three, 24-21 at the end of the third quarter.

"In the fourth quarter, we finally found our rhythm," said Williams. "It took some time to

What's On Tap

The high school winter sports season gets into full swing in the coming week as the local teams get to work.

The Newfound hoop boys will open their season by visiting Belmont on Friday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. and will play their first home game on Tuesday, Dec. 17, against Franklin at 6:30 p.m.

The Bear girls' basketball team will be hosting Belmont on Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Newfound ski team will be opening the season on Friday, Dec. 13, and will also ski on Thursday, Dec. 19, both at Bretton Woods at 10 a.m.

The Plymouth girls' basketball team will be opening the season on Friday, Dec. 13, at home against Bow and will be at Laconia at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Bobcat wrestlers will be at ConVal on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9 a.m. and will be hosting Pelham and Kearsarge on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth ski jumping team is scheduled to compete at Proctor Academy on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.

The Bobcat alpine skiers will be kicking off their season at Crotched Mountain on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will kick off the season on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at ConVal-Conant on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.



RC GREENWOOD

Bailey Fairbank (left) and Malina Bohlmann try to get the ball away from a Monadnock Husky during opening action on Dec. 6.

finish at the rim but we stayed patient and it finally all came together."

The Bears scored 22 points in the fourth quarter and allowed the defending champs just six points to finish out the 43-30 win.

Sophomore Paulina Huckins led all scorers with 16 points on the evening while Tiffany Doan had nine points and freshman Malina Bohlmann chipped in with seven in her varsity debut. Mackenzie Bohlmann had 12

rebounds to go along with five points and Huckins pulled down 10 boards. Malina Bohlmann finished with six steals and Bailey Fairbank dished out five assists to go with her six points.

"We obviously need to

start stronger, but with time and confidence, it will happen," Williams said.

The Bears will be in action on Friday, Dec. 13, hosting Belmont at 6:30 p.m. and will finish up the pre-holiday portion of the schedule with a trip to Franklin for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Dec 17.

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

Gosson earns soccer All-State nod

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

REGION The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Organization has announced All-State

teams for the recently-concluded high school soccer season.

In Division II, four local boys earned Honorable Mention. Plymouth's Remy Beaujouan (defense) and Doug Cassarino (midfield), Kennett's Ethan Clay-(striker) Storm and Kingswood's Brian Winn (striker) all earned Honorable Mention.

On defense, Team honors went to Zach Kriebel and Trevor Faver of ConVal, Cooper Boure of Lebanon and Jacob Harper of Milford. Second Team honors went to Kayden Easter of John Stark, Raymond Lapiejko of Coe-Brown and Jesse Gushee and Carl Zent of Oyster River. Joining Beaujouan with Honorable Mention are Nate Dolder and Connor Waschsmuth of Bow, Ryan Schoffield of Merrimack Valley, Eric Donovan of Oyster River and Nathan Pettingill of Milford.

First Team midfielders were Logan Falzarano of Lebanon, Reed Leader of Oyster River and August Marshall and Colby Knight of ConVal. Second Team went to ConVal's Finn Wegmueller, Pembroke's Tyler Serefin, Bow's Matt Selleck and Hollis-Brookline's Max Burns. Joining Cassarino with Honorable Mention are Nolan Matthews and Ryan Constable of Milford, Hunter Glynn of Manchester West, Bryan Wright of Hollis-Brookline, Ben Tichner of Lebanon and Alex Lin of Souhegan.

First Team strikers were Logan Cassin and Coby Mercier of Merrimack Valley and Caiden Leader of Oyster River. Second Team honors Coe-Brown, Wilonja Amosi of Manchester West and Connor Winder of Milford. Joining Clay-Storm and Winn with Honorable Mention are Peter Russell of Kearsarge, Tyler St. Martin of Lebanon and Alex Gagnon of Pelham.

First Team goalie was Mather Kipka of Con-Val, Second Team went to Seth Rutledge-Davis of Kearsarge and Honorable Mention went to Ryan Coutu of Hollis-Brookline and Cooper Moote of Stevens.

Olf Mouyaka of Milford was named Coach of the Year and Kevin Morneault of ConVal earned JV Coach of the Year.

For Division II girls, Plymouth's Sumaj Billin earned Honorable Mention for defense.

Defense First Team

went to Taylor Burnham and Chloe Binder of Bow, Meg Tupaj of Souhegan and Eva Schiffman of Hanover. Second Team went to Pembroke's Britney Hill, Calla Tucker of Oyster River, Renee Wilson went to Cavden Dono- of Milford and Elizabeth Philbrook of Merrimack Valley. Joining Billin with Honorable Mention are Arden Ulmer of John Stark, Ayla Laro of ConVal, Amelia Bracket of Coe-Brown and Emily

> Hinckley of Sanborn. First Team goalile was Sally Rainey of Lebanon, Second Team went to Bella Bardales of Hanover and Honorable Mention went to Emaly Roy of John Stark, Hunter Stonebreaker of Souhegan and Colleen Peters of Pelham.

> First Team midfield went to Pepper Joseph of Hanover, Rachel Gizzonio and Mikayla Thompson of Milford and Lindsay Burnham of Bow. Second Team went to Madison Bailey of Pembroke, Paisley Broadhurst of Hollis-Brookline, Casey McGuire of Ha

nover and Megan Gradiian of Lebanon. Honorable Mention went to Hayley Kenney of Merrimack Valley, Bella Roy of John Stark and Caroline Camp of Kearsarge,

Striker First Team Hanover, Tasha White of Hollis-Brookline and Charlotte Johnson of Hanover. Second Team went to Aspen Tiapa of Milford and Kristina Pizzi of Bow. Honorable Mention went to Ovs-River's Charlotte Cousins. Souhegan's Greta Caulton, Milford's Sydney Thibault, Kearsarge's Jordan Busch and John Stark's Chelsea Woodsom.

Doug Kennedy of Hanover was named Coach of the Year and Jessica Allison of Bow was named JV Coach of the

For Division III boys, Prospect Mountain's Nolan Sykes earned Second Team (striker), teammates Michael Mahoney (defense) and Caden Dore (midfield) and Newfound's Jack Gosson

(goalie) all earned Honorable Mention.

First Team goalie was Chase Gagnon of St. Thomas, Second Team went to Jack Noury of Campbell and joining Gosson with Honorwent to Riley Craft of able Mention were Zach Ramsdell of Sanborn and Andrew Pincince of Somersworth.

First Team for defense went to Colton Workman of Gilford, Mike Baer of Hopkinton, Zack Barthel of Mascenic and Lars Major of Belmont. Second Team went to Tanner Shore of Laconia, Andrew Dicroce of Trinity, David Southworth of White Mountains and Ryan Stultz of Trinity. Joining Mahoney with Honorable Mention were Paul Cunningham of Brady, Liam Hemmerling of Mascoma, Ashley Deshaies of Winnisquam and Anthony Tomer of

Monadnock. First Team midfield went to Noah Caballero of Mascenic, Derek West of Hopkinton, Ben Schwarz of Mascoma and Ben Gar-

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IHSA, success or significant impact in equestrian sport or the equestrian industry and any other honors. An induction ceremony will be held during the IHSA board meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4, in Orlando, Fla.

"We are so proud to announce this first group of inductees into the IHSA Hall of Fame," said Peter Cashman, interim IHSA executive director. "We honor these legendary leaders for the impact they've had on collegiate and mainstream equestrian sports and for the good of the industry."

Among the inductees is Sally Batton, from Canton, Ohio (now a Hebron resident), who coached and taught at Centenary University before accepting the position as head



COURTESY PHOTO (Right) Sally Batton of Hebron is part of the first IHSA Hall of Fame class.

coach of the Dartmouth

College equestrian team.

Batton coached the Dartmouth team for 29 seasons and has coached at the collegiate level for 35 years. She led the Dartmouth equestrian team to five Ivy League titles, in 1997, 2007, 2010, 2014 and 2016. Batton also sent numerous Dartmouth riders to IHSA National Championships. She served on the IHSA board of directors from 1984-2017, first as a Regional President, then chair of several committees and served as IHSA National Steward from 2001-2017. In 2008. Batton was named the American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA) Instructor of the Year and is an ARIA certified Level III hunter seat trainer and a United States Hunter Jumper Association certified trainer. Batton was awarded the IHSA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. She retired in 2019 and plans to continue teaching and working with the Athletic Equestrian League she founded in 2010.

Other inductees include Robert E. "Bob" Cacchione, John H. "Jack" Fritz, Cindy Ford, Elizabeth "Beezie" Madden, Cindy Moorehead, J.T. Tallon and Clifford, a horse from the Cornell

equestrian team.

The Intercollegiate
Horse Shows Association
(IHSA) welcomes men

and women of all riding

levels and offers individual and team competition in hunter seat equitation, Western horsemanship and reining at more than 400 member colleges and universities. Membership in IHSA means that college students can participate in horse shows regardless of their experience or financial status. Students compete at eight levels from beginner through advanced with suitable, provided horses, eliminating the expense of horse ownership.

Founded in 1967 by Cacchione, it is the oldest and largest intercollegiate equestrian organization with 10,000 members in 47 states and Canada. IHSA college and university team participation is represented through a variety of programs including varsity athletics, academic departments and club sports. IHSA offers valuable hands-on experience and professional development in multiple facets of the equine industry. Many IHSA teams participate in service projects, giving back to their communities. Through the IHSA, students enhance their college experience and develop the tools that help build successful ca-

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Debunking a myth about Southern California



A 1972 song from Albert Hammond proudly announces that it never rains in Southern California.

I am here today to tell you that Albert Hammond lied.

Before I crashed my car and had to swallow having a car payment again, I had booked a trip to the west coast as part of a Rob Has a Podcast Survivor event. It fell at the perfect time just before the winter sports season opened up, meaning I had a bit more time on my schedule.

The day was last Wednesday and after a short nap, I woke up at midnight and was on the road before 1 a.m. to Boston to catch a 5 a.m. flight to Dallas-Fort Worth. The good news is, with such an early flight, there was no traffic getting into the airport and the security line was minimal, making for a quick trip through the checkpoint.

Of course, it wouldn't be a trip for me if there weren't some kind of drama involved and that drama came in the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. For anyone who has ever been there, the place is

huge and the different terminals are connected by train for traveler ease. I got off the plane in terminal C and had to make my way to terminal A with less than an hour between flights. As I reached terminal A, I reached in my pocket and noticed that my driver's license was not there. I usually keep it in my wallet, which I keep in my backpack, but for convenience at the security checkpoint, I take it out and keep it in my pocket. I quickly determined that it most likely came out of my pocket when I pulled my phone out on the plane in to Dallas. The gate agent at my terminal C gate tried calling the gate where I had arrived, but nobody answered. I decided to take a chance and make a dash back to terminal A. I got back on the train and got to the gate, only to find nobody there. I was able to find a helpful woman at the American Airlines information desk and she went on the plane and found my license at my seat as I expected. It was back on the train to terminal A and I arrived just in time for them to call my boarding group and got on the plane to John Wayne Orange County

For the first time in followed just down the my life, I did a preseason interview with a it through much of that

coach while sitting in the airport, as I checked in with Kennett girls' hoop coach Larry Meader from Orange County. A few hours later, after a stop at In-N-Out Burger, I talked with Plymouth girls' hoop coach Dave Levesque as well. I'm planning on submitting my mileage to California in the next pay period, since obviously I was there to work

there to work. The rain made things a bit tough, as I usually like to walk around wherever I am, but I didn't feel much like getting soaked. I took an Uber to the Brea Mall and hung out there for a short period of time before it was off to an escape room in Brea. Our group successfully solved the escape room puzzle in the second-best time of the year accord-

ing to the staff.

Next up was dinner at The Hat, a local chain that specializes in pastrami (though their barbecue beef was also very good) before we headed over to the venue location, the Brea Improv.

We had a great episode of Survivor to watch and the panel discussion that followed was great, featuring a number of great guests, including many who I had not met before. The after party followed just down the road but I didn't make

since I'd been up for so long at that point.

The next morning the rain had cleared and the sun came out so I hopped a ride down to the Newport pier and walked along the beach. While Orange County is the setting for one of my favorite television shows of all time, The O.C., it wasn't filmed there so I didn't get to see any familiar sites, but it was cool to walk along the water and look up at the snow-covered mountains in the distance. It reminded me a bit of my experience in Sochi, Russia for the

Before long it was back to the airport and homeward bound, with a slight delay in Dallas. I landed at about 1 a.m. and was home by about 3:30 a.m. The first game of the winter season came around about 14.5 hours later and from there, it was a trip north to put up the Christmas lights in Stark, making for one heck of a busy week.

2014 Winter Olympics.

And yes, it does rain in southern California. I've seen it for myself.

Finally, have a great day, Sarah Christian.

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Free youth lacrosse clinics in Gilford start Sunday

GILFORD — All area second through eighth graders, boys and girls, are invited to Lakes Region Lacrosse Club's winter skills and intro to lacrosse clinics. All skill levels are welcome, with US Lacrosse-certified coaches on hand to get you ready for the spring 2020 season.

The clinics are free and will be held at the Gilford Youth Center. They'll start on Dec. 15 and will run 4-6 p.m. generally every other Sunday through February. Participants can attend one, some, or all clinics. Registration is required. Visit www.lrlacrosse.org for details and to register.



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diner of Gilford. Second Team went to Max Lussier of Sanborn, Shea Dickson of Hopkinton, Anthony Aguiar of Gilford and Ben Estrella of Berlin. Joining Dore with Honorable Mention are Colby Reid of Laconia, Chris Ban Natta of Derryfield, Jack Ferguson of Hillsboro-Deering and Ethan Vitello of Conant

Vitello of Conant. First Team striker went to Ben Seiler of Mascoma, Sam Sawyer of Gilford and David Latsha of Campbell. Joining Sykes with Second Team are Nate Sottak of Belmont and Joaquin Heller of Campbell. Honorable Mention went to Nate Wilkins of Mascenic, Tyler Rousseau of Berlin, Kaden Brackett of Raymond, Max Hentz of Inter-Lakes and Eli Gould of Fall Mountain.

Andy Helliesen of Mascenic was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Prospect Mountain's Hannah Racine earned Honorable Mention for midfield for Division III girls.

First Team goalie was Bailey Bourque of Campbell, Second Team went to Gracie Atkins of Hillsboro-Deering and Honorable Mention went to Emily Senko of Brady and Alyson Van George of Laconia.

First Team defense went to Eleanor Owen of Hopkinton, Alexis Aiken of Stevens, Briana Connolly of Somersworth and Kate Stoncius of Campbell. Second Team went to Sana Syed of Belmont, Kylie Youngclaus of St. Thomas, Sarah Bradley of Trinity and Zoe Cousineau of Derryfield. Honorable Mention went to Deanna Bourque of Belmont, Kally Murdough and Madeline Follansbee of Hopkinton, Zahna Rice of Stevens, Helen LaRowe of Inter-Lakes, Avery Stewart of Fall Mountain, Bailey Brewer of Conant and Morgan Doolan of White Mountains.

Midfield First Team went to Tanner Brown of Stevens, Annie Higginbotham of Hopkinton, Reece Sadler of Gilford and Lauren Beitler of Brady. Joining Racine with Honorable Mention were Rebecca Pincince of Somersworth, Eva La-Valley of Hillsboro-Deering, Jaiden McKenna of Gilford, Emma Losey of Derryfield and Jillian Patria of Conant.

First Team striker went to Kathryn Lacasse of Raymond, Sheridan Brummett of Brady and Sydney Miller of Stevens. Second Team went to Loren Charron of Hopkinton, Keeley Francis of Trinity and Chelsea Cooper of St. Thomas. Honorable Mention went to Rebecca Fleming of Belmont, Shelby Cole and Maddi Rector of Gilford, Kaylee Peare of Berlin and Halee Bertolami of Monadnock.

Mike Zahn of Hopkinton was named Division III Coach of the Year.

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