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# **Community joins together to celebrate** tradition at Bridgewater Old Home Day

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRIDGEWATER The 119th Old Home Day in Bridgewater was a great time for families to gather at the Bridgewater Town House to catch up on the past year, enjoy the town's famed bean hole beans, shop local vendors and of course, be part of the traditional town photo.

On Friday, preparations for the day were well underway by early afternoon, despite some heavy downpours of rain as the Bean Hole Beans Committee started their fires and readied the annual luncheon favorite.

George Lucas, president of the committee, said that thanks to the pavilion built a few years ago, the work could go on unimpeded and lunch would be



Bridgewater residents past and present gathered in front of the Town House last Saturday for their traditional town photo, taken each year during Old Home Day celebrations.

# **Court denies** request for new election in Bristol

Judge finds no evidence that missteps by local officials did not affect outcome of vote

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — A Rockingham County Superior Court judge has ruled that, despite irregularities in the municipal election last March, the plaintiff in the lawsuit against the town of Bristol failed to demonstrate fraud or prove that a new election is warranted.

John Sellers filed a complaint in Grafton County Superior Court after losing a close contest for town selectman. A former member of the Bristol Budget Committee, Sellers challenged the results based on irregularities with absentee ballots, as well as an error in listing how many budget committee seats were open. A new election also might

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change the results of the warrant article seeking to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13, the Official Ballot Act, commonly referred to as SB2, for the senate bill that established the procedure to replace the traditional town meeting with two sessions: a deliberative and a voting session.

Sellers' lawsuit was transferred to Rockingham County as one of several cases dealing with the March 14 elec-

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ready at noon as scheduled on Saturday.

For as long as anyone can remember the bean hole beans have been a tradition in

Bridgewater, one of the few towns who have held Old Home Day every year since they started.

"Some

stopped having Old Home Day during the wars but Bridgewater has never missed a year," said Judy Faran towns of the Old Home Day

Committee.

Lucas and his bean hole crew, comprised of vice-president Tra-Torsey, Paige Morrill, Ryan Willey, Stephen Uhlman, Corey Huckins and Mike Young, looked on as the fires in two pits burned down to the necessary bed of coals before they started assembling the large cast iron pots with all their special ingredients. Among the items in their recipe were salt pork and "very dark" maple syrup from nearby Bridgewater Mountain Maple. The rest, well, that's a secret of sorts but Lucas said it was a recipe that has remained the same for many years.

"Basically what you have here is a redneck crockpot," one of the crew members joked.

There were no jokes, just plenty of cheers the next day however when the simmering beans were pulled from the ground and people SEE OHD, PAGE A11

# Circle Program celebrates 25 years with Silver Jubilee

comed more than 150 guests to Circle Camp for the organization's 25th anniversary party this past Saturday. Circle's Silver Jubilee - 25 Years & S'More! was a milestone event that celebrated a quarter century of accomplishments and Circle achievements. Long-time members of the program attended the event including alumnae, staff, board members, donors and friends - and gathered together to share The Circle Program Labyrinth. plans for the future of the program. They discussed new strate-



gies to renew the Circle Program's vision and fulfill its mission

-- with strengthened capacity to serve girls

and teens for the next

25 years and beyond. Cindy Williams welcomed guests with a toast and dedicated the new camp labyrinth to founding staff members Paula Ferenc and Mary E. Joyce for their long-time commitment to the Circle Program beginning at its inception in 1993 and continuing today. The labyrinth was built by Jamie McMillan of McMillan Eco Design thanks to generous support from donors in honor of the program's anniversary year.

The Circle Program will use the labyrinth SEE **CIRCLE**, PAGE A11

# Bristol celebrates Old Home Day this weekend

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BRISTOL — Preparations have been ongoing for several weeks, and the excitement is on the rise as the Town of Bristol gets ready for their 2017 Old Home Day this Friday night and Saturday.

The celebration will get underway Friday evening with a spaghetti dinner at the Bristol Fire Department from 5-7 p.m., followed by a "foot-stomping good" concert/dance at the mer Street, featuring of great activities for all. the band Country Mile.

Saturday morning events will kick off bright and early at 8



Old Town Hall on Sum- The Town of Bristol will be celebrating Old Home Day this Friday night and Saturday with lots

a.m. in Kelley Park with registration for the annual 5K Road race. The starting pistol for the run will sound at 8:30 a.m. and the course will take participants along a loop through town be-

fore winding up back at the park.

At 8 a.m., the Union on Pleasant

Street will hold their annual pancake breakfast for the community and at 9 a.m. all sorts of fun activities will then begin in Kelley Park. Among those will be shopping opportunities with a host of local crafters and vendors, lots of music, family games, and even some wagon and pony rides.

At 1 p.m., entertainer/artist Larry Frates will also present "Drawing Us Together" under the pavilion, a performance that will certainly be enjoyed by people of all ages.

New this year will be a giant inflatable UMC Obstacle Course as well SEE **BRISTOL OHD**, PAGE A11

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# Fun Under the Sun: Bridgewater Old Home Day 2017















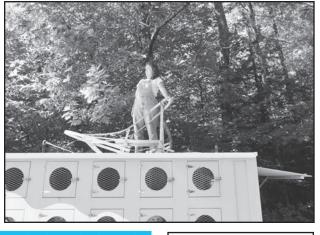


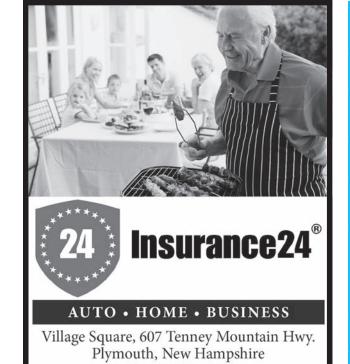












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# **Start your Old Home Day off** with breakfast by the Masons

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BRISTOL — Union Lodge #79 of Free and

Accepted Masons in Bristol is inviting the public to start the town's Old Home Day celebration off

this Saturday morning with a delicious breakfast at their facility, which is located at 61 Pleasant St.

# "Ask a Muslim Anything" at **Minot Sleeper Library Sept. 21**

BRISTOL — Have you ever wanted to talk to a Muslim? Someone who could be your co-worker or neighbor?

thing" is an opportunity for conversation on aspects of belief, identity, and practice...or what-

"Ask a Muslim Any- ever comes up. Nothing is off limits as long as it is respectfully presented.

Robert Azzi is an Ar-SEE **ASK A MUSLIM**, PAGE A11

The Masons are a nonprofit organization that plays a large role in the community through donations to several other locally based charities. Among their annual endowments are the Mayhew Program, Tapply Thompson Community Center, Bristol Community Services Food Bank, Newfound Area Nursing Association, local scouting programs and financial stipends for

graduates of Newfound Regional High School who are furthering their education in the trades.

This year's menu will feature a buffet filled with everyone's breakfast favorites, including pancakes, eggs, traditional tasty side dishes and morning beverages.

The annual Old Home Day Breakfast will take place from 8-11 a.m. at the lodge, located beside the Minot-Sleeper Library in

downtown Bristol. Donations for the meal are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under the age of 10 while those under four-yearsold are invited to eat for free. Money raised by the event will be forwarded to their charitable campaigns.

"If this event is successful, it will feed more than just one need in the community," said spokesperson Waring.

# Learn the fundamentals of aviation with Sherman's Flyers Model Airplane Club

PLYMOUTH — Visitors and residents of New Hampshire alike are still asking, "What shall we do with summer, 2017, now that the snow is gone, the mud has dried. school's out, the no-seeums and mosquitos have almost lost interest, and the oldies and young ones are getting together for some good times?"

Well, the Plymouth area is lucky to have many newsworthy options. Here is one more! Sherman's Flyers Model Airplane Club – it offers you the chance to try your hand at aviation fundamentals, with a simple and low cost way to learn! We also have a new location not far from the southern end of Main Street, Plymouth, on South 3-A, at The Glove Hollow Christmas Tree Farm. Owner, Mike Ahearn.

has generously offered to revamp a portion of his land for the development of a suitable model runway, with observation and parking areas for authorized visitors.

We are grateful for occasional contributions of energy and materials by the Club's members, friends, and volunteers. With such, this new site will quickly improve as a valued and safe venue for training practice, fly-ins, meetings, and competitions!

It is, and will be, a teaching-by-doing Club! Those age-old aeronautical terms, Lift, Drag, Thrust, and Gravity will be observed, defined, and accommodated to reproduce a fun experience for interested families or individuals. As study and "tinkering in a workshop" worked for the Wright Brothers, it has surely worked for every flying enthusiast!

There is something about building and one's model aircraft that can lead to other great achievements in life! While watching radio controlled wood and tissue, plastic or Styrofoam models take to the sky, discipline and dreams turn the modeler into people of imagination and character! Friendships form and Club members learn about nature's currents, uplifts and downdrafts, and how to compensate for them. We also learn how to make repairs, something those Wright Brothers also had to do, with great results!

Shermans Flyers Club is a great way to expand

Plymouth region this year! Make a phone call/ appointment, bring your hat and sunscreen lo-

your summer fun in the tion, and maybe a folding chair, because things are "looking up, indeed!"

> Sherman's Flyers can be reached at 786-2965.

# Country music, inflatables, lobster & water fun!

Bristol celebrates Old Home Day Aug. 25 & 26

BRISTOL — Area residents and visitors are invited to come out and "Celebrate Bristol" with a series of fun community-wide events being held Aug. 25 and 26.

This family-oriented celebration will kick off on Friday, Aug. 25 as

members of the Bristol Fire Company host an open house and spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fire Station, located at 85 Lake St. This is a great opportunity to meet the Department members and get up SEE **BRISTOL**, PAGE A11



Ages

New Hampton Old Home Day was held on Aug. 12, with the ladies of the New Hampton Garden Club in attendance with their annual gift basket raffle. There were eight baskets filled with delights and beautifully wrapped to entice the public to purchase chances. The winning tickets were drawn in the afternoon with the following winners: Children's-Becky Lougee, New Hampshire-Maureen Coburn, Wine-Liz Shelley, Baby-Rob Roriston, Relaxation-Pat Jones, Breakfast-Virginia Panicucci, Tea & Books-Sherry Boynton and Italian-Muriel Smith. This is always a fun event with all the surprising items in the baskets. There were also plants from members gardens for sale and yard sale items. This helps fund the many garden projects around the village. Pictured above are star gazer lilies.

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# Eyes on the skies

Thousands of people across the Granite State armed themselves with special glasses and had their eyes on the sky Monday afternoon when the first partial solar eclipse since the 1990's swept across New England. For many younger viewers, it was their first glimpse of any such meteorological occurrence, but they will be treated to a full solar eclipse again in 2024.

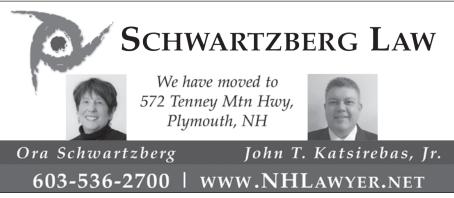
# UAlbany welcomes Rebecca Simison of Bristol to the Class of 2021

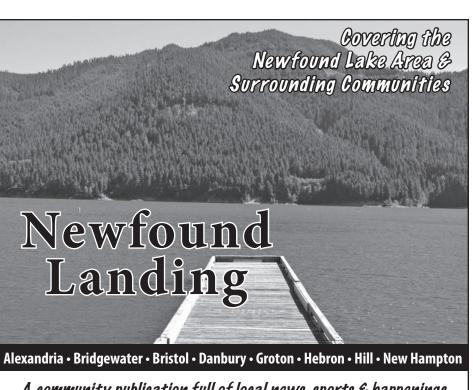
ALBANY, N.Y. — The University at Albany congratulates Rebecc Simison of Bristol (03222) who has completed Freshman Orientation and is prepared to enroll in the fall 2017 semester as part of the Class of 2021.

Between June 26 and Aug. 24, the newest Great Danes and their families participated in a rich Orientation program that offers new students an opportunity to get to know other incoming students and discover academic and campus life

opportunities on campus.

During Orientation, students meet with their academic advisor and complete their course registration. Incoming freshmen also meet with current UAlbany stu-SEE **SIMISON**, PAGE A12





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# Family dinners help parents guide good choices

**BY DEB NARO** 

While it's true that children often idolize sports heroes and celebrities, they also idolize you. As a parent or caregiver, you have the power to help shape their attitudes about drugs. One way to do that is by talking to them regularly about what is going on in their lives. Kids who learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use than those who do

Talking to your child about drugs and alcohol doesn't mean lecturing. In fact, there are many things you can do (or may already do!) to provide the type of environment that may keep your child from experimenting with drugs or alcohol. One is to spend more time with your child. A national survey about the importance of family dinners revealed that 18 percent of teens said they would like to spend more time with their parents

Family dinners are an excellent way to spend time with your child. And make no mistake—those family dinners matter. Teens who have fewer than three family dinners per week are almost four times as likely to have used tobacco, more than twice as likely to have used alcohol, and two and-ahalf times as likely to have used marijuana. Imagine! Simply spending time with your children may make them less likely to try drugs or alcohol.

Family dinners don't have to be elaborate or expensive. Think of simple, inexpensive ways to make the meal fun, such as eating a picnic meal in the back yard, having a contest to see who can create the best pizza, or setting up a burger bar with

outrageous toppings. Enjoy the process, and spend the time together talking with your children about their day.

Simply being there for your child—day or night—is also helpful. A child who feels you are available will be more likely to come to you with questions about drugs, or challenges with peer pressure or other situations that make your child feel uncomfortable. It is especially important to be there for your child during times of transition, such as changing schools, moving, or divorce, because the risk of drug use increases greatly during these times. As children advance from elementary school to middle school, for example, they face new social situations. They will be exposed to cigarettes and alcohol—if they haven't been already— and friends may encourage them to try new things. Later, as they go from middle school to high school, they will face a larger variety of substances and have more of a desire to fit in or seem cool to their class-

Additionally, teens who attend faith-based services four or more times a month are less likely to have used tobacco (11 percent vs. 3 percent), consumed alcohol (27 percent vs. 13 percent), or used marijuana (15 percent vs. 5 percent) than those who attend such services less frequently or not at all.

Remember, preventing the first use prevents abuse and preventing abuse prevents addiction. With some simply parenting strategies, you can change your child's future.

For more information on how to encourage drug-free behaviors and guide good choices, visit our Web site at www.cadyinc.org.





When travelling, Harlee would ride shotgun, right up front, all the better to monitor traffic and oversea her owners driving skills. She's learned a multitude of commands she loves the beach and swimming, and is a big boisterous girl, ready to play.

Sadly, Harlee has been living at New Hampshire Humane Society since APRIL. Those of us in the



shelter field know the reasons a)she isn't a cute fuzzy puppy b) her beautiful face is obscured by her coat colour many have simply walked on by, they just aren't that in to her. Harlee dismayed and rejected feels that acute pain and sorrow

of being unwanted. She craves and begs the adopting public to please just give her a chance. We know she is a loyal, sweet girl, who richly deserves the love of a new fam-We've promised her that day will surely

Please visit Harlee, her boundless joie de vivre (energy for life) will endear you and win Your heart! Best home: one with energetic humans and no cats.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more de-

# **Letters to the Editor**

# Vincent Paul Migliore for State Rep: Man with a plan

To the Editor:

We are all aware of the opioid crisis in this country and how critical it has become in our state of New Hampshire. The problem is overwhelming and now even dangerous for emergency personnel, and the human toll on society is enormous. Like everyone, I'd like to see a concrete, effective approach to attacking the problem. I'm not personally a fan of big government, but when government effectively regulates for the common good, they are serving us as we elected them to do. Hopefully, you've taken time to read Vincent Paul Migliore's recently offered root-cause solution to opioid crisis on just such an approach in the Salmon Press. With thanks to them for having the wisdom to print it in-full. He cites examples of other states that are finding success with effective prescription drug monitoring plans that work in concert with the medical and pharmacy professionals. To me, his articulation and understanding of the problem proves he will work tirelessly to find ways for our State to implement monitoring that will also work for New Hampshire.

Electing Vincent on Sept. 5 will put a strong, committed, and proven leader in Concord. He will bring a focus to issues – just like his critical thinking on the opioid crisis - on education, Northern pass and economic growth. He understands what the State Representative scope of authority is and doesn't make promises on issues that are outside that domain. In other words, he'll put his efforts on issues where something can and should be done, with leadership at the State level. Vincent Paul Migliore has a proven 10 year track record on the Newfound School Board, including tenure as chairman. During that decade, he was at the forefront in bringing fiscal responsibility and accountability to our schools but with the sensitivity to improving student outcomes at a fair cost to taxpayers.

Please cast a vote for Vincent Migliori on Sept. 5, the day after Labor Day...an appropriate day to elect someone who will work for us, and not his own per-

> Dr. Jerry O'Connor Bridgewater

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# Migliore is the best choice for District 9

To the Editor:

It is with utmost confidence I write to endorse the candidacy of my former colleague, Vincent Paul Migliore, for State Representative in the Special Election on Sept. 5, and with whom I served on the Newfound School Board. All residents of Ashland, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol and Grafton have the opportunity to send one of the hardest working, most thorough and fairest people I had the privilege of serving with on the Board.

His detailed perspective and in-depth analytical ability to get to the heart of any problem he faced makes him highly qualified to best serve the needs of area residents. He always demonstrated a desire to learn much about the issues brought before us, and through his leadership as chairman saw the Board through some challenging time during the search for a new Superintendent and implementation of the

Citing his most recent root-cause and creative solution to the opioid crisis as an incise look into getting a solid grip on prevention for this critical problem, his suggestion to blister-pack/"UPC code" individual doses of opioid drugs would go a long-way to getting this epidemic under control. Were New Hampshire is to be the first state to implement such a law, the entire country could eventually benefit from it as state after state would quickly see the wisdom of his approach. Data-based decision-making is his forte.

We need solid, experienced thinking like this in Concord. I urge both sides of the spectrum to consider a vote for Vincent as the best option for our region. I personally and wholeheartedly endorse, support and recommend his candidacy to serve us full time in Concord – another advantage to us over his two opponents, each of whom would have to divide their time between earning a living and being available full time to constituents. Mark your calendar to vote for Migliore on Tuesday, Sept. 5 – the day after Labor Day — at your local polling place.

Sincerely,

Benjamin LaRoche New Hampton

## Our schools need parents

To the Editor:

This is the 24th of my series of letters on what is happening in Concord or of interest to the voters. I promised to write on education and school funding and that is my subject for this letter.

In New Hampshire, most public school funding originates in the pocketbook of local taxpayers and most of us hope we elect a local school board that watches out not only for the students, but also the taxpayer. It doesn't always work out, but we have

had some very good board members in Franklin.

A much larger problem has occurred at the State Board of Education level. Unfortunately, our state has appointed State School Board members for 18 of the last 20 years that loved regulations and micromanaging our public schools. With backing by the New Hampshire School Boards Association and the School Administrators Association the pressure on local schools and Superintendents has been to sim-SEE **LETTER**, PAGE A12

# First a trail, and a crossing, then a bridge and a dam

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

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Bridges have always held a certain fascination for me, perhaps because I wonder how many different versions there were before the present ones. Then there is the question of why they were built where they were built in the first place.

In many places, there were only crossings before any thought of bridges, meaning places where people and livestock could simply wade, or in the parlance of the times ford the stream. The Abenaki, people of the dawn land, had found the best places long before the Europeans got here, and our settlement trails followed theirs.

Frontier towns were built on plateaus or the sides of valleys, up out of the flood plain, and tended to spring up near a tributary's best crossing. And it wasn't long before the masters of stone and wood built the first bridges.

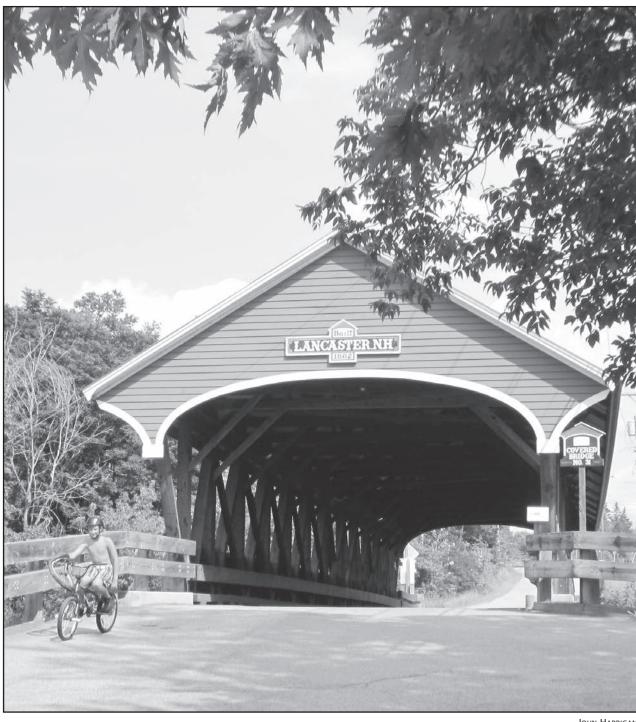
Trails, roads and towns tended to follow rivers, and today's traveler can see the history of it all just by stepping back and taking a look.

Groveton (a much more widely used name for a location in the town of Northumberland) is a pretty good example. There was a shallows there, affording a crossing above an impenetrable swamp where the Upper Ammonoosuc and Connecticut rivers meet. This crossing, I think, was just about where Route 3 is now.

Settlers eventually built a covered bridge at the narrows, just above the ford, and numerous dams soon harnessed the river's power and flooded the shallows. And so it went, town after town. It was the old familiar story of necessity being the mother of invention.

While finding fordable places on smaller rivers and streams was not all that difficult, wider and deeper rivers presented a problem. In early times, the ferry was the answer. Old maps of New Hampshire show hundreds of ferry crossings, and some of the old names are preserved on state maps today. Often, they were (and are) named for families. Many are simply generic: there are "Ferry Road" signs all over the state.

Later, as money and



JOHN HARRIGAN

If it took too long for a

horse and buggy or a

freight wagon to reach

the nearest bridge, the

ferry got a reprieve on

life. Thus right into

(and even beyond) the

appearance of the first

gas-powered vehicles,

many a ferry remained

of my life in Lancaster,

after a ten-year sojourn

down below, and often

tried to imagine what

travel was like north

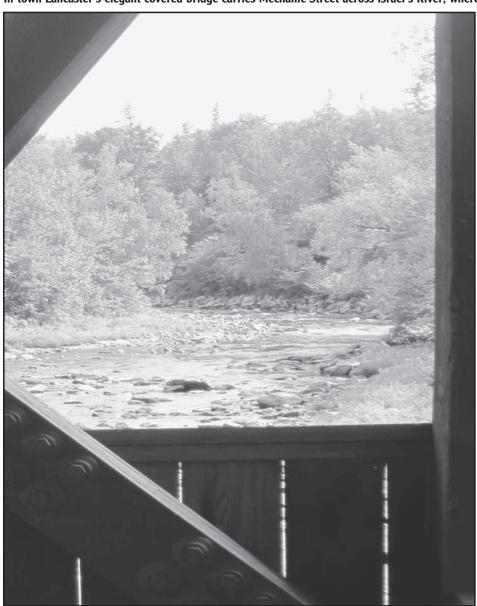
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fore any thought of any

I lived a good chunk

in business.

In-town Lancaster's elegant covered bridge carries Mechanic Street across Israel's River, where a boy on a bike almost got by.



John Harrigan

A river through a bridge: Israel's River, as seen through the beams and boards of Lancaster's 1862 covered bridge.

technology permitted, bridges replaced many of the ferries. Still, before the age of the automobile, it was all a question of time.



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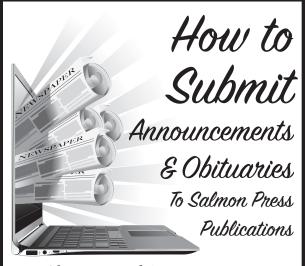
bridge, anywhere.

Winters here ate up a lot of firewood, difficult to find or fell and hard to haul, so I think our Indians resorted to the Lakes Region or the St. Lawrence or our own seacoast (huge ancient shell-heaps bear this out). They seem to have planted squash and beans along various trails on their return in the spring, fished and hunted until fall, and harvested their crops on the way out of town.

Because of the region's acidic soils and rapid decomposition of animal hides and wood, we have few tangible reminders of the people who set foot to path before us.

Mostly what we have are place-names, and they are great on the ears, and an honor to speak: Wonalancet, Suncook, Bungy, Monadnock, Magalloway, Metallak, Chocorua, Umbagog, Coös or Cohasse or Cohos, and of course the greatest of them all, Agiocochook, their word (and even ours) for the deadly and mighty Mt. Washing-

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## Kathleen M. Reid, 85

BRISTOL — Kathleen M. Reid, 85, of Bristol died after a long illness at her home on Aug. 18, 2017, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Kathleen M. Reid was born on Aug. 29, 1931 to the late Ann Marie and Thomas E. Sheehan of Boston, Mass. Kathleen was one of ten children. She graduated from Roslindale High School, Roslindale, Mass., class of 1949.

As stated in her yearbook, "We're lucky to have one of the Sheehan's in our class, too.... especially a cheerful, sunny one like Kathy... Gay and amusing....Ah, but she's the shiny one!"

Kathleen – was such an incredible cook! She could make a pound of hamburger stretch so far and taste so good! She could make a seemingly empty refrigerator into an elegant meal and her house was always open! She was an incredible seamstress! She would stay up until all hours of the night to make her children new clothes for Easter! She loved needlepoint, crocheting, gardening, dancing, bowling, the ocean and reading!



Kathleen was a nurse, working at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, Mass., Glover Hospital in Needham, Mass. and NANA in Bristol, as well as a teacher at Cobb Memorial School, Altamont, N.Y.

Kathleen was a woman of great faith, and brought Christ to everyone she met! She loved to pray the Rosary, say her prayers and pray for everyone who asked for prayers.

Family members include her husband of 67 years, John H. Reid, Sr.

of Bristol; her children, John H. Reid, Jr. (and wife Joyce) of Litchfield, Nancy J. Reid, Elizabeth R. Morrison (and husband JP) of Bristol, Robert G. Reid (and wife Beryl) of Alexandria, Kellie A. Braconier (and husband Karl) of Hebron, Theresa K. Reid of Wynantskill, N.Y., Karen M. Huntoon (and husband George) of Dover, Mass., David M. Reid (and wife Cindy) of Center Harbor, and Peter L. Reid (and wife Missy) of Meredith; several grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Nancy Jean Reid, who died six years ago, and son-inlaw, George P. Huntoon, one year ago.

Visiting hours were held at Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 2 West Shore Rd., Bristol, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. An additional calling hour was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017 at the Church until the Mass of Christian Burial, which began at 11 a.m. Burial followed at NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at 1 p.m.

Donations in memory of Mrs. Reid may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 46 Langdon St., Plymouth, and/ or La Salle Institute, 174 Williams Rd., Troy, NY 12180.

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home, 143 Franklin St., Franklin, is assisting with arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

# Joan Louise Sullivan, 83

LACONIA — Joan Louise Sullivan, 83, of 241 Wellington Road, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 after a period of declining health.

She was born on May 29, 1934 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Lionel and Leifa (Merrill) Dupont. Joan was a 1952 Graduate of Laconia High School. She worked for many years as a Receptionist for the Laconia Clinic. Joan enjoyed reading, knitting and loved gardening. Joan also enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. After retiring, she and her husband Jim spent their winters in Florida, until returning to Laconia full time in 2015.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Andrew "Jim" Sullivan, Sr. of Laconia; three sons, Andrew Sullivan, Jr. of Con-



cord, Kevin Sullivan of Bristol and Douglas Sullivan of Meredith: three daughters, Janice Sullivan of Meredith, Sue Mackie of Meredith and Linda Robinson of Laconia; two brothers, Raymond Dupont and his wife Yvonne of Belmont and Roger Dupont of Pennsylvania; one sister, Peggy Mainguy of Florida; nine grandchildren (Natalie, Keith, Jeff, Tara, Cory, Kyle, Connor, Mackenzie and Andrew); and four great grandchildren (Alfred, Wesley, Emilia and Frances).

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Thomas Sullivan, in 2003.

There were no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 at St. Andre Bessette Parish -St. Joseph Church, 30 Church St., Laconia.

Burial will be held in the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

# Towns

## Alexandria

Judy Kraemer 744-3532 judy7@metrocast.net

Here we are, folks, at the beginning of a new week, and lazy, hazy,

crazy summer days are coming to a close. I say that because school will be starting soon. No worries, vacation time is over, but the warm sunny days are here for

a while longer.

#### From the town

Paving is coming along well, which I'm sure makes everyone happy. Keep in mind, the surface of the road has changed, but not the speed limits. Roadside mowing is being done as well, so use caution. Thank you to the entire road crew!

#### **Board of Selectmen**

Regular meeting Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building on Washburn Road.

#### Conservation Commission

Regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building on Washburn Road.

Don't forget, we have a Special Election for State Representative coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 5. If you can't make it to the polls on that date, please call the Town Clerk's Office (744-3288) and talk with her about an Absentee Ballot. It's simple to do, and your vote counts!

There you have the important business of our fair little town. I'm going out and about to pick some blackberries before the bear and turkeys do. Happy to share, but I need to make some jelly. Have a wonderful week and may your adventures be happy ones!

# Groton

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

I apologize for no article last week. I was on vacation and did not have much time to write. There was a Select Board meeting on Aug. 15, which I attended just before leaving for vacation. The assessing bid with Avitar was signed with the new dates. Junkyard letters were signed to thank the residents for clean-up map 2, lot 30; map 2, lot 47; and map 5, lot 51. The street address for the Sculptured Rocks State Park has been confirmed with the State 911. The address is 251 Sculptured Rocks Rd., and

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# Norman Erwin Wescott, Jr., 70

SANBORNTON Norman E. Wescott, Jr., 70, a longtime resident of Sanbornton, died suddenly at his home, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017 following a pe-He served honorably

Norm was born in Franklin, Dec. 29, 1946, son of Norman E. Wescott, Sr. and Patricia (Bergeron) Wescott. He lived in Tilton-Franklin areas for many years

riod of failing health.

before moving to Sanbornton 30 years ago. He spent his youth in Franklin and schooled there, graduating from Franklin High School.

from 1964 until 1968. with the United States Air Force, discharged with the rank of Sergeant E-4, serving with the 333rd Field Maintenance Squad. For many years he was employed as a machin-



ist and worked for the Webster Valve (Watts) Co. in Franklin, Arwood Corporation in Northfield and Baron Machine in Laconia. At the time of health issues, he was still employed at Fronek Enterprises in Lakeport. He enjoyed his numerous autos and spending time touring in his Mercedes. He was often out on his motorcycle or flying his remote RC airplanes.

Norm was predeceased by his father, Norman, Sr.

He leaves his wife

of 43 years, Debra Jo (Bailey) Wescott of Sanbornton; his mother, Patricia (Bergeron) Wescott of North Groton; his sister, The-Brothwell and resa her husband, Jay of Raymond; niece Jessie Bell and husband Adam and their children of Hill; nephew Jed Bailey and his wife Samantha and their children of Northfield; niece, Christine Brothwell of Derry: nephew. William Brothwell of Boston, Mass.; and his close friend and longtime companion, his dog, Lilly.

Following Norm's wishes, there were no calling hours.

Burial with military honors was held Monday, Aug. 21, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 D.W. Highway in Boscawen.

Assisting with arrangements is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton.

A celebration of Norm's life will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017 at 268 Burleigh Hill Rd. in Sanbornton, beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com

Those wishing may memorial contributions in Norm's name to the Franklin Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 265, Franklin, NH 03235-





# Churches

#### **Ashland Community** Church

Ashland Communitv 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" 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

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, ashlandcommunitychurch.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!

#### **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 Cen-

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

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.

interesting for young

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 744contact out Pastor, Rev. Glen Yunghans 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 24:

ter. Please feel free to

On Thursday, Aug. 24, 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. 27 **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:

Saturday, Sept. Town wide yard sales, please keep posted for information more come.

#### **Our Schedule: Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. Bible and **Bagels** 

9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Ser-

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

Friday: Second Friday

of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

#### **Saturday:**

Third Saturday of the month: 10 a.m. Ladies Fellowship

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

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

Transforming Lives Through God's Word

Please give announcements for Sunday Bulletin to the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday by email: fwcag@hotmail. com or gyunghans@hotmail.com, or contact the church, 536-1966 or Pastor, 726-0254. Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicapped accessible on the east entrance. Please note the church's Web site: assemblyofgodplymouthnh.org.

#### **Holy Trinity** (Roman Catholic)

**Summer Mass Schedule** Saturday

4 p.m. St. Matthew 5:45 p.m. Our Lady of

Grace Chapel Sunday

7:30 a.m. St. Matthew

Church 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

The Eighth Annual "Run Your Buns Off" 4.2 mile race will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2. Individual runners, walkers and teams of all ages are encouraged to participate. The start and finish are at Basic Ingredients Bakery located on Route 3A in Bristol, with registration starting at 7:45 AM and the race beginning at 9 a.m. One of the beneficiaries of this race is our own Day Away program. What a great reason to participate! The cost is \$22 per runner/ walker, until day of race when the price is \$25. You can register online today at www.lightboxreg. com/buns\_2017. Basic Ingredients 1777 Lake St., Bristol, NH Phone: 744-6035 and for more information on Day Away, please visit our Web site www.respiteforcaregiverdayaway.wordpress.com.

Come and explore the meaning of life with the Alpha program. The first session is Tuesday, Sept. 12 at St. Matthew Hall. Find out what it's all about and enjoy a delicious meal free of charge!

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond wedding anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Oct. 15 at 2 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. No matter what your

personal history, age, background, race...no matter what your present status in the Catholic Church...no matter what your current family or marital situation...no matter what your own self-image is, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Holy Trinity Parish.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA program starts this October with an inquiry period where you can come and ask questions and learn more. Please call 536-4700 for more information.

## Weekly Meetings

Thursday, Aug. 24 Day Away Program,

Simard Hall, 9 a.m. Men's Group, North American Martyrs Oratory, 10 a.m.

Cub Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Council Meeting, St. Matthew Rectory,

Saturday, Aug. 26 CDA Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5 p.m.

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

#### **Star King** Unitarian **Universalist Fellowship**

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a multigenerational, welcoming SEE **CHURCHES**, PAGE A12

# **Towns**

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a red 911 sign will be posted at the park in case of emergencies. Building permits were signed for map 5, lot 48-1 and for map 5, lot 140-5. A junkyard license was signed for 155 Bailey Hill Road. An Intent to cut was signed for map 2, lot 115-5. The Town has hired Norm Willey as the new Transfer Sta-Superintendent and he also has been appointed to the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District Board; Sara Smith will be the alternate to represent our Town.

Dust treatment for the portion of North Groton Road that was reclaimed was discussed and it was decided that there should be a treatment Calcium Chloride that could be applied to the surface to help keep the dust down till winter.

A light will be added to the flag pole by the Town House soon.

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles has announced changes in the inspection sticker and placement. The stickers will now show the month and year the sticker is good for and will have security features. These new stickers will be displayed on the lower driver side corner of the vehicle so as not to interfere with the crash avoidance technology installed on some newer vehicles.

Groton Historical Society calendars are now available. The GHS promises Mother's Day will be added on the appropriate day this year. The calendars this year feature the journal writings of brothers Cyrus and Parker Blood who were residents and active members of the Town of Groton in the 1800's and early 1900's. purchased one of these a week ago at the Select Board Meeting and found it very in-

teresting. To get your copy, call Sherry or Slim at 744-9744, or Pam at 744-5747.

#### Meetings and **Closures Coming Up:**

The upcoming Select Board meetings will be held Sept. 5 and Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Session at the Town House Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. Conservation

Select Board Work

Committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Planning Board meeting at the Town Wednesday, House Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

The Town Clerk/ Tax Collector office will be closed on Sept. 6 through 8 for the annual NHCTCC educational conference.

The Select Board Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 18 through Friday, Sept. 22.

#### List of important Town phone numbers:

Select Board office – 744-9190

Town Clerk/Tax Collector office – 744-8849 Police Department -

cies dial 911) Transfer Station -

744-3707 (for emergen-

744-3623 Highway Depart-

# Hebron

ment - 744-3758

Bob Brooks 744-3597 hebronnhnews@live.com

#### **Hebron Historical Society** Pot Luck Supper and **Program**

Aug. 26

5:30 p.m. Hebron Community

On Saturday, Aug. 26, the Hebron Histor-

ical Society will sponsor a presentation by local archaeologists Doug and Ben Mc-Lane entitled "Native American Finds from Hebron and the Northeast." The program will be in a "show and format featuring decades-worth of





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# Fig Tree Gallery showcases work of local artists

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

ASHLAND — Fig Tree Gallery in Ashland held a special summer gallery opening last Sunday, with works from four featured artists on display, live music, locally produced foods and beer to sample, as well as a myriad of other art, vintage items, gifts

and more available to

both browse and pur-

chase in their shop.

"This was a new concept — to have a joint show with four artists who have an intertwined theme, all on display at the same time," said gallery owner Stacey Lucas. "When it comes to art, the more the merrier in my opinion."

Featured in her gallery from now until Columbus Day are painter Aisling Petipas of Bristol, whose focus is on natural elements of the world around her, based largely upon her gardening and outdoor observations. Tony and Kim Galica, a hus-



Fig Tree Art Gallery in Ashland held a special gallery opening last weekend to introduce the works of four local artists. As they celebrated the day, owner Stacey Lucas (right) and her staff member Allison "Alley Cat" Lawrence (left) also invited everyone to enjoy local baked goods, ales and live music.



Local musicians Michael Sundman and Leah Codero entertained the crowds at a special celebration of the arts, which took place at Fig Tree Gallery in Ashland last Sunday afternoon.

band and wife team Studio in Canterbury, who own Egg Rock have also contributed ings, prints, and rus-

Jesse Lacasse of Bristol is one of four artists now being featured at the Fig Tree Art Gallery in Ashland. Joining Jesse for the gallery opening last Sunday was his wife Nikki. Jesse is well-known in central New Hampshire for his rustic wooden signs and other barn board creations.



Local paintings, prints, handmade wood items and vintage home décor are just a sample of all that can be found at Fig Tree Gallery in downtown Ashland.

a combination of paint-

of Bad English and back

to a solo singer again,

Waite's emphatic, clear-

cut vocals are one of a

tic home furnishings, each created with natural elements, Lucas said. From paintings to creative wooden checkerboards, end tables and quaint lamps made from recycled materials, their artistry is

also very appealing. Rounding out the special gallery presentation is Jesse Lacasse of Bristol, who owns The Kings Pine shop on Main Street in Tilton. Lacasse is well known These days he might be on his 40th anniversary for his custom vintage lications, all done with antique barn boards. His nostalgic creations are all one of a kind and many are inspired from old photos from local small businesses. lakeside establishments and other scenic locations.

> The gallery display is only a part of all that can be found at Fig Tree Gallery, however.

Those who stopped by last weekend were

able to browse hundreds of items from handcrafted such as notecards, pottery, and even up-cycled bird feeders to creative art kits for children and beginners, handmade fiber arts selections and lots of vintage kitchenware, home décor items, vinyl record albums and toys.

"There's something everyone. It's amazing what people can find here for their homes, gifts or any occasion. We have things here that aren't found in any other gallery," said employee Allison Lawrence.

Outside, there was plenty more to enjoy last weekend. White Mountain Brewing Company of Ashland provided some of their locally brewed ales, Baked Farm to You Café and Bakery in Plymouth contributed trays filled with their delicious baked goods for all to sample and, topping it all off was the live music of local musicians Michael Sundman and Leah Codero.

"It's just a great day to celebrate the arts and have fun with it all." said Lucas.

Fig Tree Gallery is located at 84 Main Street in downtown Ashland, across the road from Buskey's Auto. They are open Wednesdays through Saturdays (from 10 a.m. to "5-ish") from tour, but his voice doesn't signs and graphic rep- now until Columbus Day, after which time they will be open Saturdays only through Christmas.

> Luca invites the public to drop by during any of those days to shop for home or the holidays, and announced she will also be holding her annual Holiday Open House on the first Sunday of December, when yet another celebration of the arts will take place.

# '80's heartbreaker John Waite to rock Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents English rocker John Waite on Friday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Best known as the lead singer with the Babys and Bad English, he also had a long and successful solo career. Jason Sinav opens the evening. Tickets for this show start at \$29.

John Waite may be best known for soft rock classics "Missing You" as a solo artist and "When I See You Smile" with super group Bad English, but going back to when he was just a Baby, Waite



Courtesy Photo

John Waite

has another side to him. One listen to "Back on My Feet Again," "Head First" or "Rough & Tumble" and you will discover that that sweet voiced crooner can crank it up to 11 with best of them.

Can you think of another singer who sounds like John Waite? From his work with The Babvs. as a solo star, with the smoothed-out arena rock

miss a note, and he captures love's spectrum of colours and shades with an expert eye. Tickets to see John

Waite are \$29, and \$39 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.

# Free "Singing Books" program for children and families Aug. 26 Followed by educator workshop on linking books & music

PLYMOUTH — Young children and their families are invited to "Singing Books," a special, free program at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Community Room at Pease Public Library, 1 Russell St., Plymouth.

New Hampshire-based national arts and learning consultant Deborah Stuart, who specializes in music for young children, and puppeteer, performer, musician and educator Will Cabell will present an enjoyable program full of audience participation. Expect lots of songs, instruments, "Big Books," moving, clapping and dancing.

Following the program, presented by the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, VSA New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Music Festival and Pease Library, Deborah will lead a workshop for all interested teachers and family members, sharing a wealth of information about books made from songs, creating homemade instruments and lots of ideas for educators, care providers, parents and grandparents.

Professional development credit is available for the workshop, with pre-registration encouraged —email the Arts Alliance at programs@ aannh.org to register.

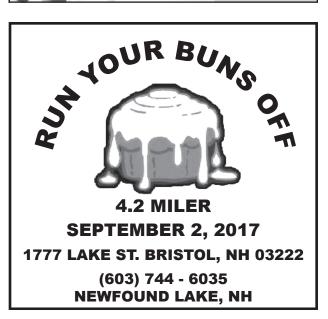
"We are so pleased to present this program right before the school

year begins," says Arts Alliance director Frumie Selchen. "It can sometimes be a little sad to come to the end of summer, so we thought it would be fun to celebrate how happy music can make you feel at any age — and how music and books can connect to advance literacy."

The workshop is part of a series of Arts in Inclusive Learning professional development programs provided by the Arts Alliance and VSA NH under a contract with John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Information on all programming is available at www.aannh.org. Arts in Inclusive Learning partners also include the New Hampshire Arts Learning Network, the NH State Council on the Arts, and the New Hampshire Department of Education.







# Los Lobos, the 'wolves' of East L.A., invade Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents Los Lobos on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Girls, Guns & Glory open the evening. Tickets for this show start at \$49.50.

Rolling Stone summed up Los Lobos' distinctive, diverse, freewheeling fusion of rock, blues, soul and Mexican folk music best when they wrote, "This is what happens when five guys create a magical sound, then stick together...to see how far it can take them."

Originally called Los Lobos del Este (de Los Angeles), a play on a popular norteno band called Los Lobos del Norte, the group originally came together from three separate units. Lead vocalist/ guitarist David Hidalgo, whose arsenal includes accordion, percussion, bass, keyboards, melodic, drums, violin and banjo, met Louie Perez at Garfield High in East LA and started a garage band. Cesar Rosas, who had his own group, and Conrad Lozano launched a power trio.

"But we all hung out because we were friends and making music was just the natural progression of things," says Perez, the band's drummer. "Like if you hang around a barbershop long enough, you're going to get a haircut."

Town Clerk.

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The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents Los Lobos on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Their lineup has remained the same since 1984.

"We're a Mexican American band, and no word describes America like immigrant. Most of us are children of immigrants, so it's perhaps natural that the songs we create celebrate America in this way." So says Louie Perez, the "poet laureate" and primary wordsmith of Los Lobos.

Tickets to see Los Lobos with Girls, Guns & Glory are \$49.50, and

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# **Blues Traveler frontman** John Popper returns to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents John Popper: The Hits, The Stories, The Experience Tour on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this show start at \$39.

John Popper, frontand founding member of iconic jam band Blues Traveler, will return to The Flying Monkey for a solo show. This intimate show will feature John Popper on vocals and harmonica, and Blues Traveler bandmate Ben Wilson on piano and backup vocals. The "stripped down" set will include both solo material and songs from the Blues Travel-



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John Popper

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harmonica player, John Popper has redefined the instrument. As the lead singer and principal songwriter of Blues Traveler, Popper has performed for more than 30 million people over 2,000 live dates and composed such radio staples as "Hook," "But Anyway," and "Run-Around," the longest-charting single in Billboard history. He has appeared with Eric Clapton and B.B. King at the White House, welcomed the Hungarian ambassador to the stage, and inducted

the Rock and Roll Hall

of Fame. The Tour "The Hits, The Stories, The Experience" is a conglomerate of all John Popper's hits as the lead singer of Blues Traveler as well as his other work with such notable groups as the Allman Brothers. Get ready for an evening of classic tunes and entertaining stories at one of New Hampshire's most intimate venues.

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# OHD

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lined up to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

The day actually began at 10 a.m. when members of Boy Scout Troop 50 raised the American flag, then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America."

The scouts then lined up before the Town House to present accounts of their summer activities for 2017, which included a backadventure, packing camp and summer some civic volunteerism. They then headed off to attend to their Snack Shack where they offered a barbecue, drinks and foods for the crowd.

Hampshire New Fish and Game Officer Evan Driscoll and the Operation Game Thief trailer was on hand

for the event to educate people about New Hampshire's wildlife population and offer ways that the public can help them in their efforts to protect the populations of deer, moose, bear and other animals from illegal hunting.

There were fun outdoor games for children available in the adjoining field and another popular attraction this year was Whatleigh Torsey and her beautiful Barking Brook sled dogs who stopped by to greet evervone.

At noon residents gathered on the front porch of the historic Town House while photographer Amy Fouts Governati snapped a picture of them all. Photos of Bridgewater residents enjoying Old Home Day are as much a part of the celebration as the bean hole

beans are, and framed photographs line the Town House walls, paying tribute to all who have called Bridgewater home over the years. This year, Governati, whose brother and family reside in Bridgewater, was so pleased to be asked to take the photo that she donated her professional services to the town and promised to do so in the future.

For the first part of the day there were baked goods, home crafts and historical information for people to enjoy inside the hall, but later the room was cleared for town services, followed by Dick Mardin's presentation, "The Making of Fiddles and Music."

Capping off this year's celebration was a square dance later in the evening, called by Sue Hunt and Friends.

# **Election**

FROM PAGE A1

tions that were held in the middle of a snowstorm. Some towns postponed elections because of the storm, contrary to what state law requires.

Associate Justice David A. Anderson issued his decision on Sellers' lawsuit on Aug. 21, finding that, although town officials made mistakes in the handling of absentee ballots, discounting those votes would not have affected the outcome of the election. Additionally, the error in the number of vacancies listed for the budget committee was easily corrected by established procedures, he wrote.

The Bristol Board of Selectmen issued a statement saying members were pleased with the ruling.

"The Board has always believed that Bristol's election officials undertake the best efforts to ensure a proper and fair election," they wrote. "The facts in this case and the ruling justify that belief."

The statement continues, "The Court's decision stems from a long held legal tradition and principle that elections are a means to determine the will of the people. Ultimately, this decision is a victory for the voters and serves as validation of the efforts of each of those individuals in performing one of the most sacred rights in a democracy — voting."

Sellers responded with the following statement: "This case was about the integrity of the vote and I may have lost the case, but Bristol

have signed applications, five did not have signed affidavits, and the signatures on one set of documents did not appear to match. However, "the law in New Hampshire provides that in the absence of fraud, irregularities will not render an election invalid unless they affect the result of the election."

To determine whether they would affect the results, the judge analyzed the regular ballots without counting any absentee ballots.

"Looking only at the 371 ballots cast in-person on election day, ... [Rick] Alpers and Milbrand would still be the winners of the two open seats on the board of selectmen," the judge's ruling states. "In fact, Milbrand's margin of victory over Sellers increases if the votes cast by absentee ballot are not considered. Indeed, Sellers is the candidate in the selectmen's race who benefitted the most from the absentee votes cast in the election."

Sellers also questioned whether 19 of the other absentee ballots were the result of "early voting" — obtaining absentee ballots to avoid having to vote during a snowstorm. Absentee ballots can only be obtained under strict guidelines pertaining to work commitments, religious observances, or physical disabilities.

Anderson found that Town Clerk Raymah Simpson properly pointed out to those seeking absentee ballots that they had to "certify under the penalties for voting fraud" that their request was based on one of the three allowable reasons.

"New Hampshire law does not allow the town clerk to refuse to accept an absentee ballot from a registered voter who has executed the affidavit envelope," he pointed out.

The judge also noted that the time to challenge an absentee ballot is after the moderator has announced the name of the voter, and before the ballot is removed from the envelope.

"The reason for this is obvious," Anderson wrote: "to avoid challenges motivated by how the voter voted."

The judge found that town officials were at fault in 16 of the 22 absentee ballots with irregularities.

Those 16 ballots were cast without the signed applications, with five of them missing the documents because the requests came by email.

"Because the town deemed the emailed requests acceptable, the moderator did not have a signature to compare to the signature on the affidavit envelope," Anderson wrote. "Under these circumstances, the Court declines to disenfranchise these five voters where the noncompliance issue was the result of the Town's conduct."

Eleven other ballots without signed applications came from elderly housing units where checklist supervisors carried the ballots to make it easier for those residents to vote.

"The failure to provide absentee ballot applications to these residents was an error by the Town, not these 11 voters," Anderson wrote.

Noting that the purpose of the application is to allow the town clerk to check whether the applicant is a registered voter, he said, "The supervisors of the checklist verified that each resident was a registered voter before providing the ballot and affidavit envelope. ... In other words, the failure to require a signed application did not result in any ballots cast by unregistered voters."

"This leaves 6 remaining absentee ballots that Sellers is challenging. Milbrand's Because margin of victory was 16 votes, these 6 ballots cannot affect the results of the selectmen's race, and the Court need not address Sellers' substantive arguments," Anderson wrote.

other chal-Sellers' lenge was based on the ballot error that listed three budget committee positions when four vacancies existed. The error was due to a misprint in the previous year's town report where Milbrand's term on the budget committee was listed as expiring in 2018, rather than 2017.

The court dismissed the complaint, pointing out that state statutes provide a means to address such an oversight by allowing the budget committee to choose a member when the town has failed to fill the slot.

#### Circle **FROM PAGE A1**

as a walking and right brain activity designed to stimulate creativity, intuition and imagination. Labyrinths have proven health benefits that help clear the mind, calm anxiety, deepen self-awareness, and promote a feeling of belonging to the community.

The Circle Program offers services to young girls and adolescents who are faced with a myriad of bewildering choices as they grow up in today's world. The Circle Program's labyrinth is a woodland garden that is symbolic



Left to right: Mary E. Joyce and Paula Ferenc were honored as founding members of the Circle Program.

of the Circle Program's goals. Circle provides girls with a clear, unambiguous choice of direction, a path to fulfill their life's potential and dreams for the future.

On behalf of the Circle Program staff and board of directors, Executive Director Kathleen

Speaking of cool, Bris-

Kearns thanked constituents for 25 years of friendship and support.

She said, "As an enthusiastic ambassador and proponent for the Circle Program, you have all helped our organization prosper and flourish along with girls we serve."

of animal displays and information on ways that everyone can help them protect New Hamp-

In addition to all of that, the Historical Society will have information on the town's storied past, which will include a presentation on Bristol's very own World

War II veterans.

The celebration will conclude with a lobster/ chicken dinner sponsored by Tapply Thompson Community Center that will take place from 5:30 until 7 p.m.. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale throughout the day on Saturday or may be purchased in advance by calling 744-2713.

# **Bristol OHD** FROM PAGE A1

as Water Domination, a fun challenge that can accommodate up to 12 players at a time. And if that doesn't cool everyone off, Bristol Fire Department will once again host a "Hose Down" twice throughout the day at the far end of the park lawn.

tol Police Department will host their annual Dunk Booth where, for a small donation, the shire's wildlife populapublic will have a chance to dunk a police officer. New Hampshire Fish and Game will also be present in the park with their Operation Game Thief trailer, which will have a wide assortment

#### **Ask a Muslim** Hampshire, he has lived in Beirut, Cairo, Athens, FROM PAGE A3

Jeddah and New York. ab-American Muslim Azzi states "This is a who wants you to ask program I've been develhim anything about his oping with great success. faith. The Exeter-based I've found that most peophotojournalist, columple, even those critical nist and public speakof Islam and Muslims, er, has put together when engaged in small this program in hopes scale or in one-one-one that it will help reduce conversation, are willing misunderstandings beto listen and engage with tween people of differ-Muslims if that engageent faiths. Born in New ment occurs in what is

perceived to be safe places, houses of worship, libraries, schools, civic organizations etc, and I speak to them not as a scholar or academic but as a neighbor, fellow citizen, and person of faith. To that end I have been traveling, with increasing frequency, throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Maine at the invita-

tion of local communi-

ties to speak about my life, what it is like to be a Muslim in America, how I came to convert to Islam, about the religion of Islam and its history-especially in America- and about the Middle East, terrorism, and associated political and social issues."

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# **Bristol** FROM PAGE A3

close to the equipment and trucks. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages five to 12, and ages four & under are free.

Following the dinner, come to the Bristol Old Town Hall to "kick up your heels" with the County Mile Band playing the best in new country, southern rock, blues and more. This family event will go from 7 - 9 p.m., and admission is free, so grab your partner and join the fun! This evening's concert/dance will be the final event in the **Bristol Summer Concert** Series, generously sponsored by Plymouth General Dentistry.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, come celebrate community at Bristol's Annual Old Home Day event. This year's event will once again host all of the classic elements of an old home day - food, crafters, vendors, music, games, fun - and of course all your friends and neighbors will be there to help you celebrate! The day will feature many family-friendly activities at Kelley Park with something for everyone, and while admission is free, some activities will require a nominal fee.

The Saturday activities start with a buffet breakfast at the Union Lodge Masonic Hall from 8 – 11 a.m. and a 5K Road Race that kicks off at 8:30 a.m. Race registration starts at 8 a.m.

From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., the fun continues in Kelley Park with crafters, vendors, family games, a dunking booth, wagon rides, giant inflatables, and so much more! Special activities scheduled throughout the day include: "Drawing Us Together," a performance by Larry Frates at 1 p.m., and a Police Dog Demonstration at 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. And don't worry if the weather is too warm, as the Bristol Fire Department will host a "Hose Down" at noon and again at 2 p.m.

While lots of great food will be available throughout the day, don't forget to get your tickets for the TTCC's Famous Lobster Chicken dinner! Dinner goes from 5:30 - 7 p.m.,

and tickets are available at the Thompson-Tapply Community Center or on the park that day while still available! Dinner Music will be provided by Solitary Man.

Anyone seeking more information about the Bristol Old Home Day should contact the Tapply-Thompson Community Center at 744-2713, the Town of Bristol at 744-3354 or visit the following Web sites: www. townofbristolnh.org or www.ttccrec.org.

The Events Committee has worked hard to plan events to satisfy all ages, so mark your calendar and plan to participate. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and neighbors and to Celebrate Bristol!

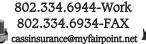


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# Letter

**FROM PAGE A4** 

ply comply with whatever the DoE and the State Board said... or else. Frankly it hasn't been working. So what has been the effect on school funding? First, let me say this has not been a recent concern. I recently read a state report on education from 1890. Besides reporting Plymouth "Normal" School for teachers now had heat in the classrooms, it said the biggest issue facing school was how to help poor rural schools to pay for education. Things haven't changed much have they? The numbers are larger but

the problems remain. What we call school funding you might be surprised to know is actually about seven different funding streams when it arrives at the local school district. What they are called doesn't really matter. What is important to know is that almost all the funding initiates from local property taxes from US, the local taxpayers. The main funding is called state adequacy, which is a term arising out of the Claremont lawsuit(s), but the amount is determined by the legislature and paid from the State Education Trust Fund. Real estate taxes and the State Lottery fund Education Trust Fund. The second funding source comes to the schools as money designated for students on

the federal "free and reduced lunch program". A relatively new state funding source is designed for third grade kids who aren't reading or compute at third grade levels. Sadly, the money, according to the law, does not have to help those students read or do math or even have to be used for anything academic at all. It's a bad law. Third funding source(s) are classified as "differentiated aid" and include all funding for special needs kids including a reimbursement scheme called catastrophic aid. Finally, a recent hotly debated funding source (especially for Franklin and other lower income towns) called stabilization. Stabilization was meant to be a transition payment to lessen the burden from other funding changes made during the legislative years of 2010-2011. School Boards would have been wise to plan for the eventual reduction of stabilization funding and logic would say that the school boards should have been advised by the NH School Boards Association to expect a future reduction. Lots of finger pointing when the planned reductions occurred.

So, where are we now in the scheme of funding our public schools? Many different people say they are underfunded, but that is a question often asked in Concord. On one side people point to the statistics that show on a per pupil basis we are spending on average more and more each year. That is, our combined public school budgets are growing and growing. On the other side, because we have a continuously declining public school student body statewide (all of the declines not explainable simply because we have an older population and fewer births) ,and since we fund everything at the state level on a per-student basis, we simply budgeting as aren't much for adequacy. Why is the cost to educate students growing when the student population falling? The answer is not a simple one. One large part is we are asking the schools to do more and more (remember the increased regulations I mentioned in the first paragraph?) and they, as a result are demanding more and more personnel to comply. We have expensive problems to deal with arising from regulations in "No Child Left Behind" and "Every Child Succeeds." have schools that are asked to be essentially surrogate parents and the fastest growing population in any school is non-teaching personnel. As a state, we have a much larger staff of administration, counselors, classroom assistants, and special education teachers. This is all true but should it be? Is there a better way?

In 1992, Scientific American studied why immigrant Asian students were doing so well academically in US schools. They were often the class valedictorians and in some colleges were even denied admittance because there were just too many high- performing Asian students and it was deemed to be unfair to other groups. The SA study looked at a variety of factors from genetics to home life. What they found was the students in most cases, didn't lead "charmed lives" in fact, a majority lived in the worst ghettos. English was not spoken at home. The schools attended were not also "the very best." They attended school that were the worst with gangs and poor funding. So what was it? What allowed these disadvantaged students to not only survive, but thrive? The answer was discovered during home visits...they found that after the family finished dinner and cleared and washed the dishes, they sat down at the table and started their homework. The parents and grandparents watched closely and asked questions and the homework was done. The study concluded that the single most important thing for these kids' success was a family structure that cared and reinforced the importance of education. Many of the letters I get these days from parents who want to be involved with the kids education simply can't because of the rapid and drastic changes we have made with Common Core and before that, Everyday Math and Whole Language. In the haste to push the design we neglected one of our best resources, engaged parents. Unintended consequences.

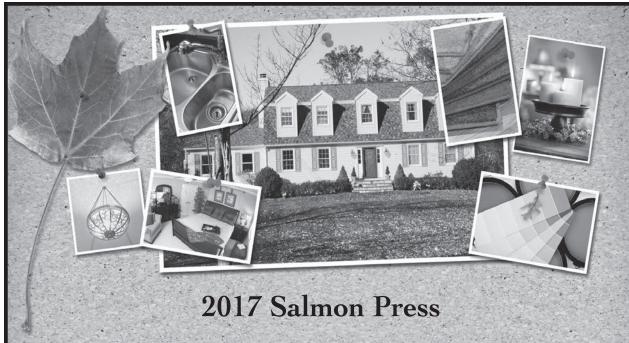
Our school personnel cannot replace engaged parents no matter how much teachers care for the students. We simply can't continue to pour money into our schools, trying one experiment after another and hope this next "new and improved" program will do the job. Remember, parents have only one chance to get their child's education right. I'm suggesting that we should listen to teachers more. They are on the battle lines but we seem to have taken away their best skill set...being teachers and being creative. I'm not opposed to paying teachers more but I'd like to see our schools where teachers are educated raise the bar for the right to be teachers. Our standards to get licensed need to be better. Also we need merit pay. Good teachers need to be compensated as good teachers. Nothing kills moral and creativity faster than to see a colleague who doesn't try his or her hardest to get the same compensation just because they have shown up at work the same number of years. I looked at the salaries in Franklin and, in my opinion, they are abysmal for teachers. The administrators. many of the police and firemen, and other city workers are better paid. This is also true of our school administrator. Part of that is explained

by the hours worked by teachers, it's true but not all. IF we want professional teachers, we need to be willing to pay professional salaries. I don't have room here but I'll publish the list soon with salaries, names, and job. This Representative vear Horne is going to introduce a bill to keep to additional funding constant for poor districts and I'll co-sponsor it, but we still can't answer the question of fewer students with increased budgets. Another representative will offer legislation to allow market influences to teacher salaries. It seems logical for school districts to pay some teaching positions that are most difficult to fill (math and science especially) more than others that are easy to fill. We have to change our culture and show and encourage parents to be engaged. Charter School parents have already committed to the responsibility and have excellent results. No reason why other public school parents can't assume the same level of responsibility. We have to reject the idea that schools can replace parents. If you are a parent it is unacceptable to pass your responsibility onto another. I believe the only way this will ever work is if parents get involved and teachers are allowed to teach. I know this is not what a lot of you wanted to hear, but it is the reality as I know it. Families are the key.

If you want to contact me to talk about this or anything else, please call at 320-9524 or email dave@sanbornhall. net. I'll be looking forward to your comments.

Cheers!

Dave Testerman State Representative Franklin and Hill



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# Churches

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Sunday, Aug. 24, 9:30 a.m. Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

Social Justice Community Outreach Please bring canned or dry packaged food items for our local Community Closet collection basket in the foyer.

Wise Women in Training will continue during the summer on the second and fourth

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, meeting in the

main sanctuary. The Men's group is continuing to meet during the summer downstairs on the lower level on the first and third Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday's Bridge players will meet during the summer in the fellowship room 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Check other activities on our website.

Starr King UU Fellowship is located at 101 Fairgrounds Rd., Plymouth. The phone number is 536-8908. Summer hours for the office are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The Web site is www.starrkingfellowship.org, where you can access "Newsletters" to read, or print out, any of several past issues; "Podcast" to enjoy listening to sermons you have missed, or just want to hear again; "Events Calendar" to find out what is going on in our Fellowship and other activities we enjoy together.

# **Newfound Landing**

The high school sports season officially kicks off in the coming week, with a handful of games on the schedule.

At Newfound, the boys' soccer team kicks off the season on Friday, Aug. 24, at Newport for a 4 p.m. game. The team will then be at Gilford on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 4 p.m.

The Newfound field hockey girls will kick off their new season on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Mascoma at 4 p.m.

The Newfound and Plymouth cross country teams will race in the Early Bird Invitational at Gilford on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m.

Also at Plymouth, the boys' soccer team will host Pembroke on Friday, Aug. 25, to kick off the season and will be at Kearsarge at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

The Bobcat soccer girls will be at Pembroke on Friday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m. and at Kearsarge on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth field hockey team will be at Hanover for the first game of the season on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4:30 p.m.

# Run Your Buns Off race set for Sept. 2

BRISTOL — When through an application is the last time you ran your buns off? Well, this Labor Day weekend you can. Come and see what the locals and vacationers have been talking about for the last seven years.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, at 9 a.m., runners and walkers will leave from Basic Ingredients Bakery located on Route 3A in Bristol to "run their buns off" for a 4.2-mile timed professionally run/walk. The reward for the hard work is a homemade sticky bun waiting for you at the finish line.

Hosted by the Newfound Area Charitable Fund, the Run Your Buns Off race committee is excited to announce that two charitable organizations were selected,

process by the NACF board, as this year's beneficiaries. The Tapply Thompson Community Center (TTCC) located in Bristol has been serving thousands of area youth since 1946 with year-round after school, summer and sports programming. The TTCC's Teen Council is raising funds for a gymnasium renovation project and they want to be sure they reach their goal so it can be ready for decades of future use. The second beneficiary is the Day Away program, which also serves the Newfound region by providing respite for caregivers of eligible individuals through a social day care program.

Individual runners, walkers and teams of all ages are encouraged to participate. The top three male and female runners, as well as the fastest team will be awarded prizes and everyone has a chance to win at the huge raffle filled with goodies, including a paddleboard, donated by local businesses and beyond. Basic Ingredients bakery and gift shop items are for sale throughout the

Why not do your part to help support two great local causes all the while indulging in a delicious treat, having fun with family and friends and getting yourself some exercise on Labor Day weekend? The cost is \$22 per runner/walker, until day of race when the price is \$25. You can register for the Run Your

Buns Off 4.2-miler online today at www.lightboxreg.com/buns\_2017.

For more information on becoming a sponsor or for registration questions, please e-mail runyourbunsoff@gmail.com and you can always stop by Basic Ingredients bakery and register in

# **New coaches for** local soccer squads

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — New coaches are at the helm of the local soccer teams, though they are all familiar

At Newfound, Jason Hill returns to the bench to lead the Bears after a year away.

The Bears will feature a schedule that has two games each with White Mountains and Inter-Lakes and one game each with Newport, Gilford, Mascoma, Stevens, Berlin, Prospect Mountain, Franklin, Winnisquam, Belmont, Bishop Brady, Somersworth and Laconia.

The season kicks off on the road at Newport on Friday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m. and will continue with a trip to Gilford for a 4 p.m. game on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Plymouth will feature two new soccer head coaches. Jesse Elderkin will be leading the boys' team while Kyle Reed moves up from the JV program to take over the varsity girls' team.

The Bobcat boys will feature two games each with Kennett, Kingswood and Kearsarge and one game each with Pembroke, Goffstown, John Stark, Windham, Lebanon, Coe-Brown, Bow, Trinity and Merrimack Valley.

The Bobcats will open the season on Friday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m. at home against Pembroke and on Tuesday, Aug. 29, the team will be at Kearsarge at 4 p.m.

On the girls' side of things, the Bobcat girls will face off twice with Kearsarge, Kingswood and Kennett plus one game each with Pembroke, Goffstown, John Stark, Lebanon, Coe-Brown, Bow, Trinity, Windham and Hanover.

The Plymouth girls will kick off the season on Friday, Aug. 25, at Pembroke at 4 p.m. and will be at Kearsarge for a 6 p.m. game on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Efforts to reach the new coaches for preview information were not successful in time for deadline. We hope to have more information in future

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

# Waterville Valley offering REI Outessa event

WATERVILLE VAL-LEY — Waterville Valley is offering a new women's only REI Outessa event from Sept. 22 to Sept. 24.

During the threedav retreats, participants can choose from hundreds of activities, from rock climbing and mountain biking to yoga and hiking. All gear for activities, instruction, and chef-prepared meals are included.

New England's famous fall foliage will be the backdrop at Waterville Valley Resort. Set in the White Mountain National Forest, just two hours north of Boston. this classic New England resort offers miles of hiking and mountain bike trails, plus a stream-fed pond for stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking. https://outessa.com/watervillevalley.

Waterville Valley is a four-season resort set in the White Mountain National Forest, just two hours north of Boston. In addition to winter snowsports like skiing and snowboarding, Waterville Valley offers award-winning tennis courts, golf, biking, cul-



WATERVILLE VALLEY is offering a new women's REI Outessa event.

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ice rink, boating, and

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traditional inns and all-suite hotels, and dining options range from traditional favorites to Every year, I spend elegant eateries. There one Saturday in Auare miles of hiking and gust trudging around mountain bike trails, a Carry Beach in Wolfepond for swimming, and boro, taking hundreds activities and programs of pictures of people in for children and the various states of diswhole family at the Curitress, all in the name of ous George Cottage and covering local sports. the Recreation Center. For more information,

Of course, I'm referring to the annual Granite Man Triathlon, which brings hundreds of athletes Wolfeboro chastheir triathlon dreams. The Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department, led by Christine Collins and Justin Chaffee, runs this event and with the help of countless volunteers, successfully pulls off a triathlon in the middle of the summer in a tourist community without closing any roads.

The Granite Man was started in memo-



more of a challenge

ry of Albert Dow III, who died in a search and rescue mission in the White Mountains in the early 1980s. For years, his family has been helping run the event as volunteers and the money raised goes to the Albert Dow III Memorial Scholarship, which is given to a Kingswood senior in memory of Albert Dow III. It's a fantastic cause and the Dows are a fantastic family. The only sad part this year is that Dow matriarch Marjorie Dow was unable to attend, though the good weather let everyone know she

was there in spirit.

There are some great athletes and some fantastic volunteers at this event every single year. Many of these volunteers, including the Dow family, return year after year to make the event run smoothly. And they have a thankless job, due in large part to the spectators, who are the ones who tend to make things difficult on everyone involved.

At the start of the race, the incomparable Judy Drew, a Granite Man fixture for as long as I've been covering the race, makes her pre-race announcement, telling spectators they need to stay behind the fence and rope lines and out of the road (except in the painted on crosswalk set up especially for this event). Volunteers

line the bike chute (which takes up one lane of Forest Road, yet somehow, spectators just seem to ignore the warnings and the pleas to leave the area and wander in. This past Saturday alone I saw people with dogs and people with kids in strollers wandering through the chute area as staff and volunteers tried to get them out of the way of the bicyclists racing down Forest Road.

Thanks to the Cain family, who lives opposite Carry Beach, the road is able to stay open since the triathlon finishes on their lawn, but again, spectators wander into the road without so much as looking for traffic, which is controlled well by Wolfeboro po-

SEE **CHANCE**, PAGE A15

# 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.

# Gaimon, Vasse win Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb

BY JODY HOULE

Contributing writer

PINKHAM NOTCH
– More than 400 bicyclists raced to the top
of Mount Washington
on Saturday for the
45th annual Auto Road
Bicycle Hillclimb.

The day started with a downpour but the skies cleared by the start of the 7.6-mile trek up the Mount Washington Auto Road. Racers "pumped through filtered sunshine, undercast skies, fog and a clearing at the finish" a press release stated.

It has been called "the toughest hill climb in the world" as competitors from all over the country from ages 14 to 80 raced to the peak.

Among the 444 racers, Lancaster man Charley Schmidt, 35, placed 44th with a time



The Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb took place on Saturday

of 1:11:46 as the top local finisher.

Top male finishers were Phil Gaimon, 31, with a time of 51:13; Eneas Frye, 41, timed at 54:53; and Timothy Ahearn, 43, at 56:26.

"I haven't been here in nine years. I forgot how hard this is and the clouds- how special this place is. It can be cruel, nasty, why do they make it so steep?," said top finisher Gaiman.

Top female finishers were Aimee Vasse, 39, at 1:05:34; Stephanie Sydlik, 32, at 1:06:13; and Andrea Myers; 1:15:39

"Stephanie was amazing competition. She led me mercilessly. She attacked the hill. I didn't think I could hang, but at the 6.7 mile marker I got my second wind. It was very emotional for me," said Vasse.

Jackson's Walter (Wally) Kurz, 80, broke the record for his age category, finishing at 2:16:20. Bill Hawkes had the previous record at 2:19:45 held since 2002.

"This was my first experience with this race. It was tougher than I anticipated. I got a leg cramp, but finished. This is quite a hill," said Kurz, who has participated in the Northeast Delta Dental Mount Washington Road Race several times.

All proceeds benefit the Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Albany. According to the press release, the center is described as "a 501 (c) 3 non-profit environmental education program that promotes an appreciation of the natural environment and responsible stewardship among children, adults, and families."

Robbie Mills Memorial
Golf Tournament

Golf Tournament is Sept. 20

TILTON — The annual Robbie Mills Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Lochmere Country Club in Tilton. The event, which is hosted by the MetroCast Foundation, will benefit organizations that serve at-risk youth and other youth-serving groups Center in the control of the con

in the region.

Now in its 19th year, the event began as an effort to honor the memory of Robbie

In subsequent years, the number of organizations supported by the fundraiser expanded to include the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center (Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program), Spaulding Youth Center Foundation and the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Foundation for Children (Children's Auction).

With this in mind, James J. Bruder, Jr., Chairman and CEO of Harron Communications, MetroCast's parent company, founded the MetroCast Foundation in 2007 to facilitate donations for the tournament from MetroCast video programmers, vendor partners and local businesses. Last year's event raised more than \$20,000 in support of local youth-serving organizations.

With the 2017 event approaching, Metro-Cast is seeking event sponsors and tournament registrations. Single player and team registrations, donations, as well as a variety of sponsorship opportunities, are being accepted online at Metrocast.com/robbie-mills

"We are grateful to all who have supported this worthy cause in prior years and look forward to an enjoyable day for participants and a successful day for the organizations that are supported through the event," said Edward Merrill, General Manager for MetroCast.

# FINS & FEATHERS Gremlins

BY RAYMOND KUCHARSKI

Contributing Writer

When I lived and worked on the south shore of Boston I would often drive Route 3 to and from the Cape. Around Duxbury there were a series of shallow, heavily stumped, nameless, cranberry-bog water-supply ponds on both sides of the highway. Every time I drove by those ponds I would wonder what kind of fish, if any,

swam in those ponds.

One day after work,
Larry (my fishing companion) and I loaded
my 17-foot canoe on
Larry's AMC Gremlin
and headed to Duxbury
on a discovery mission.
We unloaded the canoe,
carried it across a field,
pushed it over a fence
and launched it in the
stump filled pond.

We paddled away from shore only to discover the stump's submerged roots reached out like tentacles in all directions. The pond was only a couple of feet deep and the web of dark brown roots were just below the water's sur-



COURTESY PHOTO

The Gremlin, not the kind that lurked in the pond, but the kind that carried the canoe.

face.

The pond looked perfect for bass, so Larry and I tied on small bass poppers and cast them toward the stumps. It wasn't very long before we both were hooked up to small bass. We drifted around the pond, occasionally rubbing up on a submerged root. I don't think the pond was fished much because it was loaded with small hungry bass and the fishing was fast and furious.

Darkness found us at the other end of the pond. The submerged roots that were a nuisance during the day became a nightmare in the dark. We slowly paddled along until the canoe ran up on the now invisible roots. The canoe would tip to one side or the other and I would slowly back down to free us. Larry and I had done enough canoeing together to know how to balance the canoe and which way to lean to keep upright.

It took us a long time to negotiate the submerged roots and maneuver the canoe thru the stump field in the dark. We finally got back to our launch site and unloaded the canoe, then over the fence and through the field and back to the car. As we drove home we promised ourselves if we ever fished these ponds again we were going end up near the launch site in the light of day and avoid the night stump gremlins.



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# **Sunrise Ascent moves to Franconia Notch**

FRANCONIA — The conclusion of the Adaptive Sports Partners of North Country's Bank of New Hampshire's Sunrise Ascent on Mount Washington on Aug. 6 held many wonderful moments, though not the milestones the 15 adaptive athletes and their support teams had hoped for. Unfortunately, the Mt. Washington weather kept the athletes and their teams from their summit attempt and "Plan B" was implemented. Plan B involved an eight-mile sunrise hike along the Franconia Notch Recreational Trail from the Flume Gorge to the Governor Gallen Memorial. "It was still an amazing day full of awesomeness," says Executive Director Sandy Olney. "To date we have raised over \$106,000, the most in the event's eight-year history." Olney believes that this is due, in great part, to the continued inclusion of athletes from other areas of New England and neighboring program, New England Disabled Sports (NEDS), based in Lincoln.

In Sunrise Ascent, of volunteer "mules" and "Sherpas" aide adaptive sports en-



KRIS DOBBINS - COURTESY PHOTO

Chester Eastwood of Conway makes final check before beginning his eight-mile sunrise trek.

thusiasts in ASPNC's

version of a "walk-

athon." Each team solic-

ited pledges and had the

goal of raising at least

\$6,288 (the height of Mt

Washington). The teams

represented were Suz-

ie "SooSoo" Coughlan,

Kevin Dubois, Chester

Eastwood, Marsha Gray,

Bella Hibberd, Peter Riz-

zo, David Santamore, Sa-

sha Segal, Jesse Walker,

Martin Wallem, and a

Relay Team of Erik Kon-

do and Mike Benge for

ASPNC. Athletes repre-

senting NEDS included

Bex Fillmore, Courtney

Mould and Vince Skel-

ton. "Amongst a great

amount of disappoint-

ment at not tackling

Mt. Washington, our

participants rallied and

made the most of their

morning outside enjoy-



KRIS DOBBINS - COURTESY PHOTO Martin Wallem of Epping with his team in the early hours,

teamwork of so many is

outstanding and kudos

go to our volunteers, par-

ticipants, their teams,

the individual donors

who pledged to each

team, to the Mt. Wash-

ington Auto Road, Mt.

Washington State Park,

and Franconia Notch

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shire, mile marker spon-

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surance and mule team

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Inn, Plain Kate's River-

side Saloon, and Turtle

Ridge Foundation —all

of whom made the event

shine, enabling ASPNC

and NEDS to continue

to offer sport and rec-

reational outings, pro-

grams, and competitive

team opportunities to North Country adaptive

athletes and their fami-

lenge portion of the event

had two challengers this

year, Kevin Dubois from

Harrisville, R.I., and

David Santamore from

Barre, Vt. These two vet-

erans had hoped to com-

plete unassisted wheeled

ascents on handcycles,

but will have to return

again next year. Peter

Rizzo from Lancaster

had intended an unas-

sisted ascent in a Free-

dom Chair, a levered

off-road wheelchair. The

current records are held

by Tyler Walker (6:45:57)

and Laurie Stephens

(6:46:32), who pushed up

in their wheelchairs as

part of the 2014 Sunrise

The Endurance Chal-

lies," says Olney.

VanDesign,

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sponsors,

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participating in his eighth Sunrise Ascent.

KRIS DOBBINS - COURTESY PHOTO

Suzie Coughlan and Ronnie Sandler of Easton celebrate top team honors for the most money raised by team.

ing the beauty of Fran- and celebrating their conia Notch State Park fundraising success. The

event. Easton resident Cameron Shaw-Duran. has also completed the grueling unassisted climb in his wheelchair.

To learn more about this event, the athletes, and the adaptive sport organizations involved, Adaptive Sports Partners and New England Disabled Sports, please visit www.SunriseAscent.org. Donations in honor of the Sunrise Ascent athletes and their designated programs are still being accepted through the month of August.

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# Tuftonboro 5K coming on Saturday

TUFTONBORO Run for fun, run for fitness, run to compete, but make sure to be there to run at the sixth annual Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26. Check-in/registration begins at 7 a.m., and the walk will be at 8 a.m. and run at 8:30 a.m. The award ceremony follows the conclusion of

This is a professionally timed 5K, however the goal is to provide a fun fitness experience for all. Can't run? Walkers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

The entry fee for the run/walk for 12 years and under is \$15; age 13 and older is \$20. The day-of registration is \$20 for 12 and under; \$25 for 13 and older. T-shirts will be given to the first

75 participants. The Tuftonboro 5K is part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days (Aug. 25-27), including music, an anbreakfast, cardboard boat race, chicken dinner, wildlife encounters shows, scavenger hunt and town picnic.

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Proceeds from Old Home Days will help support the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund. For more information on all the great happenings, including registration information for the 5K, cardboard boat race and antique car show, visit www.tuftonboro.org or e-mail parksandrec@ tuftonboro.org.

To register for the 5K online, visit www.lightboxreg.com/tuftonboro 2017.

Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress. news at 279-4516, or PO Box 279, Meredith, NH

#### Chance **FROM PAGE A13**

lice and volunteers.

One moment summed up the Saturday pretty well. One woman, seemingly oblivious to the volunteers and staff telling her to get out of the bike chute, wandered up and down the road and when she finally decided to listen and get out of the way, she walked right in front of a car and almost got run over because she wasn't looking where she was going.

It's frustrating for me just watching so I can only imagine how frustrating it is for the staff and volunteers, as well as the athletes,

who may find themselves having to dodge random spectators, dogs and babies in the middle of their race.

So, this is a warning for next August. If you come to watch the Granite Man, pay attention. Listen to the volunteers and staff and be aware that cyclists and runners are always around you. One accident could lead to many problems and nobody wants that. The Granite Man is a great event for a great cause and keeping everyone safe is an ultimate goal.

Finally, have a great day Maria Found.

Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfound 03253.

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Include a cover letter, resume, three references and wage requirements in your submission packet.

To apply, go to the Employment section of Town's website at www.townofbristolnh.org.

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# Fit for a Cure 5K is Sept. 24

TILTON — Tanger Outlets Tilton in conjunction with Under Armour. Northeast Communications, AutoServ, Belknap Landscape Company and Laconia Daily Sun, will host the ninth annual Fit for a Cure 5K run/walk presented by Under Armour. The first 1,000 registrants will receive an Under Armour race t-shirt. All finishers will receive a commemorative participant medal and shopping discounts. Prizes will be awarded to top three male and female winners along with division winners in

each age category. There is a discounted registration fee if you register before Sept. 22..

The race takes place Sunday, Sept. 24, at 8:30 a.m. at the Tanger Outlets at 120 Laconia Road in Tilton.

For more information

or to register, visit www. tangeroutlets.com/race. If a business or organization will have 10 or more participants, please contact Tanger General Manager Eric Proulx at eric. proulx@tangeroutlets. com for group discount information.

Friday, Aug. 25 **NEWFOUND** Boys' Soccer at Newport; 4 **PLYMOUTH** Boys' Soccer vs. Pembroke; 4 Girls' Soccer at Pembroke; 4

Tuesday, Aug. 29 PLYMOUTH Boys' Soccer at Kearsarge; 4 Girls' Soccer at Kearsarge; 6

Wednesday, Aug. 30 NEWFOUND Boys' Soccer at Gilford; 4 Field Hockey at Mascoma; 4

Thursday, Aug. 31 **NEWFOUND** Cross Country at Gilford; 4 **PLYMOUTH** Cross Country at Gilford; 4 Field Hockey at

Hanover; 4:30



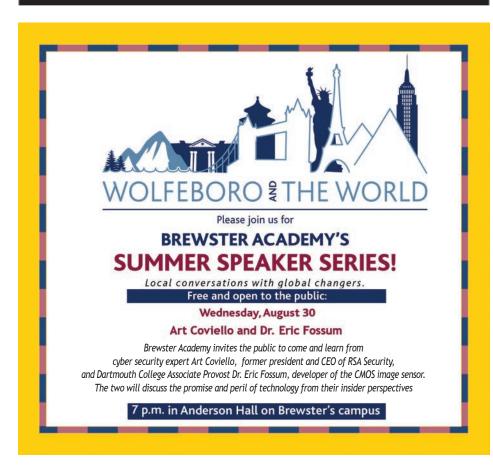
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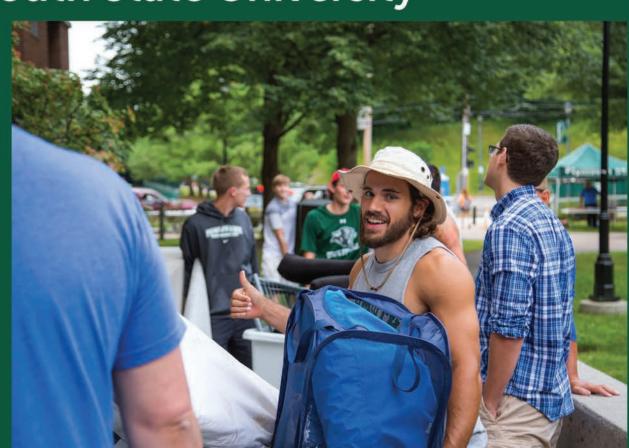
# What's Happening at **Plymouth State University**

# **MOVE IN DAYS!**

**New Student Move in Days:** August 30 and 31

**Returning Student Move In Day:** September 4

**Expect increased traffic** throughout the area for most of the day.





See further up here.