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COMPLIMENTARY

TTCC event gives local parents a break

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRISTOL – Last Friday evening, a group of young men and women provided once again a truly great community service at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol — they gave parents of young children in the Newfound Region a break.

TTCC's Teen Council President Tuan Nguyen said Parents Night Out is now in its second year as a fundraiser for the organization and has been received very well by the community.

"This started at Christmas time so parents could shop but it's evolved into some-



DONNA RHODES

During their special Parents Night Out event last Saturday evening, members of the TTCC Teen Council paused their activities at the community center for a group photo with some of the more than 20 boys and girls who participated in their Carnival Night fun while moms and dads relaxed for a few hours.

lot of fun," said Nguyen.

For each of their Parents Night Out events, the council members come up with a theme that they believe the children will enjoy. Last week-end's event had a carnival theme and the students came up with games and activities based around that idea. Among those were a basketball shooting station, a duck draw, a Bingo-style game and a ping-pong challenge. As children were successful at each of the many activities, they received tickets that could be redeemed for special prizes.

As many as 20 teen-aged council members and a few adults were on hand to oversee the

thing we do every now and again just to give them a night off. It's a

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New Hampton Community School makes donation to LRGHealthcare

Brian Winslow (center), Executive Director for Philanthropy at Lakes Region General Hospital, accepts a \$561.73 donation from NHCS Principal Ann Holloran (left), teachers, staff, and students. The contribution to the hospital's Anderson-Ganong Cancer Center was generated from a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, hosted by the school and Parent Teacher Organization to raise money to assist an NHCS teacher battling breast cancer and LRGH's Breast Cancer Support program.

New teachers' contract, budget adjustments discussed

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — The Newfound Area School Board and the Newfound Teachers Union have ratified a new, three-year collective bargaining agreement that would help keep wages competitive with surrounding school districts. The agreement, covering the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 school years, will go before the voters in March.

Meanwhile, the school board is reviewing changes in the proposed budget for 2019-20 to bring spending in line with the district's tax cap. The original

budget proposal came in \$922,173 too high.

Superintendent Stacy Buckley said that, in reviewing ways to reduce the spending, the administrative team gave priority to safety concerns and ways to improve instruction and promote student success. They looked at areas where they could make do with some, rather than all; align with the strategic plan and capital improvement program; and give priority to things that would be much more expensive if postponed for a year.

Recommendations included elim-

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Hill FD sponsoring Holiday Giving Tree

HILL — The Hill Fire Department is sponsoring a Giving Tree again this year for Hill residents. This program helps provide a better Christmas to Hill families who are experiencing a difficult time and that would appreciate some assistance during this holiday season. The Giving Tree is located

within the Hill Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office. Many had requested the tags be available earlier so folks may take advantage of Black Friday Shopping - tree is up and tags are ready for pick-up!

How the program works:

1. Take a tag off the tree that describes the desired gift as well as the age and gender of the child.
2. Purchase the gift.
3. Please bring the unwrapped gift back to the tree by Thursday, Dec. 20.

If you are unable to return the gift to the tree by Dec. 20, please contact Chief Ford to make alternative arrangements for gift drop-off.

Also, during this Holiday season the Hill Fire Department will be a holding Food Drive

to assist those in need. The food collection will be given to a local food pantry.

All non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at collection boxes located at the Hill Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office and the Jennie D. Blake Elementary School.

All food donations should be dropped off by Thursday, Dec. 20.

If you should have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, Food Drive, or if you prefer to make a financial donation to help those in need in our community, please contact Fire Chief Dee Ford at 18 Commerce St., Hill, NH 03243, by email at: deputyford@hotmail.com, or by telephone 630-5795.

Thank you all for considering these great causes this Holiday Season, any contribution is greatly appreciated!



COURTESY

Associate Program Manager Lindsey Collins joins Program Manager Hannah Holmes at the Plymouth State University job fair; they are beginning the process of hiring camp counselors for the summer residential Circle Camp session in 2019.

Lindsey Collins joins Circle Program as new Associate Program Manager

PLYMOUTH — The Circle Program is pleased to announce that Lindsey Collins has joined the organization on a year-round

basis as its new Associate Program Manager. Collins has been a familiar face during Circle Camp, serving as our waterfront di-

rector on Spectacle Pond in Groton for the program's summer residential camp sessions. She is a Red

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Planning board delays Market Basket vote pending input from surrounding towns

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PLYMOUTH — At the Plymouth Planning Board's public hearing for an application to build a new Market Basket at Riverview Landing off the Tenney Mountain Highway last week, the "Ayes" had it from local residents, but the board voted to just say "Maybe" for now and scheduled a continuance of the hearing so that abutting municipalities can be notified to attend and discuss any perceived impact it may have on their town.

That decision came about after Chair Rebecca Hanson brought forth a checklist from the Lakes Region Planning Commission designed to help towns decide whether or not a development plan would have a regional impact. Requiring only "yes" or "no" answers,



Planning Board Chair Rebecca Hanson listened to discussion from fellow board members last Thursday on whether or not a Market Basket at Riverfront Landing could possibly have a regional impact on neighboring towns.

the checklist asked if the development would impact school populations, neighborhoods, water supplies of other municipalities, infringe on cultural resources, increase traffic flow, or require major wetlands permits. It also asked board members to consider if there would be any visual impact on other towns and if it would increase the needs for emergency responses. Most ques-

tions received a no vote, however there were two "maybes" as far as visual lighting impact to Campton and an increase of traffic in Rumney. The one "yes" reply was for a question on whether or not the development was on or near an aquifer, in this case the Baker River, that transcends municipal boundaries.

After much discussion, it was finally decided by a 4-2 vote that the

hearing would be continued so abutting towns could be invited to weigh in.

"This is not a move to slow down any development," Hanson explained. "We want to make sure we're following the letter of the law and protecting the town from a possible law suit."

Those in attendance for the hearing were then given the opportunity to address the proj-

ect themselves and all were in favor of bringing Market Basket to Plymouth. Frank Miller of Plymouth commented that he felt the developer and engineering firm had met all the requirements of the board, and in fact the entire development and building pads had already been pre-approved.

"I think we're doing ourselves a disservice to say there is a regional impact," Miller said.

When Hanson advised him that the decision on regional impact had already been made, he replied, "I think you got this process mixed up."

Russell Harris of Harris Furniture said he was surprised about the continuance since there had already been a discussion on regional impact at the board's last meeting, yet abutting towns still were not advised of the Nov. 15 public hearing. He went on to say he lives across the

river in Campton and cannot foresee any light pollution problems with Market Basket since there is barely any from Walmart or McDonald's.

"I think this will be really good for this area. The regional impact should have been done before," Harris said.

Hanson reminded the crowd of approximately 40 people that it is not uncommon for towns to hold more than one public hearing.

"It's in our best interest to take it slowly; dot all our I's and cross all our T's," she said.

All other comments were in support of the project, and our reporter observed no negative remarks during the 40-minute hearing. People said they were excited to see more jobs come to the area, to have a choice in nearby shopping experiences and most of all, have more businesses to help lower taxes in Plymouth.

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Hill hosting second annual tree lighting, pre-Christmas party, and cookie swap

HILL — Please join us for Hill's Second Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Pre-Christmas Party with a Cookie Swap on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. We will gather at the Hill Public Library for hot chocolate, cookies, carol singing, and general good cheer. Pat Lynch will provide

accompaniment on her keyboard and Carol Snow-Asher will lead the singing!

The Christmas Party will be very informal with a Cookie Swap. Just bring a plate full of your favorites, no specific number, no pre-bagging. We'll all enjoy the goodies and

then at the end of the party, we'll provide bags so everyone can take home a sampling of the left-over treats. If you don't have time to bake, don't let that stop you from coming! There are always many more cookies than mouths, and more than enough to go around. After

the Cookie Swap and singing, we will then proceed to the gazebo across Crescent Street to light the Christmas Tree. From there, we'll visit a few houses in the village to sing carols, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

All are welcome!

Free Discover Girl Scouts event

BRISTOL — Come discover what makes Girl Scouts the leading expert on girls!

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains will host a free information session for girls and parents on Monday, Nov. 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. At the Bristol Fire Department, training room, West Street, Bristol. Girls and their families can meet local Girl Scouts and volunteers; learn about expanded STEM and outdoor programs; enjoy fun, girl-led activities; explore programs; learn about volunteer opportunities; and register to become a Girl Scout. Plus,

girls will receive a free Discover Girl Scouts embroidered patch.

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Streetcar Company tackles Shakespeare's "Macbeth"

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LACONIA — "Something wicked this way comes" to the stage at the end of the month, when Streetcar Company presents "Macbeth," its first ever serious foray into the works of William Shakespeare.

The classic tale of the Scottish nobleman who is pushed to murderous ambition by a prophecy and the manipulation of his scheming wife will come to the stage at Laconia High School Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2.

Streetcar has never done a Shakespeare play before. Director Peter Ayer raised the idea of doing "Macbeth" during the board's annual



Brendan Berube (standing) as Macbeth and Frank Stetson as Macduff rehearse their climactic sword fight for the Streetcar Company's upcoming production of "Macbeth."

ERIN PLUMMER

Brendan Berube of Laconia, whose name readers might recognize as Editor of the Newfound Landing, plays the Scottish King himself.

"As a character, Macbeth is an interesting guy to play," Berube said.

He said calling Macbeth "henpecked" would be an understatement given his relationship with his wife. Played by Gilford High School alum Cordelia Penney, Lady Macbeth famously goads him into murdering Scotland's king early in the show in order to expedite the fulfillment of a witches' prophecy that Macbeth himself will one day be king, but Berube says there is also a side of him that deeply wants to achieve greatness.

"What makes it interesting is that as the play develops, [Macbeth and Lady Macbeth] switch places more and more, and he becomes the schemer and the blood-thirsty one," Berube said. "The question becomes, was it really all her, or was this paranoia and savagery part of his inner nature from the word go? And what, if any, redemption does he find in the end?"

Berube said he took a college course on Shakespeare, and came in quite familiar with the language. He said he has always wanted to do Shakespeare.

"This is a no kilts, no accents show," he said, "so t's basically using my normal voice, getting accustomed to the metric configuration of the lines."

Ayer, he added, insisted from the outset that the cast not employ Scottish or British accents in order to make the dialogue more accessible to audiences.

He said this is one of the best experiences he has had in theater.

Macbeth's ultimate enemy, Macduff, is

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"pitch" meeting, where members are welcome to pitch their show ideas for the following season. The fact that the Bard's works are in the public domain convinced the board to take a chance on the show, provided Ayer agreed to direct it.

Ayer has been in six different Shakespeare plays, both in college and professionally.

He said he has been working to make the play as audience friendly as possible, especially the language. Any words or phrases that might be too arcane to come across to modern audiences have either been changed to something more understandable or cut.

"We are trying to capture the flavor of Elizabethan theater without baffling people," Ayer said.

Overall, he said, audiences will still get the story and emotions of the play.

He said the rehearsal process has been going really good.

"A lot of people who came to audition, they came with misgivings," Ayer said. "Now they say, 'Thank God I came,' because they're having a blast. These people will definitely try another Shakespeare play."

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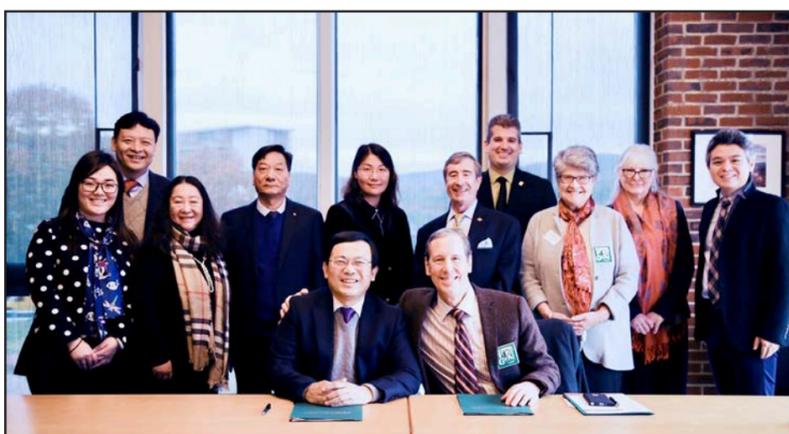
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PSU launches new exchange program with university in China

PSU to welcome study abroad participants starting in the fall of 2019

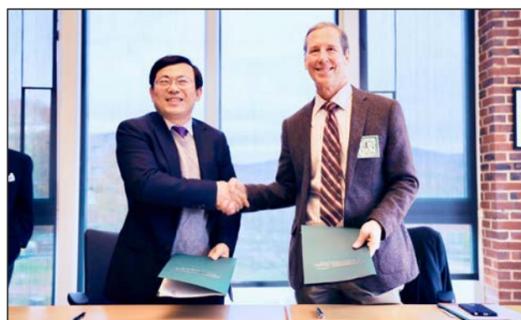
PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) recently launched a new program that will bring students from Henan Normal University (HNU) in Xinxiang City, in the northern Henan Province of China, to study at PSU as part of an international exchange program. The new partnership was finalized during a recent visit to Plymouth by a delegation from HNU who met with PSU officials and faculty and toured the campus.

"This new international exchange program with Henan Normal University will not only bring students with a strong desire to learn and succeed to PSU's campus, it will also bring students with different life experiences," said Donald L. Birx, Ph.D., President, Plymouth State University. "Ensuring that our student body reflects a variety of cultures, experiences and points of view is extremely im-



COURTESY

In a recent visit to New Hampshire, Plymouth State University and Henan Normal University in Xinxiang City, in the northern Henan Province of China, finalized an agreement to bring students from HNU to study at PSU as part of an international exchange program. (L-R back row) Hui "Sunny" Cao, teaching lecturer, Plymouth State University; Mr. Zhang Xiangdong, Vice Director, Henan Normal University; Ms. Liang Xiaodong, Dean, Henan Normal University; Mr. Gao Zhongjian, Dean, Henan Normal University; Ms. Zhao Yang, Director, Henan Normal University; Robin Dorff, Ph.D., Provost, Plymouth State University; Jason Moran, Dean of Enrollment Management, Plymouth State University; Gail Mears, Associate Provost, Plymouth State University; Cynthia Vascak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Plymouth State University; Chen Wu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics, Plymouth State University. (L-R front row) Mr. Li Xueshan, Vice President, Henan Normal University; Donald L. Birx, Ph.D., President, Plymouth State University.



COURTESY

(Left) Mr. Li Xueshan, Vice President, Henan Normal University shakes hands with Donald L. Birx, Ph.D., President, Plymouth State University after signing an agreement that will bring students from Henan Normal University in Xinxiang City, in the northern Henan Province of China to study at PSU as part of an international exchange program. The new partnership was finalized during a recent visit to Plymouth State University by a delegation from HNU.

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Because we are meant to be in community with each other.

Because cinnamon-scented pinecones only happen once a year – perhaps thankfully.

Because online shopping doesn't come with a smile, a joke, or an offer to help you carry your purchases out to the car.

Because how else will you get your 10,000 steps in?

Because holiday seasons are fleeting, and moments create memories.

Because if something's not quite right, you can take it right back.

Because there might be free candy canes at the cash register.

Because it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate for our children how to ask questions, to use good manners and to be gracious.

Because holiday decorations spark smiles and excitement.

Because no "doorbuster" is worth having to roll out of bed with a belly full of leftovers at 3 a.m.

Because it beats standing in the freezing cold with a crowd around you all contemplating how best to take you out of the equation when that mall door opens.

Because in a strong local business community, everyone wins.

For all these reasons and more, we encourage our readers to spend their holiday shopping dollars locally on this biggest weekend of the year for the retail industry. At this time of reflection on what we are grateful for, we give our thanks to the local businesses that support us in our mission to bring you the news throughout the year, and we hope that all of you out there continue to support them in turn.

Best wishes from our staff to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving.

PET of the Week Nova



Her perpetual smile is engaging, her energy is inspiring and her gentleness a love. Nova, the six year old American Staffordshire mix, always seems to have a smile from ear to ear, especially when people come to visit. She is incredibly smart, even knows the command for walking backwards. She is a gentle walker and does well with children over eight. Nova is indeed one of the more super dogs looking for her forever home and people. She will be a loyal friend and companion and always will be ready for a great game of tug.



Letters to the Editor

What's the point of local government?

To the Editor:

Did you know that our individual right to collectively come together and cast a vote on matters that actually mean something to our everyday lives is simply rendered illegal here in New Hampshire unless the state specifically enables legislation granting local authority to pass such a law?

What's the point of local government when we don't get to decide what is best for our health, safety, and welfare at the local level? Why bother serving for a local public office when you can be penalized and held personally liable? Laws created by the NH State Legislature are supposed to protect its people,

yet truth be told, laws coming from the state legislature are denying protections for Granite State people, communities, and ecosystems.

Specifically, issues of clean air, water, soil; acceptance of all human beings no matter where they are from or how they got here; food sovereignty, election integrity, waste management practices, sustainable energy choices, water quality and access, labor practices, farming practices; among many other issues, are all governed beyond our local communities while at the same time, through preemption, the state denies us any local decision-making authority over

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Thank you for choosing me to represent you

To the Editor:

I want to thank the constituents of Grafton District 6 for continuing to choose me to represent them in Concord as a New Hampshire State Representative. It was a group effort of donors, sign holders, supporters and most importantly voters. My message to my constituents remains the same: your concerns and interests are important to me. Together, we can support quality public education, provide affordable workforce housing, preserve our environmental resources that our economy depends on, protect our water resources for home, business and recreation use and grow jobs that promote livable wages.

My work on the House Resource, Recreation and Development Committee has given me a unique perspective into many of the issues that impact the residents of the towns in District 6; Ellsworth, Groton,

Orange, Rumney and Thornton. I have appreciated getting input from members of these communities when proposed legislation has impacted them, and will continue to do so.

I started this journey four years ago, when I stated that we needed to return a sense of civility to our government. It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. As my third term begins I look forward to the next two years as your representative working cooperatively with my 399 colleagues to make New Hampshire a place we are all honored to call home.

You can reach me via email at: kevin.maes@leg.state.nh.us.

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Let's keep integrity in our elections

To the Editor:

The integrity of our elections rests with the Secretary of State. For the first time in New Hampshire history, the pervasive influence of money is threatening the integrity of the Secretary of State's election. Special interests with clever names like "NH Forward" and "Free and Fair NH" are polluting the election process.

The Democrat party wants Bill Gardner – a Democrat – out of office. Why? Two reasons. First, because he dared to participate in the President's voter fraud commission, refusing to kowtow to Democrats who opposed it. And second, because he has scrupulously followed our ever-changing election laws and has done so without any partisan bias.

Enter Democrat avenger Colin van Ostern, who has raised over a quarter of a million dollars to buy the office of Secretary of State. Partisan money – out-of-state money, and lots of it – is being used to campaign for the office responsible for the integrity of our elections. Control the office, and you control the process. Putting an unabashed partisan wannabe into the Secretary of State's office will enable Democrats to do just that. It will turn a scrupulously non-partisan position into a political contest.

Let's talk specifics.

Van Ostern claims the Secretary of State's office needs modernization, yet he refuses to use the on-line campaign finance system to file receipt and expenditure reports. He files paper copies instead, making it much harder to "follow the money" in his campaign. Rather than embracing modernization and transparency by using the state's electronic reporting system, he deliberately made it harder to learn who's really behind this shameful episode.

Van Ostern raised more money in his campaign for

Secretary of State than any General Election candidate for state office except the Governor and one state senate candidate. He's been anything but transparent with his filings. Required reports have been deliberately submitted on paper to keep the contents out of the searchable database. He changed formats on paper filings to make researching his donors almost impossible. In every required filing during his failed 2016 campaign for Governor he listed contributors in alphabetical order by first name, making it much harder to "follow the money." His filing history is anything but transparent.

Van Ostern's entire campaign is about retribution against Gardner and loyalty to a party that wants to control the office overseeing our elections.

Gardner is a Democrat, and I'm a Republican. But I've supported him for Secretary of State, since I was a freshman State Representative in 2001, without reservation because his loyalty is not to any party or special interest, but to the integrity of elections and the people of New Hampshire. Thousands of legislators have supported him for decades – without the influence of Van Ostern's money and party politics – precisely because he has served our state with distinction and earned the unconditional trust and respect of every legislator we've sent to Concord.

Let's not pollute the office of our Secretary of State with out-of-state special interest money or partisan retribution. We deserve better. Tell your legislators you expect them to vote for unimpeachable integrity and scrupulous honesty. Tell them to keep partisan and special interest money out of it. Tell them you want Bill Gardner as your Secretary of State.

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

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

Leave it to Smithsonian Magazine to dig out the facts. What happened is that Franklin, shown a mockup of the proposed Great Seal of the young United States, remarked that its bird looked more like a turkey than an eagle. This, combined with letters to his daughter, is how the turkey legend was born.

Here is part of what Franklin wrote:

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

Franklin went on to cite thievery of other birds' prey as chief among the eagle's bad habits. Also, he said, it is often loaded with lice, "generally poor" in health and appearance, and is an apparent coward, Franklin having once seen one driven off by a kingbird.

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

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

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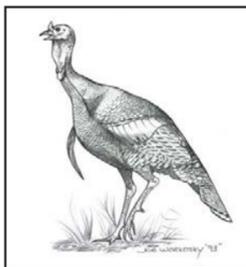
Bald eagles are invariably depicted as soaring, fierce, and proud, although they have been known to frequent dumps.

loon, Peregrine falcon, bald eagle, pine marten, even deer, even beaver (yes, beaver, which were almost trapped and developed to oblivion, whereas today every bit of New Hampshire's beaver habitat is full.)

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

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

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Wild turkeys are most always depicted as ungainly and (somehow) stupid. They are anything but.

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

Ted never gave up, despite two failed reintroduction attempts in the southeast during the early '70s, and finally persevered, tirelessly live-netting and transplanting until turkeys attained a solid foothold across the Southern Tier. This set the stage for their rapid expansion into the entire state, even into the far northern reaches of the Connecticut Lakes and Hall's, Indian, and Perry streams.

Another odd thing, one that many people don't know about--and

why would they?--is that New Hampshire obtained its first batch of turkeys in a trade with West Virginia for fisher (cats), which they once had and wanted back.

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

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We are getting way off track here.

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

eat them for supper.

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

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

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

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



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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Time to Think About Year-End Investment Moves

We've still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it's not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation): Add to your IRA. For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until

the last minute? Increase your 401(k) contributions. You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it's allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Take your RMDs. If you are 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA

and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by December 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are

considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor. Make changes in response to life events. In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional. Review your investment mix. At least once a year, it's a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it's still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance.

Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn't expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60% stocks and 40% bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65% of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original

60% to 40% ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone's ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.) These aren't the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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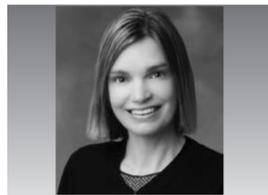
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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alexandria	540 Gale Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$169,000	Tracy Ustaszewski (for Roland R. Richard Estate)	Alyssa D. Berube and Kenneth Dunn
Alexandria	21 Sye Ali Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$126,000	Almira Suljevic	Robert J. Colette and Susan M. Colette
Ashland	14 Thompson St.	Multi-Family Residence	\$143,000	John Lennon	Jamie C. and Susan S. Irving
Bridgewater	898 River Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$213,000	FNMA	Christopher Jones and Rebecca Loh
Bristol	70 Lancelot Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$249,900	Bryan Duchesne (for Bear Mountain Duchesne Trust)	Lorraine B. Finnegan and Wayne A. Keefner
Bristol	17 Village West Dr., Unit 12	Condominium	\$118,000	Kathleen M. and William A. Winn	William A. Lapanus and Mary Lapanus
Bristol	81 Wulamat Rd., Lot 87	Mobile Home	\$110,000	Christine and Michael Alpers	Suzanne H. Hartwell (for Hartwell Fiscal Trust)
Campton	17 Overlook Rd., Unit 5	Condominium	\$65,000	Dennis J. Leblanc	Thomas A. Page
Campton	62 Tyler Way, Unit 2	Condominium	\$150,000	Peter A. Laufenberg	Peter A. Laufenberg
Dorchester	1751 N. Dorchester Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$62,533	James E. and Nancy E. Ryan	Robert F. Green
Holderness	105 Butternut Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$349,000	Leslie J. Bryant	Robin E. MacDonald and Janet S. Allen
Holderness	College Road	N/A	\$340,000	Victor J. and Alison V. Pascarelli	Matthew Grady (for Grady RET)
Holderness	5 Tadadump Rd.	Mobile Home	\$190,000	Adrian J. and Leslie E. Robie	CCK LLC
Holderness	N/A	N/A	\$875,000	David B. Keniston	Robin R. Shield (for Gainesville Fiscal Trust)
New Hampton	8 Bird Runner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$271,400	Benjamin T. Carbone	Shawn P. and Melissa G. Chamberlain
New Hampton	68 Colony Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$180,000	Michael F. Sharp (RET)	Megan A. Sharp
Plymouth	16 Highland Terrace	N/A	\$29,800	Robin M. O'Sullivan	Anthony R. and Janine F. Ricciotti
Rumney	38 Water St.	Multi-Family Residence	\$305,000	Peter J. Jackson	Thomas Wirth
Thornton	133 Banjo Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$310,000	Laura A. Laufenberg	Peter A. and Ashley Laufenberg
Thornton	9 Carey Lane, Unit 4	Condominium	\$290,000	Gregory Swope and Diane Nicolosi	John M. and Gail F. Connolly
Thornton	17 Jacobs Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$268,000	Diamond M. Investments LLC	Paul and Janine Weese
Thornton	Maxies Way (Lot)	Residential Open Land	\$100,000	Joseph and Brenda Andreozzi	William S. and Catherine S. Meyerjack
Thornton	94 Mountain River East Rd., Unit 38	Condominium	\$158,000	Joseph and Tyler Ellsey	Krista L. Neal
Thornton	612 Upper Mad River Rd., Unit 11	Condominium	\$87,000	Benjamin C. and Lena C. Suddard	Mae and Brian Hogan
Thornton	869 Upper Mad River Rd., Unit 3	Condominium	\$123,000	Equity Trust Co.	David Irwin
Thornton	Woodwinds Road, Lot 33b	Acc. Land Imp.	\$35,000	Christopher and Tammi Charron	Benjamin Karlin
Thornton	112 Woodwinds Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$410,000	David F. Mattice (for Mattice 2014 RET)	Travis L. and Erica M. MacInnes

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Towns

Alexandria

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Here we go, preparing for winter with some small snowstorms with some rain to make things interesting for those plowing, or just out and about. Glad I was able to stay inside, and let my son do the shoveling. The most recent storm, I did venture out to clean things up a bit. Good practice for when we get a good "dumping" of snow, and even then it'll be a little bit here, a little bit there. I'm not going to sign up for any marathons or snow sculptures though. I certainly don't want to ruin my great healing strides with a dislocated hip...or worse.

Town

Thursday, Nov. 22, Town Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Offices will re-open Monday, Nov. 26 at 8 a.m. for the Board of Selectmen and 9 a.m. for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Conservation Commission meeting Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:
Sand is available at

the Transfer Station (29 Smith River Rd.) and behind the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road).

Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up to five five-gallon buckets with sand for use on their property.

The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.

Removal of sand by residents at the Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited.

The fine for a violation of this policy is \$100 per incident.

Transfer Station Hours

Monday 8 a.m. until noon
Wednesday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Alexandria UMC

The Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday, Nov. 25, services begin at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School this week.

Annual Conference Wednesday, Nov. 28. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet with the District Super-

intendent at 6 p.m., with the Conference beginning at 7 p.m.

Sign up sheets will be going up soon for the Coffee Hour which is held following services on the second Sunday of each month, and the Community Dinner which is the first Saturday of each month at 5 p.m. If you are interested in hosting either one, but have questions please ask Merry Ruggirello, Phyllis Adkins or Laura Plummer, and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you to Kim Smith who has already signed up to do the January Community Dinner!

I'd like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, may your day be filled with much love, laughter and many blessings. Be thankful for who and what you have, for there are those who will be celebrating a long way from home, not able to be with friends and family.

Groton

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Children's Gift Tree

There is a small Christmas tree in the front hallway at the Town Hall with tags for the children who are in need of gifts for Christmas. Come by and choose a tag (gender and age on each). Bring back the gifts to the Town Hall by Dec. 15. Cash donations will also be greatly appreciated as well as warm coats, hats, and mittens. We will also be assembling food bas-

kets for needy families and non-perishable food items as well as cash donations toward the purchase of perishable items. Thank you, Elizabeth Jespersen for organizing this again this year.

The Groton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Groton Town Offices, 754 N. Groton Rd., Groton, NH 03241, on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

There will be a Building Committee Meeting at the Town House on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. if you are interested in looking into options for the new Town Garage/Department of Public Works building. This will be the kick off meeting for the building committee that will be run by the residents. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

At the Select Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13, Bob Berti of Green Acres Woodlands came to discuss Map 10, Lot 40 on Halls Brook Road. This is a lot that supposedly belongs to the Town, but is not found on surveyors maps. He is asking the Select Board to look into this matter and see if this might possible be a piece that was actually a part of a much larger piece of land that was sold many years ago. The former owner of this lot is "unknown."

An \$11 abatement was signed for Map 2, Lot 38; Building and Septic permits were tabled for Map 5, Lot 46; and two building permits were signed for Map 7, Lot 53.

Scheduled Meetings and Office Closures

Select Board Work Sessions -Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. at the Town House

Select Board Meetings (open to the public) -Dec. 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Planning Board Public Hearing Wednesday, Nov. 28 - 7 p.m. at the Town House

The Select Board Office will be closed Nov. 21 and 22 for the Thanksgiving Holiday; The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed Nov. 22 and 23.

Conservation Committee Meeting Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Total of all taxes due to the Town as of Nov. 16 are \$590,311.23. The 2018 P02 tax bills were sent out on Nov. 14 and will be due Dec. 14. The new tax rate is \$14/thousand.

Hebron

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Bridgewater Turkey Trot Nov. 22, 9 a.m. - Thanksgiving Day!

Newfound Country Store, 408 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater

Preregistration Nov. 1 through the Morning of the Trot at Newfound Country Store or register the day of the Trot at 8 a.m. Trot begins at 9 a.m.! This year we will be raising money and or donations for the benefit of families from the Newfound Area. This Charity helps provide clothing, gas cards, gift certificates and dinner boxes for local families. Any and all donations accepted! Cash/Check/Gift Certificates or Raffle & Silent Auction items anything

that you can contribute! *Please make checks out to "Bridgewater Turkey Trot". This is an open donation event and the first 250 people to sign up get a t-shirt. There is also a 50/50 Raffle available at the cash register in the store...tickets are \$1 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn Thanksgiving Day!

New Hampshire Humane Society Hosts Annual Holiday Adopt-A-Thon Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 & 24

Adopt a dog or puppy on "Doggone Friday" or a cat or kitten on "Caturday" at New Hampshire Humane Society's Laconia shelter!

The New Hampshire Humane Society is offering a different type of shopping approach on Black Friday by inviting people to their annual Adopt-A-Thon on "Doggone Friday," Nov. 23, where over 30 puppies and adult dogs will be available for adoption at their Meredith Center Road location. Not a dog lover but a cat is what you fancy? On "Caturday," Nov. 24, the adoption continues in Laconia with more than 50 purring kittens and adult cats ready to meet their new mom or dad. Both events will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on site at the New Hampshire Humane Society, 1305 Meredith Center Rd., Laconia.

"Our annual Adopt-A-Thon is a hallmark event that our community has come to anticipate, love and greatly support, said Tony Matos, board president of the NH Humane Society. "As a mission-driven organization, we are grateful to be able to bring puppies, kittens

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Night Out

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22 boys and girls, ages four through 12, who came by for all the fun. Hot Dogs, popcorn and other treats helped make it a special time for the boys and girls, too, as their parents took a few hours off to shop, dine out or just sit home and relax.

Nguyen said that Teen Council, which has expanded over the past four years from 12 to 38 members, has proven to be a great community-based initiative for high school-aged students in the Newfound Regional School District. The group meets every other Wednesday at the high school where they discuss their plans and in just a few years they have already accomplished a lot.

Besides Parents Night Out, the teens participate in a number of other community programs. The group sponsors sports teams at TTCC and provides scholarship money each summer for a child attending camp at the center. They also host the annual Haunted Basement for Halloween, assist in the One-Stop Christmas Shop for children each December and take part in after school programs at the community center. As if that's not enough they also now run Teen Dances held at TTCC, providing refreshments, music

and lots of fun for local teens like themselves.

"Every year, we add a new event, though," Nguyen said.

In 2019, adult Bingo nights will be held beginning in March with proceeds helping the teens in their mission to give back to the community in any way they can.

Their mission still doesn't end there though. Teen Council also fundraises all year long to help improve the community center building itself. Over the past few years of bake sales, Old Home Day activities, Parents Night Out and more, they have managed to accumulate a bank account of more than \$4,600 for projects and have raised an additional \$20,000 to make improvements to the TTCC gym.

"We all want to leave a legacy to the town because it has done so much for us," said Nguyen. "People in this town care so much, and we're proud to be a part of it."

Nguyen initially joined Teen Council to basically accumulate community service hours for his college resume but said, "I found out I liked it! It's a lot of fun and it's really nice to realize you're benefitting the community."

With money in their account to improve the gym, the council is looking ahead once again. As they await bids from contractors for that project, they

are now starting a campaign to replace the front windows of the community center.

"They're old. They're drafty, there's BB gun holes in them—it's just time to get better windows and screens, so that's our next project," Nguyen said.

Overseeing Teen Council as their advisor is Gina Richford who is assisted this year by 2018 NRHS graduate Mikayla Ro-yea. Richford said each year it has been wonderful to have a recent graduate and former Teen Council member step up to assist in leading the group. That, she added, only goes to show how much the experience has meant to members both past and present.

"It's great to see kids graduate and still want to be a part of this in some way," Richford said.

Next up for the council's activities will be assistance with the annual TTCC Santa's Village, but they are also looking forward to participation with other programs, community events and fundraisers in the year ahead.

High school-aged students who are interested in joining the ever-growing group of teens may do so by contacting Richford for an application through either the TTCC office or Newfound Regional High School.

Teachers

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inating the late bus for Project Promise, the grant-funded after-school program. Buckley said she is unsure that the grant will be renewed next year.

There had been a plan to transfer money into a capital reserve account to reduce the impact of capital expenditures, but that was removed in the new proposal, she said. Administrators considered eliminating foreign language instruction in the middle school, but in the end kept the program intact while eliminating a part-time position for "overflow" students interested in taking French.

Positions that have remained unfilled so far have been eliminated, including a part-time physical education instructor and an elementary school teacher. Middle school athletics would be restructured to provide for an assistant athletic director.

Plans to upgrade the entire science curriculum have been changed to phase in the instruction at the elementary level, with the possibility of funding science for grades four and five at the end of this year, if there is unexpended money available.

With a special education student having moved out of the district, that budget could be reduced by \$41,000,

Buckley said, and with out-of-district students reduced to five, the coordinator's position has been eliminated.

Several new projects and initiatives are eliminated in the new proposal, including repairs to the roof at Danbury Elementary School; reconfiguration of the office and new carpeting, along with a monitor for the theater at Newfound Regional High School; standing desks at Newfound Memorial Middle School, along with shade replacement and installation of a speed bump; outdoor speakers at each of the schools; theater lights at Bristol Elementary School; replacement of faculty laptops at Bristol and Danbury elementary schools; and a reduction in supplies purchases.

The cost of some supplies and other necessities may be shifted to parents. The new administrative proposal would eliminate the purchase of athletic uniforms at the high school; the payment of dues for field trips, except for those that are part of academic programs; and field trip transportation.

Buckley said they may be able to purchase some Chromebooks this year so there won't be as many to buy next year; and the plan would cut in half the number of laptops for art. An interactive projector was eliminated from the spending plan.

Instruction for students who have English as a second language would be reduced to one day a week; and out-of-school tuition to a charter school was reduced by \$15,000.

Work on the Danbury basketball court will become part of the playground project, and \$9,500 in safety rails for the high school bleachers will be unnecessary if the school simply requires that all four sets of bleachers be pulled out for events, Buckley said.

She said paying a contractor to plow parking lots may be required at all of the schools if Bristol pulls out of its plowing agreement, so the budget was increased by \$16,000; but she said they may be able to transfer \$79,000 from capital reserve funds to cover some of the capital improvement items.

"Making these reductions is not reducing what we're doing now in education,"

Buckley told the school board.

Teachers' contract
The collective bargaining agreement would provide wage increases of 1.25 percent, 1 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, over the three years covered in the new agreement that would become effective on July 1, 2019.

The cost items in the agreement that voters will be asked to approve amount to a \$228,414 increase in 2019-20, \$227,765 in 2020-21, and \$220,980 in 2021-22.

"Teachers are moving because of the economy," Buckley said during the School Board's Nov. 13 meeting. She said that compensation for Newfound teachers is "more toward the bottom" in the Lakes Region.

According to the state's most recent data, for the 2016-17 school year, of the districts that Newfound directly competes with for teachers—Laconia, Winnisquam, Franklin, Shaker Regional, Pemi-Baker, Plymouth, Hill, Kearsarge and Inter-Lakes—only Franklin has a lower starting salary. Newfound is in the mid-to-low range for experienced teachers, Buckley said.

The new agreement would increase longevity stipends from \$100 to \$125, but it clarified the language around longevity to say that teachers leaving the district and then returning would be starting over in terms of accumulating longevity. The agreement also clarifies the policy for teachers who do not work full-time.

Currently, teachers are responsible for attending six professional development days, but the new contract provides for up to nine early release days when teachers will stay an additional hour beyond their normal day for additional professional development.

The first-year cost figure in the agreement includes \$10,000 to adjust co-curricular stipend. Buckley said current stipends are uneven, and a committee would be formed to suggest ways to make the stipends both competitive and fair.

Teacher contracts currently are done on paper, but the new agreement allows the district to move to electronic contracts.

Teacher benefits would remain unchanged, Buckley said.

Collins

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Cross-licensed and certified lifeguard and swim instructor.

In her new role as Associate Program Manager, Collins will work closely with our program staff team to develop new curriculum and activities for the 87 girls and teens currently enrolled in the Circle Program. She will assume the role of Assistant Camp Director for six weeks in the summer; and she will also help plan and lead the Teen Adventure Program (TAP), an off-site wilderness leadership adventure for girls in high school.

During the school year, Lindsey will

help organize and plan monthly group gatherings for teens in middle and high school including educational field trips, workshops and community service projects. Lindsey will collaborate with the Program Manager to orient girls as they move up to the Teen Circle Program and will work with Circle Program's Mentor Coordinator to train and support mentors that connect with their Circle teen each month. Lindsey's main focus will be to encourage high school teens to set goals for "life after high school" as they plan for post-secondary education (college or trade school) or begin a career.

Collins is original-

ly from Richmond, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a BA in History. She received her MA in History from Portland State University. Lindsey is bilingual in English and Spanish and has been teaching Special Education at Belmont Middle School for the past year. Lindsey has a four-year old son named Fox, whom she says loves "Jurassic Park and all things dinosaur."

The Circle Program is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide girls from low-income families with new opportunities to develop the skills, courage and confidence they need

to handle the challenges in their lives. Circle does this by offering girls a unique combination of adult and peer support delivered through residential summer camp and year-round mentoring programs. The girls and teens currently participating in the program come from 33 towns in central and northern New Hampshire including the Greater Concord, Plymouth and Laconia areas. The girls are referred to the Circle Program by teachers and guidance counselors as they enter the fifth grade. Once enrolled, the girl can remain in the Circle Program until she graduates from high school.



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Planning Board

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Developer Mike McGinley did take a moment to also voice his thoughts on the continuation however. McGinley said he first appeared before the board in the summer of 2013 with a conceptual plan to bring what was then referred to as "a big building" to the Riverfront development. He felt local newspapers have covered the topic enough for other communities to be well aware of the Market Basket plan and could have objected by now if they

so wanted to.

"I'm disappointed. I don't think it's regional but I respect the fact that you want to continue," McGinley said.

When that night's hearing was closed, Land Use and Planning Director Brian Murphy was asked to send notice of the continuation to the Towns of Holderness, Campton, Rumney and Ashland so their opinions could be heard. The next public hearing is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Town Hall and the public is also invited to attend.



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Here are some additional thoughts on gifts for elders, especially those who may be suffering from some memory impairment: coffee pots that turn off automatically; medication holders with timers that signal when to take medicines; photo albums with names and dates next to each picture; simple-to-manage clothing; gift certificates for hair styling or other beauty treatments; and of course, time, personal care, respect and love.



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And the program is not for alpine skiers only - the cross-country Silver Streaks meet every Wednesday morn-

ing, ski together with staff members and then gather at the Town Square for snacks and lunch. You must be at least 50 yrs to join but you are never too old to be a Silver Streak - some members are in their nineties and still racing! So join fun by going to www.waterville.com, clicking onto the Seasonal programs, and choosing the Silver Streak program for your new winter adventure on snow!



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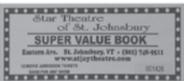
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MacBeth

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played by Frank Stetson, who comes from Meredith and currently lives in Concord. He said Macduff is a vengeful father and husband looking for justice for his family and his country.

"His motivations and his drive are pretty simple," Stetson said.

Stetson studied Shakespeare on college and has done a few Shakespearean shows.

"When we had the opportunity to finally do it I was really excited," Stetson said.

Stetson said Shake-

spere's language can be understood.

"It's a matter of sitting down and understanding what you're saying," Stetson said.

Kristine Snow of Alton, Evelyn Taylor of Gilford, and Melanie Perkins of Middleton play the Witches. Perkins once played Lady Capulet in a production of "Romeo and Juliet."

"I like it because it's poetic and it all rhymes," Perkins said.

Snow and Taylor had never done Shakespeare before.

"It's on my bucket list," Taylor said.

All three said they

have been having a lot of fun playing the Witches. Perkins said the three have some choral lines together and that the text gives flexibility to play with the lines.

Taylor said everyone has been awesome to work with.

"Macbeth" will be performed at the Laconia High School auditorium Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2. The Friday and Saturday night shows begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday's performance will be a 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets are on sale at the Streetcar Company Web site at www.streetcarcompany.com.

Exchange

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continue to collaborate to expand opportunities for all of our students."

Starting in fall 2019, qualified HNU students will have the opportunity to study at PSU for one or two semesters. These students will take PSU courses within select bachelor's degree programs as part of their HNU degree courses of study. Students will live on campus to experience campus life in-and-out of the classroom and will have opportunities to explore the region.

"Our students will

greatly benefit from studying at Plymouth State University, with its rigorous course work and excellent faculty," said Mr. Li Xueshan, Vice President, Henan Normal University. "We hope to host PSU students and faculty in the future to further our cultural exchange and deepen our relationship."

During the recent two-day visit, members of the Henan Normal University delegation met with Plymouth State deans, staff and professors to discuss developing a future "2 + 2" Articulation and Transfer Agreement, which would allow students who complete two years at HNU to transfer to PSU to complete two years of course work and receive a bachelor's degree from PSU. The delegation met with faculty from Early Childhood Education, English, Social Work, and Business.

While on campus, the delegation visited places that are unique to PSU, including the Museum of the White Mountains and the Child Development Center. The delegation also met with Chinese students who are cur-

rently studying at PSU to learn about their experiences on campus.

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Letter

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these issues, rendering us powerless to enact local laws that might help our economy or protect people and natural ecosystems.

And now, it seems it is not enough to be rendered powerless at the local level to protect our health, safety, and welfare for the NH Legislature has felt it necessary to consider legislation meant to penalize local officials and hold them personally liable for acting contrary to the State in matters of local law-making that afford greater protections for the local community than the State allows.

First introduced in 2018, HB1749 sought to penalize and hold local officials personally liable for any local legislation regarding firearms and knives that have not been authorized by the State. In House Calendar 5, page 24, Rep. McCarthy suggested that restricting such penalties to only firearms and knives is not broad enough and that local

elected officials should be penalized for any and all local legislation not specifically authorized by the state. During the Oct. 10 executive session of the Municipal & County Government committee, an amendment (2018-2139h, by Rep. McClean) was proposed that re-wrote HB1749 to do just that. The amendment was not taken up by the committee this year, but don't be surprised to see this as a new bill in the future.

All of this might seem out of character for the Granite state since New Hampshire has a long history of believing we have "local control"; however, the reality of local control is far from the belief. As a colonial state, the reality of local control existed long before the state or federal governments were created. New Hampshire was the first to adopt a form of government independent of British rule in January of 1776 – six months before the Declaration of Independence was signed. However, the current state constitution adopted

in June of 1784 created an entirely new form of government. One that mirrors the British rule we initially separated ourselves from.

In the first part of the NH State Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Article 10. [Right of Revolution] says that whenever the ends of government are perverted and publicly liberty is manifestly endangered, the people may and of right ought to reform the old or establish a new government. It even goes so far as to say, "The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind."

It isn't enough to have the right to change our form of government if we don't have the recognized authority to do so. People across the Granite State are coming together to push back against such arbitrary power and oppression with a peoples' state constitutional amendment that would specifically recognize the right of local community self-gov-

ernment - the right to a system of local government founded on the consent of the people of the municipality; the right to a system of local government that secures their rights; and the right to alter any system of local government that lacks consent or fails to secure and protect the people's rights, health, safety, and welfare.

The NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) is a grassroots, statewide nonprofit that informs communities and elected officials about our right of local self-government in order to secure and protect the inherent and unalienable rights of all inhabitants of New Hampshire to economic, social and environmental justice, including the rights of nature. To learn more about how you can get involved, email info@nhcommunityrights.org and visit www.nhcommunityrights.org.

*Michelle Sanborn
President, NH Community Rights Network
Alexandria*

Towns

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and adult pets from miles and miles away to New England where they will find a new home just in time for the holidays."

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Local pet vendors will be on site on Friday and a bake sale will take place on both days. To learn more about the annual Adopt-A-Thon contact Karen Bald at 524-3252, ext. 311, Karen@nhhumane.org or visit nhhumane.org. This columnist got Digger at this event last year!

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Plymouth captains (l to r) Patrick Malm, Owen Brickley, Camden McDonald and Zach McGlone lift the Division II championship trophy high for the Bobcat fans on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Coach Chris Sanborn gets doused with water after leading the Plymouth football team to the Division II championship.

Three in a row for Bobcats

Plymouth football rallies past Alvirne for another D2 title

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

DURHAM — As it turns out, even a Division I team isn't enough to slow down the freight train that is the Plymouth football team.

The Bobcats rallied from a three-point halftime deficit, outscoring Alvirne 14-0 in the second half on the way to their third-consecutive Division II championship with a 29-18 win at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday afternoon.

"With everyone we graduated, you have hope for the kids you have and they exceeded our expectations," coach Chris Sanborn. "Everyone was better

than we hoped and that's how you win a championship."

The Bobcats graduated a ton of experience from last year's championship team and the talk before the season was that there was work to be done if the Bobcats wanted to win their third championship in a row.

"There were a lot of guys who never started before this year," Sanborn said. "I'm just so proud of them."

The third-seeded Alvirne Broncos, who are in their first year in Division II after moving down from Division I, got off to a great start when an uncharacteristic Plymouth mistake set them up in good field

position.

The opening kickoff was fumbled by the Bobcats and the Broncos got the first possession inside the 30-yard line. After a big stop on third down by Patrick Malm and Steven Shute set up a fourth and six just outside the 10, a touchdown pass on fourth and six put the Broncos on top. However, the Bobcats were able to stop the two-point conversion and Alvirne's lead was 6-0.

As they have much of the season, the top-seeded Bobcats responded. And as they have for much of the season, Malm and fellow running back Owen Brickley did the heavy lifting, combin-



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Hunter Lessard hold the ball high after his game-clinching interception on Saturday as teammates Ian Tryder (42), Cale Swanson (34) and Owen Brickley (15) celebrate with him.

ing for 11 carries covering 77 yards, with Brickley carrying in from the nine-yard

line with 4:31 to go to tie the game. Malm's two-point conversion carry put the Bobcats up by an 8-6 score.

The back and forth pace continued with Alvirne getting a huge run on the first play of the next drive, getting down inside the 25-yard line. On fourth and goal from the one five plays later, the Broncos got into the end zone to take the lead. The Bobcats stuffed two two-point attempts from the Broncos and the Alvirne lead was 12-8 with 2:01 to go in the first quarter.

Brickley and Malm split the final four carries of the first quarter and then continued to carry the ball in the second quarter, with both picking up key first downs and the Bobcats ate up more than half of the quarter's clock on their drive. Malm was able to carry in from six yards out with 5:19 to go in the first half. Pete Wingsted boot-

ed the extra point and Plymouth took a 15-12 lead. As expected, the Broncos fought back and took the lead back. Alvirne got down to the eight-yard line on their first play but then a good defensive stop by Austin Tallman pushed them back outside the 15. Plymouth appeared to have the stop on fourth and goal from the 11, but a penalty gave Alvirne another chance and they capitalized, converting on a pass

with 3:41 to go in the half, though Plymouth did stop the two-point conversion, making it 18-15 for the Broncos. Plymouth was stopped on fourth down on the ensuing drive, giving Alvirne the ball back.

Good defensive breakups from Velez, Brickley and Cale Swanson kept the Broncos from getting in the end zone and the score was 18-15 at the half.

"In the first half, I thought we didn't play well, but we were only down three," Sanborn said. "So we said 'let's go out and win it in the second half.'"

Two penalties out of the gate put Alvirne in a tough situation on the first drive of the half and they were forced to punt the ball away. However, Jackson Palombo came flying in on the punt to block it and Tony Velez recovered the loose ball, setting up Plymouth inside the 10-yard line. Malm carried for a couple yards and then Brickley carried into the end zone from six yards out with less than two minutes gone in the quarter. Wingsted kicked the extra point for the 22-18 lead.

Both teams went three and out and punted away on their next drive and good defense from Malm, Joe D'Ambruoso and Velez forced another Alvirne punt. However, Plymouth also had to punt again and Alvirne got the final drive of the third quarter. The

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The Newfound Regional High School Student Athletic Team (SALT) poses for a photo prior to doing road cleanup on Route 104, before Veterans Day weekend. They picked up 19 bags of trash and a muffler between The Homestead Restaurant and the bridge over the Pemi River.

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Numbers point to an unpopular opinion (at least around here)

As the Major League Baseball season drew to a close with a fantastic ending (at least for Red Sox fans), postseason awards started trickling in and one in particular seemed to get on the nerves of said Red Sox fans (at least as of early deadline).

The fact that Alex Cora didn't win American League Manager of the Year had all sorts of callers on sports radio and fans online screaming about how he was robbed and there was no question he should be the winner. I took a deep breath and then did a little research before going crazy about it.

First things first, I know that we here in New England are biased toward Cora, as we should be. He just led the team we love to a World Series championship. And as such, we are more focused on what he did this year and less so on what other candidates in the American League had on their resumes. One should not assume, just because the team had the best record in baseball that the manager was the best manager in baseball.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think anyone would argue if Cora did receive the award, but looking at the American League, there are probably two other managers who could also lay a claim to the award, including the one who actually did.

Bob Melvin, the manager of the Oakland As, was the actual winner of the award. Cora finished in second place and Tampa Bay's Kevin Cash finished in third place. In my mind, both Melvin and Cash could make a case for the award alongside Cora.

The Red Sox entered the season as favorites to go deep in the playoffs and possibly win a title. Once the team signed JD Martinez to shore up the offense, it looked like they would be the team to beat in the American League. Yes, it takes a special manager to manage a lot of talented players, many of who come with egos the size of their paychecks. And Cora deserves credit for managing the team well, working in days off when needed and setting the team up for postseason success (the award is based on regular season only).

But simply looking

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at the numbers, there is another story to tell. The Red Sox had a total payroll of \$227,398,860, the highest in Major League Baseball by more than 20 million dollars. The Oakland As had a payroll of \$80,315,288, which ranked them 28th and the Tampa Bay Rays had a payroll of \$68,810,167, which put them dead last, 30th out of 30 teams (sports-trac.com).

The Red Sox finished with a record of 108-54, the best in the Major Leagues. Oakland was fourth in the American League at 97-65 and Tampa Bay was sixth at 90-72. In other words, the Red Sox had a payroll that was 147 million more than Oakland and got 11 more regular season wins. The As had one player (Khris Davis) making more than 10 million last year. The Red Sox had six (David Price, J.D. Martinez, Rick Porcello, Craig Kimbrel, Chris Sale and Mookie Betts). Tampa didn't have a single player making more than six million dollars.

I love the Red Sox and like Alex Cora a lot, but it seems to me that Bob Melvin and Kevin Cash accomplished a hell of a lot with a hell of a lot less talent. And that's the sign of a good manager.

If Alex Cora had won the award, I wouldn't be complaining, but when looking at it from a neutral point of view instead of from a Red Sox fan point of view, Melvin's win makes sense.

Plus, I'm sure Cora will take the World Series ring over the Manager of the Year any day.

Finally, have a great day Paul Landry.

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Football

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Broncos moved the ball down to the 25 but on fourth and seven, Brickley and D'Ambruso combined for a big stop and Plymouth took over.

The Bobcats then proceeded to eat up all but the final 2:30 on the clock, as Malm and Brickley did the damage. Brickley also caught a pass from Cody Bannon and what appeared to be a Plymouth fumble wasn't called and then Bannon carried in from three yards out with 2:30 to go and Wingsted's extra point made it 29-18.

Alvirne moved the ball up the field over the next minute or so, using short passes to get inside the 25, but an interception from Hunter Lessard on third and 10 got Plymouth the ball back and the Bobcats took a knee to close out the 29-18 win and the third championship in a row.

"That blocked punt was huge and the defense made the adjustments after that," Sanborn said. "We said all week we were going to block a punt."

The Bobcat coach noted that while things didn't go terribly well in the first half, he was pleased with how his team adjusted.

"In the first half, it was just fundamentals, we weren't lining up correctly, things like that," Sanborn said, crediting defensive coordinator Tom



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Nick Qualey wraps up an Alvirne ball carrier in action on Saturday.



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Ian Tryder makes a big open field tackle in action against Alvirne on Saturday in Durham.

Lamb with making the adjustments. "Lamb showed them what they were supposed to be doing. We just had to play fundamental football.

"It takes a village, it takes an army to win a championship," Sanborn said, praising the play of his seniors as well as the steady play of Bannon under center.

"This season was all about getting back to basics," the Bobcat coach said. "We lost a lot of experience so we had to build up the knowledge both offensively and defensively. "They worked from day one," Sanborn added.

The Bobcats ran for 263 yards and held Alvirne to 188. Brickley led the way with 25

carries for 132 yards and Malm finished with 29 carries for 130 yards. Brickley caught Bannon's only completion, for 26 yards. D'Ambruso led the way on defense with nine tackles, while Ian Tryder had seven.

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