



The Field family came together from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine to spend a fun day at the Hebron Church Fair last Saturday, a summertime ritual for the group.



Three-year-old Eva of Bridgewater painted her own face, enjoyed an ice cream cone from Mill Fudge Factory then headed off for the pony rides at the Hebron Church Fair last weekend.



While vacationing from her home in Virginia, seven-year-old Allegra was excited to ride “Andi” from Patten Brook Farm when her family attended the Hebron Church Fair last weekend. Escorting Allegra for the ride was Andi’s handler for the day, Moriah.

Sunny skies prevail again as the Hebron Church Fair celebrates 65th anniversary

BY DONNA RHODES
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HEBRON — Last Saturday marked the 65th anniversary of the Hebron Church Fair, where talents, bargains and celebrations headline the day each year.

“It never rains on the Hebron Church Fair”

is the unofficial motto of the event, and true to form, skies were sunny and bright as people from all over not only New Hampshire but many states across the country headed into the village to enjoy the day.

The air opened at 9 a.m. with a breakfast

provided by the Hebron Fire Department. From there, shoppers perused the more than 100 vendor booths, enjoyed children’s games which were overseen by local camp groups and enjoyed even more food, like the fire department’s apple fritters

and the ever-popular homemade pies from the Hebron Area Women’s Group.

Several local nonprofits also took part in the fair once again. Newfound Lake Association held their annual raffle, which capped off their Lake Week Activities. None of the items donat-

ed to the raffle were under \$100 in value and Executive Director Boyd Smith said some lucky people would walk away with great prizes this year, including a great paddle board from West Shore Marine, boat rentals, and eight great lodging packages from local inn and motels.

Newfound Audubon Center had dragonfly crafts for children to make, while the Newfound Area Nursing Association and Pemi-Baker Community Health had a fun hoola hoop challenge for kids to test their fitness and coordination.

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State awards special highway block grants

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributing Writer

REGION — Many communities were pleasantly surprised by last Monday’s announcement that they would be receiving a portion of \$30 million in new state highway block grants.

Senate Bill 38, which Gov. Chris Sununu signed into law on Monday, transfers the money from the state’s year-end surplus that normally would go into the revenue stabilization reserve account commonly known as the Rainy Day Fund.

“Due to responsible budgeting in FY 16-17, our state produced significant surplus that has not only grown the Rainy Day Fund, but allowed our state to return millions of taxpayer dollars to our communities,” said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem). “Nearly \$30 million will be returned to cities and towns to directly support critical infrastructure im-

provements that will benefit our citizens across the state.”

Bill Watson of the Bureau of Community Planning and Development said all of the municipalities should have the allotted funds by the end of the week.

Alexandria was slated to receive a \$72,658.34 block grant, while Bridgewater’s allocation was \$45,016.78, Bristol’s was \$80,398.83, Danbury’s was \$74,654.37, Groton’s was \$22,365.19, Hebron’s was \$23,796.90, and New Hampton’s was \$89,565.91.

The one-time appropriation supplements the previously announced

highway block grants that go out each year, doubling what the municipalities regularly receive. The state allocates around \$30 million to the communities each year, an amount determined by calculating 12 percent of all highway revenues. During 2010 and 2011, the state also used money from a temporary increase in motor vehicle fees to supplement regular highway revenues.

This week’s distribution is allocated in the same way: Fifty percent is based on a town’s population and 50 percent is based on the town’s share

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Joy ride

Adventurous little three-and-a-half-year-old Brooklyn took her pretty pink Barbie Escalade out for a spin along North Groton Road last week, with mom walking alongside to steer her in the right direction for their play date.

Community gathers for summertime bash in Hill

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HILL — With Old Home Day occurring only once every five

years in the Town of Hill, this summer, members of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Friends

of the Hill Library teamed up to host a special “Community Bash,” featuring live music and great food

on the lawn beside the town pond and bandstand.

At five o’clock last Saturday evening, ev-

everyone lined up for a chicken barbecue that included a variety of homemade salads and fresh corn on the cob, then settled into lawn chairs or on blankets to enjoy the sounds of “Cold River Ranters.” For dessert, there was plenty of ice cream to cool everyone down on a hot New Hampshire night.

“We just wanted to everyone to come down and enjoy the evening,” said Library Director Lynn Christopher, one of the event’s organizers.

While proceeds from the dinner were earmarked for the two groups who sponsored the Community Bash, Christopher pointed out that it wasn’t nec-

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Science Center introduces young readers to “Animal Ambassadors”

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BRISTOL — Boys and girls in Bristol were excited to meet some special Animal Ambassadors from Squam Lake Natural Science Center last week, as they continue to examine ways in which they can “Build a Better World” through the summer reading program at Minot-Sleeper Library.

SLNSC Naturalist Margaret Gillespie



Azra Karabegovic, Children’s Librarian for the Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol, was excited to get a close-up look at a porcupine when Naturalist Margaret Gillespie of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center brought some Animal Ambassadors to the library last Wednesday.

and volunteer Kellie Cooke spoke with the

crowd about “animal architects,” members

of the natural world who not only create homes for themselves, but build homes and nesting areas for other creatures as well.

The first special visitor was a woodchuck. Gillespie’s power point presentation showed the intricate network of tunnels a woodchuck will build, that includes two entrances and exits, a den to sleep in and even a “restroom.”

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Bristol's legal expenses on the rise

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — As the town awaits the outcome of a lawsuit challenging the March elections, selectmen are keeping a close eye on the burgeoning legal expense line in the Bristol budget.

While the town's biggest legal expense remains its participation in efforts to force the Northern Pass hydroelectric transmission lines underground — \$42,388.58 as of the end of May — its second-largest expenditure has been its defense in the election lawsuit brought by selectman candidate and former budget committee member John Sellers. As of May, the town had been billed \$12,892.71 for its defense in the case, which went to a final hearing several weeks ago. The judge has not yet issued a decision, and the town has not received a final bill from its attorney.

A dispute with residents on Hemlock Brook

Road has cost the town \$2,595.10 in legal ex-

penses, and its utility assessment litigation

Hebron Historical Society hosting program on Native America archaeological finds

HEBRON — On Saturday, Aug. 26, the Hebron Historical Society will sponsor a presentation by local archaeologists Doug and Ben McLane entitled "Native American Finds from Hebron and the Northeast." The program will be in a "show and tell" format featuring decades-worth of finds from the Hebron Beach and Grey Rocks areas as well as thousands of museum-quality artifacts from the Howard Sargent collection. Focus will be not only on the simple utility of these objects but also on their significance as art. Most of these treasures may be handled by the audience so the presentation will be especially

interesting for young people.

The featured talk will begin at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome and there is no charge for admission, but donations would be appreciated.

The program will be held in the Hebron Community Hall (16 Church Lane, in the basement of the Union Congregational Church), which is directly across North Shore Road from the Hebron Common. The facility is fully handicap accessible by entering via the office door to the right of the church entrance and using the elevator.

For more information, please call 744-3335.

with NNET, Fairpoint, and Eversource has cost \$814.90 as of the end of May.

General legal expenses, which cover document reviews and

questions that come up during the course of the year, amounted to \$16,408.56 as of that May billing.

Sellers' lawsuit charges irregularities

with the handling of absentee ballots and a flaw in listing open positions on the budget committee, due to a typographical error on last year's town report.



DONNA RHODES

It's the time of the season...for blueberries

It's the sweetest time of the year, with blueberries continuing to ripen on farms throughout central New Hampshire. This year's crop, growers say, is destined to be especially abundant. Locally, people can now find pick-your-own blueberries at Kemah's Blueberry Farm on Mt. Cardigan Road in Alexandria, Aqua Tree Farm on Brad Chase Road in Danbury, Bean Hill Farm in Northfield, Brox Blueberry Farm on Quincy Road in Rumney and Surowiec Farm on Perley Hill Road in Sanbornton. Farm stands such as those at Krebs Farm on Upper Bay Road in Sanbornton and Longview Farm on Quincy Road in Plymouth, along with most area farmers' markets, also have fresh-picked supplies of the berries for sale.

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"Chuck" with Liev Schreiber, "Maudie," "Oz" and "The Hero" in August's Flying Monkey Film Series

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey announces its summer movie lineup!

Now playing through Aug. 6 at the Flying Monkey movie house is "Chuck," starring Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts, the story of an unknown part-time prizefighter who was chosen to take on Muhammad Ali in a much-publicized 1975 title fight. The character Chuck is the real life inspiration for Rocky Balboa. The film follows

Chuck's 15 minutes of glory and the resilience and redemption of his sudden fame.

Next up is "Maudie," showing Aug. 7 through Aug. 13, starring Ethan Hawke and Sally Hawkins in a film based on the true story of a Canadian folk artist inspired by the reclusive man she falls in love with when she is hired to be his housekeeper.


Also on slate at the Monkey is August's pick for the monthly silent film series with Jeff Rapsis, "The Wizard of Oz." Come check out the original silent classic Aug. 10, with live music accompaniment!

Rounding out the monthly film series is "The Hero," starring Sam Elliott and Katharine Ross about a

washed-up actor bidding his time with no particular purpose when fate and love step in to change his course. "The Hero" plays Aug. 14-20.

Most movies begin at 6:30 p.m. throughout the week except for nights when there is a live performance, so please call 536-2551 or visit flying-monkeynh.com for detailed information.

The Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center at 39 S. Main St. in Plymouth is a 1920s era theater purchased and renovated by Alex Ray in 2010 to serve as a community and regional cornerstone for the appreciation of music, theater and film in a small town venue. The Flying Monkey is a proud member of the Common Man family.



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Rare silent film version of “Wizard of Oz” at Flying Monkey on Thursday, Aug. 10

PLYMOUTH — You won't find Judy Garland in this version of Oz, or much of anything else that's familiar. That's because it's the forgotten 1925 silent film version of the famous tale.

Long overshadowed by the immensely popular 1939 remake, the rarely seen silent version of “The Wizard of Oz” (1925) will be screened one time only on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth.

The program, which will include an earlier short Oz film also based on stories and characters of author L. Frank Baum, will be accompanied by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film musician.

Admission is \$10 per person.

The silent version of “The Wizard of Oz,” released by Chadwick

Pictures, was intended as a vehicle for slapstick comedian Larry Semon, who directed the picture and played the role of the scarecrow.

Dorothy is played by Dorothy Dwan, Semon's wife. Also in the cast is Oliver Hardy as the Tin Man. Prior to his teaming with comedian Stan Laurel later in the 1920s, Hardy often played Semon's comic foil.

The silent “Wizard of Oz” bears little resemblance to the highly polished MGM musical released just 14 years later. However, due to the enduring worldwide popularity of Baum's 'Oz' characters and stories, the silent “Wizard of Oz” remains an object of great curiosity among fans.

The film departs radically from the novel upon which it is based, introducing new characters and exploits. Along with a completely different



COURTESY
The silent film version of “The Wizard of Oz” (1925) includes Larry Semon as the Scarecrow, Semon's wife Dorothy Dwan as Dorothy, and Oliver Hardy as the Tin Man. The rarely seen silent version of 'The Wizard of Oz' will be screened with live music on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com or call 536-2551.

plot, the film is all set in a world that is only barely recognizable as the Land of Oz from the books. The film focuses mainly upon Semon's character, who is analogous to Ray Bolger's Scarecrow character in the 1939 version.

The major departure from the book and film is that the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion are not actu-

ally characters, but are in fact disguises donned by three farm hands who find themselves swept into Oz by a tornado. Dorothy is here played by Dorothy Dwan—Semon's wife—as a young woman. In a drastic departure from the original book, the Tin Man (played by Oliver Hardy) is a villain.

Some elements of the narrative have their

roots in earlier adaptations of “The Wizard of Oz.” For example, Prime Minister Kruel has a predecessor in King Krewl, the antagonist of His Majesty, the Scarecrow of Oz. The note explaining Princess Dorothea's true heritage is signed “Pastoria”, a name used for the exiled King of Oz in the 1902 stage version of “The Wizard of Oz” and for the father of Princess Ozma in “The Marvelous Land of Oz” and later Oz books.

Legend has it that Semon's version of “Wizard” was so poorly received, Chadwick Studios was forced to file for bankruptcy while the picture was in theaters. In truth, the picture was a modest success, and Chadwick continued to release films through 1928, when the studio shut down prior to the industry's switch to synchronized sound.

Accompanist Jeff Rapsis specializes in creating music that bridges the gap between an older film and the expectations of today's audiences. Using a digital synthesizer that recreates the texture of a full orchestra, he improvises scores in real time as a movie un-

folds, so that the music for no two screenings is the same.

"It's kind of a high wire act, but it helps create an emotional energy that's part of the silent film experience," Rapsis said. "It's easier to be in tune with the emotional line of the movie and the audience's reaction when I'm able to follow what's on screen, rather than be buried in sheet music," he said.

“Because silent films were designed to be shown to large audiences in theaters with live music, the best way to experience them is to recreate the conditions in which they were first shown, Rapsis said.

"Films such as 'The Wizard of Oz' were created to be shown on the big screen to large audiences as a communal experience," Rapsis said. "With an audience and live music, silent films come to life in the way their makers intended. Not only are they entertaining, but they give today's audiences a chance to understand what caused people to first fall in love with the movies."

The silent version of “The Wizard of Oz” (1925) and other Oz-related silent films will be shown on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth.

Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com or call 536-2551. For more info on the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

The Bacon Brothers come to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents The Bacon Brothers on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Farwell Angelina opens the night. Tickets for this show start at \$59.

Long before Kevin Bacon launched his prolific stage and screen career, and before Michael Bacon became known as a go-to composer for film and television, they were just two brothers, born nine years apart, coming of age in Center City Philadelphia. By the late 1960s, Michael, already a professional musician, would gig with his band at the city's famed Electric Factory with a young Kevin tagging along when he could.

It's a time preserved in the cover art for The Bacon Brothers' 2008 release, “New Year's Day,” with a preteen Kevin singing alongside a mandolin-strumming Michael. The record, laden with the brothers' trademark gritty rock and a touch of Philly soul, hearkens back to those roots in the City of Brotherly Love, when life was less complicated and music filled the air.

“My earliest memory of music was what my



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brother was playing or the music he brought home,” Kevin Bacon recalls. “I would sit on the steps of our basement while he was downstairs practicing with our sister, Hilda, and their band. So my heroes growing up were all rock 'n' rollers. I wasn't really into sports, or even movies. If I could save money I'd buy an album.”

After 20 years, their band is clearly not just something the younger does for a vacation from acting. According to Kevin, he's simply twice blessed for doing two things he loves.

“People think that

at this point I must be so sick of acting, but nothing could be further from the truth,” the “Footloose” star says. “I still get a tremendous charge from it, and hopefully, I am getting better and better at it, and keep exploring new worlds.”

Surprisingly, it is Michael, who is based in New York City, who admits touring makes for a nice change of scene.

“It's a very different kind of life,” he says. “In

New York, I'm always so busy all the time with movie and TV scoring, and teaching, and composing.”

Some might think this is their chance to get six degrees from Kevin Bacon. But don't let Kevin's roots in Hollywood fool you. Expect finely crafted and sharply executed rock n roll with a blue-collar, rootsy edge.

Tickets to see The Bacon Brothers are \$59, and \$69 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at www.flyingmonkeyNH.com.

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CADY selected for Hannaford Helping Cause

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

We are thrilled to announce that Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth (CADY) has been selected to be a part of the exciting and innovative Hannaford Cause Bag Program, which is specially designed to support local nonprofits like us.

CADY's mission is to educate, engage and empower our schools and communities to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and to promote healthy environments and promising futures. We hope to build a resilient, inclusive and diverse community united in developing and sustaining a healthy environment where youth can grow up alcohol and drug free. Our vision is to have families, schools and communities that are informed about the importance of prevention, that actively participate in prevention efforts, and who encourage low-risk behavior; and to have significantly higher numbers of healthy, drug-free young people who do the same.

For every Hannaford Helps reusable bag purchased at the Plymouth Hannaford for \$2.50 during the month of August, \$1 will be donated to CADY to help us fulfill our mission of keeping kids safe, healthy, and drug free. CADY's goal is to sell 1,000 bags, equivalent to \$1,000 raised to help local kids learn, grow, and thrive. We

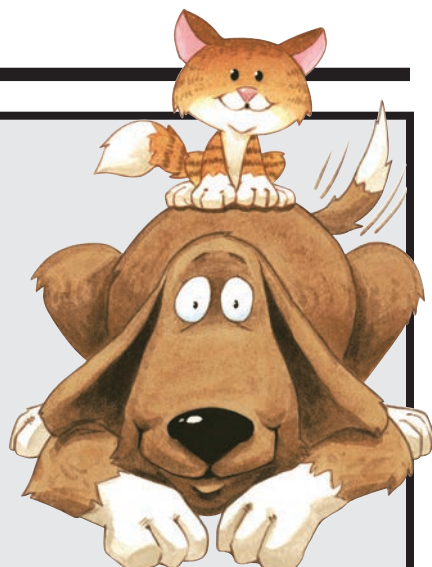
are confident that with the help of our dedicated supporters, we can reach this goal during the month of August and expand our capacity to spread awareness about the importance of youth substance abuse prevention throughout our community.

Please visit the Hannaford store located in Plymouth during the month of August and buy the specially designed bag with the good karma message. Imagine if every one of our supporters purchased just one bag! And, what if everyone bought two! And, it gets better... purchasing these beautiful Hannaford Helps reusable bags will support CADY while also helping conservation efforts—a win/win! I plan to buy several and instead of buying paper gift bags, I'll use these for gift giving. Please share our news with your friends and family and let them know that the Hannaford Helps bags are located on the reusable bag rack and at various registers.

We thank you and Hannaford so much for your continued support of CADY, our kids, and our community! The Hannaford Cause Bag Program is a simple and fun way to continue this support!

For more information about CADY, visit www.cadyinc.org. For more information about the Hannaford Bag Program, please visit www.hannaford.bags4my-cause.com.

PET of the Week Marley Boy & Kiki

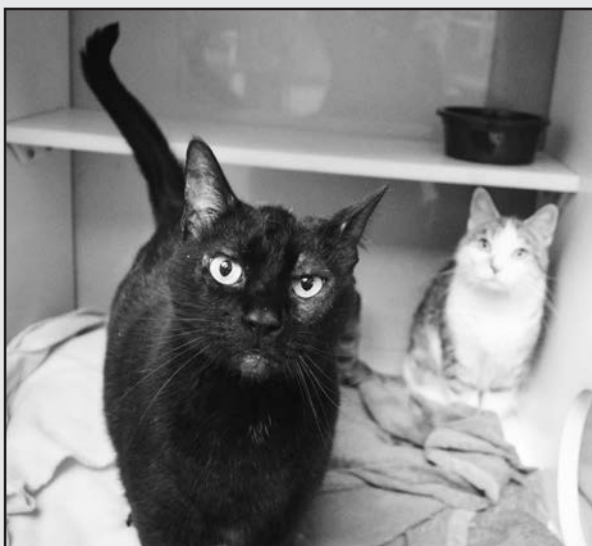


Two fast feline friends finding themselves at a loose end at NH Humane Society, now seek a permanent home – not separated.

They've always lived together, hence we do not want to split them up. Sadly surrendered by a family no longer able to care for the duo, we promised that Marley aged seven and Kiki, just five years young, would not be parted.

These two cats are an amiable, friendly couple who will assimilate well, after a settling in phase, into practically any home.

Neither is fazed by usual family life and are wonderful feline companions in the



making. Kiki, gorgeous tabby and Marley spiffy and all black have been waiting since June for a new home.

Would it make them even more appealing if we told you that Marley has some musical ability- its true. In his former home, he had been known to strum and pluck a guitar string or two, so if you have such an instrument and actively play it, this is indeed a special and fun trait. We don't know if he's named after Reggae Icon Bob Marley, but he obviously has similar talents!

Join us for the Antique & Classic Car Show in Bridgewater, NH Saturday August 5!

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

Letters to the Editor

Your support is appreciated, but your job is not over

To the Editor:

To the voters of District 9, Grafton County: thank you to all the voters who came out and supported me with your vote last Tuesday. your efforts on my behalf are greatly appreciated.

The process of choosing a Representative for the District is not over; on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the

final special election will be held. This is an important election; it is my hope that you will continue to exercise your Constitutional right to vote. If you don't vote, don't complain; you are part of the problem.

*Paul H. Simard
Bristol*

Bristol gives this area a lot to be thankful for

To the Editor:

I want to spend a few minutes on my experience taping all the events in Bristol, including the government meetings, parades, concerts, etc., etc.

To begin, I live in Alexandria, so this is from the outside looking in. I am amazed at the amount of volunteers that show up and work for the town, just because they love it! Downtown Bristol has become an awesome place to walk and just sit and rest.

I've seen the struggles the Select Board has with coming up with funds for several different events, which "all" the surrounding towns enjoy. The Memorial Day Services, 4th of July Parade, Fireworks, just to name a few.

I have been taping for nine years now, and have seen nine different Select Boards and 9 different Budget Committees, and they all have one thing in common. They love their town and care for the residents who live there. In spite of differences of opinion, sometimes heated, they all care about Bristol.

This brings up what shocked me at one of the meetings, several weeks before the 4th of July fireworks. One of the Select Board members mentioned that they mailed letters to the surrounding towns asking if they could pitch in for the fireworks. They did not receive a single response to the letters. Living in Alexandria, I felt ashamed! I'm not kidding. The surrounding towns can't chip in with a couple of thousand dollars to see a fireworks display (which if they did

would be incredible), which benefits them all in revenue to the businesses they have in Bristol. The 4th of July fireworks kicks off the summer. If the fireworks are great, people will want to experience more of what the Newfound Lakes Region provides.

I've have also experienced, first hand, the Bristol Fire Department saving a life on my property, after someone fell asleep and ran into a tree on Route 104. There were two children in the truck at the time. The Bristol Fire Department was there with the Jaws of Life. Thank you guys! Thank you also, Bristol residents, for allowing your resources to save lives in all the surrounding towns!

The Bristol Police Department is also to be lauded for the time they spend at "our" local schools. It's called "Newfound Regional High School" for a reason, yet they are the front line for being called to the schools. Whether it be drugs, fights, etc. Thank you!

I have lived here for 26 years and my kids have gone to the schools, Community Center and Kelley Park. We've (and still do) walked the pathway to the lake and swam at the beaches in Bristol, (when Wellington is full for Alexandria residents), even when it's not full, because I like walking across the street for ice cream.

To the Town of Bristol and all its residents, thank you!

*Ray Courchaine
Alexandria*

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North Country Notebook

The Bath Bridge, hummingbirds, porcupines, and Northern Pass



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Readers send me photos every now and then, mostly of landscapes and structures from long ago, or various wild creatures caught on camera by determination or good luck.

Mark Belisle of Shelburne, Vt. recently sent me a fine old photograph of the covered bridge over the Ammonoosuc falls in the little town of Bath. It was made from an old glass-plate negative, probably just after the Civil War.

In the days during and after daguerreotypes, making a photograph was an elaborate affair. The photographer, in total dark, brushed a liquid mixture of silver halide crystals onto a piece of tin or a glass plate, left the tent-like darkroom covering the camera, tried to get any people in the frame to sit still long enough for what was often an exposure time of four or five seconds, and rushed back into the tent to open the lens for the required time.

The fact that the man and his bateau below the falls are not blurred indicates that things had come a long way since daguerreotypes--wars have a way of fostering



COURTESY — MARK BELISLE

The Bath covered bridge, built in 1833 and raised and lengthened in the 1920s, is 390 feet long. It already was high enough to have escaped the worst of the long-log drives and floods of almost a century. Note the man idling away in a bateau in the whirlpool below.



COURTESY

The Brick Store in Bath, all decked out for the Fourth. It is said to be one of the nation's oldest general stores still in business.

invention--and the silver halide solution had been much improved, cutting the exposure time to perhaps a second.

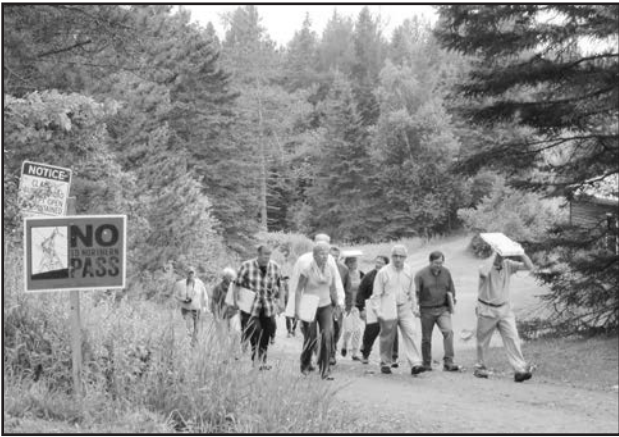
When this photograph was made, Bath's famed Brick Store had been long in place, and its distinct shape can be seen at far right. Built between 1780 and 1804, it was for a time hailed as the nation's oldest continuously operated general store. After a foreclosure auction last year, it has new owners and is back

in operation.

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My hummingbirds showed up week after last, just about on time. I use the possessive because they seem to come back to the same places. They are no doubt back at camp, too, half a thousand feet higher than my house and 20 miles further north, inaccessible by road and in the middle of nowhere.

There is no feeder



JOHN HARRIGAN

Members of the state Site Evaluation Committee visited upper North Country sites where the proposed Northern Pass line would go through, including the ox-cart-width, ledge-studded North Hill Road, seen here at its junction with Creampoke and County roads.

at camp, yet these little helicopters seem to find enough flowering wild plants to make a living. It's that way with many camp-owners I know--they look for their hummingbirds, and wonder that they arrive, and get by.

My hummingbirds scrutinize me whenever I happen to be sitting in the porch rocker, reading and looking out over the land.

They put off feeding until they've hovered behind my head for a second or two, and then come around directly in front of my face, and I say something just to get

them used to my voice, something really inventive, like "Hello, hummingbirds."

And they zoom away to come right back, take a second look, and then visit the feeder above. In a day or two, they become accustomed to me and there is no delay between the "Hello" and feeding.

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This column goes far afield, into papers I seldom see except online, but it's always good to get mail, no matter whence.

A Carroll County Independent reader wondered about what might

be chewing at the red-cedar corners of their camp in Wakefield. I figured it had to be porcupines, and she wrote back to say that they'd figured that too.

If there's any steady guest that can make a mess of a camp, it's porcupines. If they take up temporary residence under the floor and find or chew a way to get in, "Ugh" doesn't begin to describe it.

After I put big sliding doors across the yawning bays of the hay barn, a roving gang of porcupines chewed away at the chemically treated siding, even standing on their hind legs to do so. I got ready for drastic measures, but fortunately I have no rocky areas where quill-pigs like to den, and so like the occasional skunk that finds temporary and meager fare, they moved on

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Thanks to over-the-mountain neighbor Brad Thompson, I got a seat on the bus carrying site Evaluation Committee members around the upper North Country to view the proposed Northern Pass transmission line route.

I hope they thought what so many people who first see the beautiful, pastoral landscape with its narrow ox-cart roads invariably seem to think: They're actually talking about putting 40 miles of totally new right-of-way, whether buried or above ground, through such an incredible place as this?

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Strategies for Living

BY LARRY SCOTT

Jack and I were comfortably seated in the big rig we were driving, headed I can no longer remember where, reflecting on life and on the future. I was at the wheel and what came next I found to be both profound and tragic.

"Larry," he said, "the most liberating day of my life was the day I finally concluded beyond doubt that there is no God."

Jack and I were slated to travel together for the next four weeks, he as an aspiring truck driver and I as a trainer for Werner Enterprises, one of the nation's leading trucking companies. As I reconstruct our many conversations what I recall is that he was raised in a Christian home, had a Seminary degree and was for several years the Minister of Education in a large Los Angeles church. Intelligent, well-read, and a profound thinker, Jack had not become an avowed atheist without a great deal of thought and struggle. Despite his background, however, he ultimately turned his back on it all and concluded to his satisfaction, there is no God!

I will grant there are many things about Christian theology that make no sense at all. How the death and resurrection of a Jewish Rabbi two thousand years ago can impact our eternal destiny is difficult to justify. Being "born again" is a mystery to those who have not welcomed Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives. And the Bible, I note, never addresses Jack's issue. It never attempts to prove God's existence; it takes it for granted.

But Jack and I did see eye-to-eye at least in one area. Jack had been deeply influenced by post-modernism and the view that there is no right and wrong and no objective standard of truth. I did agree with him that we were both correct: for me there was a God, and for him, there was not! Jack had, in effect, become a god unto himself. With great pride he accepted ultimate responsibility for the conduct of his life, the principles he would live by, and his inevitable eternal destiny.

I have often been perplexed and dismayed by the extent to which people like Jack will go to resist God and His plan

for their lives. Atheism is just one out. Pluralism claims that every religion is true and that no one can claim to exclusive understanding of truth. Buddhism claims there is no God; the goal is the nirvana, the elimination of all suffering and desires and the illusion of self-existence. For many, however, it is simply disinterest.

"Be happy," we are told. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die!"

So many voices ... so many alternatives ... so many claims to represent truth ... I fully understand the confusion. I submit, however, that only Christianity equates with reality. Where we have come from, who we are, how we can enjoy genuine peace of mind and fulfillment, where we are going and how we can get there ... all are best revealed in the pages of the great book we call the Bible. And the Bible, I would note, points us to the person of Jesus Christ. An acceptance of this one Man changes everything!

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

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Robert W. Lynn, Sr., 89

BRIDGEWATER — Robert W. Lynn, Sr., 89, died Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at the Ridgewood Rehabilitation Center after a lengthy illness.

Bob was born in Weymouth, Mass., the only son of Harry and Doris (Walker) Lynn. Following graduation, he entered the US Navy and upon his return, took a position as a patrolman with the Boston Police Department, working in Area C, South Boston. He retired in 1993 after 33 years with the department. During his career he had received commendations for his single handed apprehension of an active shooter from a rooftop.

Bob took an active

part in his community through his memberships in the VFW Post 10640, Union Lodge #79 F &AM; Sawhegenit Chapter No. 52, OES; Cardigan Lodge #38 IOOF all of Bristol, NH; and the Boston Police Benevolent Association. He retired to Bridgewater, where he loved to take part in church and community suppers and visiting committees of the various organizations. He was a member of the Bristol Baptist Church.

Family members include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert W. Lynn, Jr. and Nancy; a grandson, Robert W. Lynn III, and granddaughter, Taylor Rosemarie Lynn.

He was predeceased by two sisters and wives, Mary and Dottie.

Calling Hours were Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017 from noon-2 p.m. at the Bristol Baptist Church, 30 Summer St., Bristol. A Masonic Service was observed during this time, followed by a funeral service at 2pm. Burial will follow in the Homeland Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Ridgewood Rehabilitation Center, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Bedford, NH 03110 or Catholic Medical Center, 100 McGregor St., Manchester, NH 03102. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol.

Elvis L. Belser, 93



BRISTOL — Elvis L. Belser, 93, died Monday, July 31, 2017 at the Mountain Ridge Health Care Center in Franklin. She was the widow of Harley T. Belser, and was a resident of Alexandria and Bristol for much of her life. She had been a lifetime member of the Alexandria United Methodist Church and extremely active in the Church and Sunday School for well over sixty years.

Elvis graduated from Bristol High School, Plymouth Teachers College, and earned a Masters Degree from the University of New Hampshire. Her great loves have been family, teaching, and church. She taught for thirty

years, the last 19 in Bristol Junior High.

She was a member of local, state, and national Grange and a member of local, state, and national teachers associations.

Survivors include her three sons, William, Thomas, and Dennis Belser of Bristol; her sister, Elsie Tivey of Jonesville, N.C., and her brother, Elmer A. Braley of Hillsville,

Va.; 15 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Michael D. Belser, formerly of Laconia.

The family would like to thank the caring staff members of Mountain Ridge and Concord VNA Hospice for their tender loving care of Elvis.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at the Emmons Funeral Home, 115 South Main St., Bristol. Funeral Services will be held at the Alexandria United Methodist Church on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Braley Paten Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alexandria United Methodist Church, 12 Washburn Rd., Alexandria, NH 03222 or Newfound Area Nursing Association, 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222.

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Alexandria

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Greetings and salutations from the Little Ponderosa nestled in the mountainside. What a beautiful day we have in store with lots of sunshine, chirping birds and good things growing to please the eye and palate! Thank you Judy for steering me into another adventure!

Alexandria UMC
Community Dinner
Saturday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m.
The dinner will be held at the Alexandria Town Hall this month. The menu is ham and beans, with dessert and the cost is "by donation." Thank you to all who take a turn hosting the dinners, and those who bring a dish to add to the menu.

Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Church Fair at AUMC, right in downtown Alexandria. Many vendors will be there, live music, bake sale, books, and you will likely find something you can't live without under the White Elephant tent. What a great way to spend time with family, friends and neighbors!

Sunday services are at 9 a.m. All are welcome. The coffee hour on the second Sunday has been changed to the third Sunday for August.

Board of Selectmen
The Alexandria Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-b on Tuesday, Aug. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Rd., to accept \$72,658.34 as an additional appropriation of High-

way Block Grant Funds in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 38. The funds are additional grants under RSA 235:23, I to be used for highway construction, reconstruction or maintenance purposes.

Administrative Assistant Jennifer Dostie will be out of the Board of Selectmen office Aug. 7 through 10. She will be back in the office on August 14.

Next BOS meeting will be Aug. 15. This is also the above noted Public Hearing.

Conservation Commission
Stay tuned for the Alexandria Barrett Park on Bog Road dedication! The park is open and the kiosk has photographs in it! There's even a picnic table so you can sit and enjoy the views.

Next meeting of the CC will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Rd.

Planning Board
At the July 19 meeting, a presentation of the watershed was made by Boyd Smith of the Newfound Lake Region Association. A most informative, and thought provoking meeting for residents and Board members.

Gravel pit inspections were conducted on July 28 by Board Chair, Merry Ruggirello, Janet Towse and Mary Pinkham-Langer, CNHA from DRA.

Next Planning Board meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Rd.

Alexandria Firefighters Association

Plans are in the works for the Annual Pig Roast on Saturday evening, Sept. 2. Stay tuned for more information.

Next AFFA meeting Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m., at the fire station. Please join us, all are welcome!

Well folks, that's about it for this week! Time for me to check the blackberries before Mr. and Mrs. Bruin, accompanied by young 'uns, do.

Danbury

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South Danbury Church
During the summer months the South Danbury Church worship services will be a breakfast potluck at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there isn't an opportunity to bring something, it's OK to come anyway – there is always more than enough food for everyone at the South Danbury Church!

The Annual fair was held on Saturday, July 29. The weather was grand and the crowd and music by eNfolk was great as well. There was standing room only for Mary Lyn Ray and Donald Hall. Doug, the auctioneer provided his auctioneering comedy routine as usual. You may see Doug in action again at the Grange Fair auction on the evening of Sept. 9. Photos of the day can be found on Facebook's open group page, "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church.

Town Wide Yard Sale
This Saturday, Aug. 5,

is Danbury's town wide yard sale. Sponsored by the DCC, the scheduled hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Buy a map and skirt the town for bargains. Only those yard sales with numbers or that are listed on the map are official

participants.

Grange Fair
The 103rd annual grange fair will be held on Sept. 9 from dawn to dusk. Plan to start your day at the Danbury El-

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus
Diversify Your Investments But Consolidate Your Providers

You have probably heard that diversification is a key to investment success. So, you might think that if diversifying your investments is a good idea, it might also be wise to diversify your investment providers – after all, aren't two (or more) heads better than one? Before we look at that issue, let's consider the first half of the "diversification" question – namely, how does diversifying your investment portfolio help you?

Consider the two broadest categories of investments: stocks and bonds. Stock prices will move up and down in response to many different factors, including good or bad corporate earnings, corporate management issues, political developments and even natural disasters. Bond prices are not immune to these dynamics, but they are usually more strongly driven by changes in interest rates. To illustrate: If your existing bond pays 2 percent interest, and new bonds are being issued at 3 percent, the value of your bond will fall, because no one will pay you full price for it. (Of course, it may not matter to you anyway, especially if you planned to hold your bond until maturity, at which point you can expect to get your full investment back, providing the bond issuer doesn't default.)

Here's the key point: Stocks and bonds often move in different directions. If you only own U.S. stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn, but if you own domestic and international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other types of investments, your portfolio may be better protected against market volatility, and you'll have more opportunities for positive results. (Keep in mind, though, that

even a diversified portfolio can't prevent all losses or guarantee profits.) So, it clearly is a good idea to diversify your investment portfolio. Now, let's move on to diversifying financial service providers. Why shouldn't you have one IRA here and another one there, or enlist one advisor to help you with some types of investments and a different advisor assisting you with others?

Actually, some good reasons exist to consider consolidating all your investment accounts with one provider. For one thing, you'll keep better track of your assets. Many people do misplace or forget about some of their savings and investments, but this will be far less likely to happen to you if you hold all your accounts in one place.


Also, if you have accounts with several different financial service providers, you might be incurring a lot of paperwork – and many fees. You can cut down on clutter and expense by consolidating your accounts. But most important, by placing all your accounts with a single provider, possibly under the supervision of a single financial advisor, you will find it much easier to follow a single, unified investment strategy, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You won't get conflicting advice and you'll receive clear guidance on important issues, such as the amounts you can afford to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts once you do retire.

Diversification and consolidation – one is good for building an investment portfolio, while the other can help you invest more efficiently and effectively. Put the two concepts together, and make them work for you.

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Churches

Ashland Community Church

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

Sundays
9 a.m. — Early Worship Service, followed by coffee/fellowship in the church dining room.
9:25 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade six
Special Needs Ministry-high school-adults
11 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service
11:15 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade 6
11:15 a.m. — Youth Sunday School
“Toddler Zone” is available at both services for infants to age five. Before the contemporary service, please join us for coffee and healthy snacks.

KidZone
Debbie Madden leads the K-sixth grade class. Kids will love the great videos and games that teach someone age appropriate lessons in a loving atmosphere.

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12
Frdiays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mill #3 (39 Winter St.), just around the corner from the church. This youth ministry will be meeting every week, and is led by our youth and worship pastor, Aaron Stout, along with our

volunteer youth leader staff. This youth group ministry is open to youth not only from Ashland, but surrounding towns as well. Spread the word and bring your friends.

Mondays
8 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in the Church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace and love. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ernie Madden at (office phone number) 968-9463. You can also e-mail him at accernie@hotmail.com or visit the church Web site, ashlandcommunity-church.com.

We believe that you will love it at Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior. Our vision is to become a church that un-churched people will love to attend. Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus, and to help others do the same.

Real church. Real people. Real simple.
We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. And remember, just come as you are! No perfect people allowed!

Ashland Episcopal (St. Mark's Church)

Everyone enjoyed our visit to Trinity Church in Holderness on July 16. It

was Samuel Livermore's wife Jane who was instrumental in creating a home for the Episcopal Church in this area. She was the daughter of Rev. Arthur Browne, Rector of the first Episcopal Church in New Hampshire. in Portsmouth now known as Saint John's Episcopal Church. The Livermores read Episcopal services with their neighbors in the Livermore Mansion for some 30 years when, 220 years ago, in 1797, they helped to build Trinity Church. It is the second oldest Episcopal Church remaining in its original state in New Hampshire. It is hoped that this will become an annual summer event. Punch and goodies were served outside under the trees by Deacon Maryan Davis and helpers. A very pleasant day indeed.

During Randy's vacation we will gather at 8a.m. at Holy Spirit in Plymouth and at 9:30 at St. Mark's in Ashland. We will welcome Rev. Susan Ackley on Aug. 6, Rev Jay Hutchinson on Aug. 13, and Bishop Frank Griswold on Aug. 20 & 27.

If you have any extra greeting cards, the Postcard Ministry is running low. They are busy sending smiles to parishioners for their special

occasions or if they are ill. Cards can be left at either church on the table at the back. Be sure to mark them "for the Postcard Ministry" The group is also looking for volunteers to help with writing cards. Please call Kathy Lennox (536-4770) to volunteer.

Readers and Coffee Hour Hosts are needed. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church at St. Mark's.

Family Worship Center Ply. Assembly of God

Greetings from Family Worship Center Assembly of God church located at 319 Highland St., 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 Family Worship Center. Please feel free to contact our Pastor, Rev. Glen Yungmans at 726-0254 or 536-1966. Feel free to check out our Web site as well: assemblyofgodplymouthnh.org (Note: no 'www.'). Our upcoming schedule is as follows:
Thursday, July 27:
On Thursday, Aug. 3, come out and join us for our family night at church. We offer the following programs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.:

Royal Rangers: Boys from Elementary School through High School
MPact: Girls from Preschool through High School
Adult Bible Study: In our fellowship hall, Pastor Glen is currently leading this study.
Please come out to this time of fellowship and training.

Sunday, Aug. 6 Sunday Morning
Come on out and enjoy Bible and Bagels before Bible Study, and get a cup of juice, or coffee and a bagel from 8:30-9 a.m. Following this is our Sunday School classes for all ages from 9-10 a.m. Immediately after Sunday School we head into our regular Sunday Morning Worship Service, which features contemporary music and a Biblical message brought by our Pastor. We offer Children's church and nursery during our services.
Sunday Evening
Sundays at 5 p.m., we have a time of prayer in our sanctuary. No prayer experience needed. All you need to do is come and talk to the Lord and trust the Lord to meet your needs and the needs presented. If you have a prayer request you may put it in the green box in our hall way marked prayer requests.

Looking Ahead:
Sunday, Aug. 6: 6 p.m. Haitian Children's choir will be ministering during this special evening Service.
Friday, Aug. 11: Food, Fun, and Fellowship at the home of Rev. Ray Hahn in Campton.
Sunday, Aug. 13: Monthly Fellowship luncheon, immediately following the morning Service. This will be a pot luck, however, if you cannot bring a dish please feel free to stick around and enjoy the luncheon and fellowship.
Saturday, Sept. 9: Town wide yard sales, please keep posted for more information to come.

Our Schedule:
Sunday:
8:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Morning Service
Monday: First and third Monday of the Month
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry
Thursday:
6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Night
Friday: Second Friday of the month
6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship
Saturday:

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ementary School at the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Danbury PTO. Head on down to the center of town with a full tummy and be ready for the rest of the day's activities. The parade theme is "Remember When."

Volunteers before, during and after the event are requested by the grange. Please call Lisa at 252-4440. Your help, however you can, in whatever capacity

you can....would be welcomed.

Groton

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On Tuesday, there was a longer meeting with the two conservation groups interested in the Kimball Hill property. Each group presented again what they could do to help the Town acquire this property which is a piece of land that has been used tradi-

tionally by the Town for hunting/fishing and recreation. There has been great interest in the past to obtain this property as a Town Forest, but that has not been possible. The Nature Conservancy as well as the Conservation Fund were represented and presented how their organizations would be able to help the Town obtain this property. Concerns were raised by the Select Board as to the cost to the Town. Several residents who were present also raised questions as to what it would mean for us to delay our decision any longer as the bids need to be in very soon. The Town would need to write a non-binding agreement for The Conservation Fund to proceed further. The Nature Conservancy is looking for interest from the Board to proceed. The Select Board has been in communication with the Town's legal counsel to provide acceptable wording in the agreement. There will, no doubt, be more

discussion of this matter.
Several items were tabled on the agenda for this Select Board Meeting, as all three Select Persons were not present to conduct some pieces of business.
The 2017 Groton Old Home Day will be held on Aug. 5 at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park on Sculptured Rocks Road in Groton. There is a 5 p.m. lineup time for the parade which will start at 5:30 p.m. Cash Prizes will be awarded. 6 p.m. BBQ till all the food is gone. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., live music from the Stolen Thunder band. There are raffles and games, food and crafters displaying their wares and I believe the Library Committee is having a book sale throughout the evening and then there will be fireworks at dusk. We hope to see you there. For any further information, please contact the town offices.

Meetings and Closures Coming Up:
Select Board Meetings are usually held every first and third Tuesday. The next two meetings will be Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Town House. There will be a Select Board Work Session on Aug. 1 at 5 p.m.
The Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office will be closed Aug. 18 through Aug. 23 for vacation. Please plan accordingly as the Lien/Deed execution date is Aug. 25. Remember that tax payments may be made through our Town Web siteatwww.gotonnh.org. Lien/Deed notices were mailed out July 25.
The Select Board Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 18 through Friday, Sept. 22.
There will be a Conservation Committee meeting on Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

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Block Grant

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of local road mileage. It is a non-lapsing grant which means a community does not have to spend the whole amount by the end of its fiscal year, allowing it to plan ahead to make the best use of the funds.

Bristol Town Administrator Nik Coates was one of those taken by surprise when the grants were announced. He said he would have to talk to Highway Superintendent

Mark Bucklin about where the money could best be used.
“We haven't budgeted for that revenue, and I'll have to talk to our Finance guy to see if that's revenue we can spend this year or have to wait until next year,” Coates said, adding that he also will be contacting the Department of Revenue Administration about how the money can be used.
“Like all towns, the needs for repairing roads and bridges are many. My

guess is that we'll do another road or part of one, or possibly repair some erosion,” Coates said. “Sadly, \$80,000 doesn't get you too far.”
Watson said it is important for municipalities to work through the Department of Revenue Administration.
“There still is a process to accept and expend money, and the DRA and New Hampshire Municipal Association are there to support the towns,” he said.

Churches

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Third Saturday of the month: 10 a.m. Ladies Fellowship
Last Saturday of the month: 10 a.m. Men's Brunch

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Summer Mass Schedule
Saturday
4 p.m. St. Matthew Church
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Sunday
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8 a.m. Our Lady of Grace Chapel
9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church
9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Grace Chapel
11:30 a.m. St. Matthew Church

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ebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office at 536-4700 by Sept. 22. We will need your last names, first names and mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

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Weekly Meetings
Thursday, Aug. 3
Day Away Program, Simard Hall, 9 a.m.
Cub Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 6
Knights of Columbus Breakfast, St. Matthew Hall, 7 a.m.
Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5 p.m.

~AA meeting Monday-Saturday, St. Matthew Hall 11 a.m.

Bash

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essarily a fundraising night.
“This really isn't about the money. It's about people coming together as a community for a night out in Hill,” she said.

Organizers were pleased to see that not only did current residents attend the dinner but past residents as well. They were also grateful to businesses like BJ's Whole-

sale Club and Gilley's Restaurant in Bristol who donated items to the barbecue.
In a small town, Christopher added, people need to have the ability to make changes. Joining together now and then as a community is one way residents can celebrate their rural lifestyles and simply enjoy where they live.

“This just all ties in with this year's summer reading theme to 'Build a Better World.'

That's what we're trying to do here tonight,” she said.
Residents of the town, and the public in general, are next invited to take a walking tour of the northern end of Old Hill Village at 10 a.m. this Saturday morning. The narrated walk will start at Profile Falls on the Bristol and Hill town line, and people are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the conclusion of this event.

Animals

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Bringing out a large and furry woodchuck who now calls Squam Lakes home, the children were amazed by the size of the animal and enjoyed watching him eat the treats that Gillespie and Cooke provided.

Gillespie also played a recording of a woodchuck's call, which is meant to startle any potential predators while they scurry off into the security of their underground home.

Woodchucks, Gillespie explained, eat vegetation all summer long, sometimes consuming the equivalent of several heads of lettuce in one day. That eating binge is used to sustain them through the long winter months.

“They hibernate in the winter and are known to breathe only once every three to four minutes,” she said.

Gillespie then asked the children to hold their own breath for only 10 seconds to see how amazing this trait in the woodchuck really is.

The next visitor was an American Kestrel. The beauty and stature of the small bird amazed everyone as Cooke held her up for all to see.

Kestrels are the smallest of falcons and benefit from other animal architects, like the Pileated Woodpeckers,

which bore large holes in dead or dying trees as they search for insects to eat.

“You could be a kestrel architect, too,” Gillespie advised the audience.

She then showed how children could use a mailbox to create a home for kestrels by cutting a hole in the side and nailing the base of the box to a tree trunk.

The final architect the science center sent along was a porcupine. His visit was well received by the boys and girls as they watched him scoop up leaves, blueberries and other dietary favorites Gillespie provided.

Cooke also passed around clear plastic cases with a porcupine skull that showed the unique jaw features that enable them to chew the inner bark of trees.

“When they girdle a tree as they eat, that may kill the tree, but then woodpeckers drill holes in those trees and make homes for other types of wildlife like the American Kestrel. So, the porcupine is really an architect, too,” Gillespie said.

As she wrapped up the presentation, Gillespie encouraged children to keep an eye out for nature's architects and encourage people to keep some dead trees on their property or build birdhouses to help them find places to live.

Each year, the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center coordinates programs to coincide with the statewide summer reading programs for children. Gillespie said Build A Better World was a fun theme this year. There are so many animals that work hard to create their own homes, like beavers and even small paper wasps, or through their natural activities, build homes for other types of wildlife.

After the presentation the children has a hard time deciding which animal ambassador they met was their favorite. While many loved the petite falcon, whose male counterpart has brightly colored wings, some found the woodchuck to be fascinating with his architectural talents and many loved the porcupine, despite the menacing quills.

“His face was just so cute. I was really amazed to see a porcupine up close like that. We're really grateful to the people from Squam Lakes for bringing these animals here today,” said Azra Karabegovic, the Children's Librarian for Minot-Sleeper Library.

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Church Fair

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Newfound Pathways introduced newcomers to their recreational trail along the lakeshore and Hebron Historical Society also provided a peek into Hebron's storied past with photos and lots of information on the 225-year-old village.

As the day grew warm, many lined up for ice cream from the Mill Fudge Factory in Bristol then headed off to place their bids with "Honest John" Fischer at the Union Congregational



The staff and campers of Camp Masquebec in Bristol volunteered to run some of the children's games at this year's Hebron Church Fair then climbed aboard a classic Hebron Fire Engine for a group photo.

Church's acclaimed live and silent auctions. "Who'll give me \$5

(Right) "Honest John" Fischer threw his arms out to invite bidding on one of the hundreds of items that were part of the Hebron Church Fair's annual live auction.



(Left) Members of the Hebron Area Women's Group were busy passing out slices of their homemade pies at the annual church fair last Saturday.

for this treadmill? Come on, if it doesn't work out for you, you can bring it back next year and we'll sell it again," Fischer joked with the crowd.

Hebron Library was also open to the public and busily sold raffle tickets for their upcoming Cow Patty Bingo event, which will take place on Aug. 12 during the town's Family Fun Day.

And while the adults enjoyed shopping and tasting all the great foods, it was really all about the pony rides when it came down to the kids.

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Newfound Landing Sports

Section **B**
Thursday,

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Plourde and Laws among Newfound HOF inductees

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School will be having its second annual Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Sept. 23, with a reception at 2 p.m. and induction at 3 p.m. Entering the Hall of Fame this year will be Ron Bucklin '61, Paul Fournier '88, Wally Laws '95, Karri (Reynolds) Peterson '88, Dan Plourde '94 and the 1987 Class M state champion boys' cross country team.

One of the finest three-sport athlete to come out of the Newfound school is Wally Laws. He was an outstanding athlete in cross country, basketball and track and field.

Laws had a great cross country career, highlighted by placing third in the Class Meet as a senior.

In the winter, he was a four-year member of the boys' basketball team and their starting point guard during the 1994-95 season. His basketball career ended with a Class M state basketball championship, as Newfound defeated Conant, 67-59, at Plymouth State.

Come spring, you would find Laws outside as a member of the track and field team. In his junior year, he was Class M champion in the 300-meter hurdles and javelin. In the state championship that year, he was the champion in 300 hurdles.

In his senior year, he was Class M champion in javelin and the long jump, finished second in the pole vault and 300 hurdles. He went on to be state champion in the long jump.

Laws was a two-time state decathlon champion, breaking the state record his senior year. He placed 10th in the National Pentathlon



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan Plourde is one of the inductees into the Newfound Athletic Hall of Fame.

Championship in Syracuse, N.Y. and ninth in the National Decathlon Championships in Eugene, Ore. his senior year.

After 22 years, Laws still holds seven school records.

Dan Plourde, was a participant in basketball

and track and field. He was a four-year member of the boys' basketball team and one of seven boys who have scored more than 1,000 points in their career. Plourde was selected to the Class M All State basketball team in both 1993 and 1994.

Like Laws, Plourde



COURTESY PHOTO

Wally Laws will be inducted into the Newfound Athletic Hall of Fame.

was very proficient in track and field. He was the State high jump champion three times, 1992, 1993 and 1994, and set the state record in 1993. In 1992, Plourde was the New England

high jump champion.

He continues to hold four school records

Plourde was a WMUR Athlete of the Week multiple times and their "Hometown Hero" once. In addition, he was the

Boston Globe "Athlete of the Week" once in 1993. The highlight of his career was participating in the Penn Relays in 1994.

Plourde was an active high school student in the community coaching youth basketball during his junior and senior years. He received the "Wink Tapply" Community Award in 1994.

He went to the University of Rhode Island and received various Atlantic 10 Conference medals, including three first place medals in the high jump.

For more information about the Hall of Fame reception and induction on Saturday, Sept. 23, please contact Peter Cofran, pcofran@sau4.org or 744-6006, x1507. Tickets are \$25.

A journey I won't soon forget

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



whelmed, to say the least.

However, I was buoyed by the faith put in me by our director, Kathleen Hill and our assistant director, Christian Boudman. Their continued support along with the willingness to do the extra work from musical director Bobby Burns and choreographer Kaylin Dean pushed me forward.

At the start of this process, I did not have confidence in my singing and my dancing, but as we went along and got closer to production time, I gained more confidence and began to feel like this was something I could do. However, the Sunday and Monday night of our final week leading up to the show, I felt lost. For whatever reason, the confidence I had slowly gained suddenly just disappeared and I was struck by the fact that we were opening in five days and I felt there was no way I was going to be able to go on stage with the rest of the cast.

But again, encouragement from many sources, both in the production and outside of it, got me focused and something just clicked during our two dress rehearsals. While they weren't perfect, I finally felt like I'd found what I'd been looking for. I was locked in.

That first night with an audience was like nothing I'd experienced. I've been backstage in countless shows and I've been on stage for short periods of times in which I got some laughs. But having an entire audience taking a journey with you for two hours was exhilarating.

I walked off that stage after that first night and I just wanted to go back

and do it again. Was it perfect? No, but from where we had come as a cast in the last two months, it was something to be proud of.

I consider myself lucky to have shared the stage with some pretty talented people in this show. Connor Nelson, Garrison Barron and Becca Connelly are three of the most talented high school kids I've seen on a stage. Sammi Smith has a beautiful voice and can shoot a great look. Christine Muelhausen and Bob Tuttle kept the show moving and the crowd laughing with their perfect lines, sometimes scripted, other times improvised to perfection. Paul Stewart showed his acting range by going so far away from what he is as a real person, playing a hardened felon. And Gwen Collins was the perfect dance partner. Her patience and expertise were appreciated more than she knows.

Spelling Bee was a journey I will not soon forget and I'm grateful to everyone who shared kind words at the shows, it was truly appreciated.

I'm not sure when I'll audition for a part again, but the confidence I found being part of Spelling Bee has made me realize that I can do this, so I am sure, at some point, I'll be on the stage again.

Finally, I have a great day Kathleen Hill. Thanks for the journey.

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Trainer sought at Newfound

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School is looking to hire a Certified Athletic Trainer for the academic year. Interested individuals should send a letter of intent, resume and two letters of reference to Supt. Stacy Buckley, SAU4 20 N. Main St., Bristol, NH. 03222. Position starts Aug. 9.

Fall sports paperwork available for Newfound athletes

BRISTOL — Student athletes at Newfound Regional High School participating in fall sports must fill out the eligibility paperwork on the NRHS web page, before they will be permitted to participate in a tryout/practice. All paperwork should be filled out seven days before the first tryout/practice. The first practice for football will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, with cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball beginning on Monday, Aug. 14. Unified soccer will begin once school starts. Any questions should be directed to Pete Cofran, Athletic Director at pcofran@sau4.org or 744-6006, ext. 1507.



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