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uartet of Bears earn volleyball All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association has announced the All-State teams for the recently-concluded 2021 fall season.

The Division II First Team included Gilford setter Riley McDonough and outside hitter Kate Sullivan and Plymouth outside hitter Abby Bassingthwaite.

Honorable Mention went to Kingswood middle hitter Gillian Seigars and Gilford libero Ashley Sanderson.

Joining McDonough, Sullivan and Bassingthwaite on the First Team were Enya Kaonga of St. Thomas, Elayna Montenero of Campbell, Emma Hampton of Oyster River and Annie Jerome and Kailtyn Miller of champion Coe-Brown.

Milford senior outside hitter Izzy Unsworth was named the Division II Player of the Year.

Second Team honors for Division II went to Kim Gowell of Oyster River, Stella Crosby, Ali Fortin and Madi Murphy of Milford, Sierra Halligan of Laconia, Mya Ford and Ashleigh Von der Linden of St. Thomas, Annika Gunderson and Catherine Carignan of Campbell.

Joining Seigars and Sanderson in earning Honorable were Ester Hacker of Hanover, Emma Rodenhiser of Con-Val,

Meghan Roemer of Pelham and Morgan Bruner of Campbell.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Newfound outside hitters Malina Bohlmann and Paulina Huckins and Inter-Lake setter Haven Lopez and middle hitter Molly Moynihan.

Second Team honors in Division III went to Newfound setter Mikayla Ulwick and right side hitter Emalie Ruiter, Moultonborough side hitter Michelle Fell and Kennett middle hitter Olivia Arias.

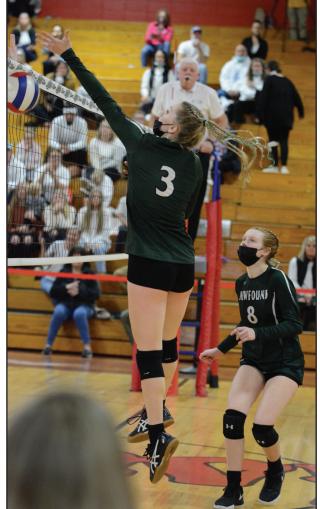
Honorable Mention in Division III went to Moultonborough middle hitter Charlotte Johnson and setter Olivia Tatro.

Joining Bohlmann, Huckins, Lopez and Moynihan in earning First Team honors were Gracie Re of Epping, Joey Skubisz and Maddy Kniphfer of Portsmouth Christian and Molly Reed of Sunapee.

Division III Player of the Year honors went to Mascenic outside hitter Annika Martel.

Also earning Second Team honors alongside Ulwick, Ruiter, Fell and Arias were Mackenzie Cormier and Lyla Buxton of Mascenic, Pacy Morgado of Epping and Elizabeth Mullen and Taylor. Hasselbach of

Joining Johnson and Tatro with Honorable Mention were Katelyn Claus and Emma McNal-



Malina Bohlmann of Newfound earned First Team All-State

ly of Sunapee, Adrianna Morasse of Raymond boro-Deering.

and Rose Rioux of Hills-



Paulina Huckins finished out her volleyball career at Newfound by earning First Team All-State.

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Speare joins nationwide observance of National Rural Health Day

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Speare joins nation- lion people across the na- a wonderful place to live crease the timely treatproviding much-needed care to a diverse popula-

> "We salute the hard work of our rural healthcare workers as they work tirelessly to ensure that our central New Hampshire communities remain healthy, safe, and vibrant," says Michelle McEwen, CEO and president of Speare Memorial Hospital. "Our region is

not be that way if not for a team of healthcare workers dedicated to our wellbeing."

Healthcare improves not only the life of the citizens but the livelihood, too. Increased economic opportunities are just one of the many reasons for maintaining healthcare close to small towns. Emergent care and urgent care in-

ride observance of Na-tion living in rural areas, and work; and it would ment of critical ailments injuries. healthcare services are available, grandparents remain near their familiar settings. Primary care provides a remedy for chronic and routine conditions. Altogether, healthcare providers like Speare Memorial Hospital keep the community running smoothly and healthily. It's something to celebrate!

Common Man Golf Tournament tees up \$30,000 for Make A Wish

ASHLAND fami-Common Man ly in New Hampshire has exceeded \$30,000 in fundraising in 2021 to help make wishes come true for Granite State children facing critical illnesses through a partnership with Make-A-Wish NH.

The hospitality family selected Make-A-Wish NH as the beneficiary of its fall invitational golf tournament, raising more than \$17,000 at that event. Combined with fundraising efforts for July's Rafting for Wishes for Make-A-Wish, the Common Man raised more than \$30,000 for the organization this year.

"The Common Man has renewed hope, uplifted spirits, and encouraged the impossible," said Julie Baron, President & CEO of Make-A-Wish NH. "They've transformed the lives of children across New Hampshire, giving them the power of a wish their wish! It's wonderful to have the support of some of the best leaders in our community, who are known to 'DO GOOD.' They bring their motto to life every day through their generosity."

The Common Man has long supported the mission of Make-A-Wish

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PSU TIGER Theatre performs as part of the Choose Love Movement NH tour

PLYMOUTH Plymouth State University's (PSU) Emmy award-winning TIGER (Theatre Integrating Education Guidance, Responsibility) program has partnered with the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement to bring performances to children and adults across New Hampshire. The special, interactive production was adapted to engage children of all ages with the Choose Love Movement's foundational message: Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion (in action) = Choosing

TIGER has performed as part of the statewide Choose Love tour at Keene State College, PSU, Mildred C. Lakeway School in Littleton, New Hampshire, the New Hampshire State House in Concord and the University of New Hampshire. TIGER will also be performing at the following Choose Love tour stops:

Gill Stadium, Manchester, New Hampshire; Saturday, Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m.

Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, New Hampshire; Monday, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m. Elm Street Middle

School, Nashua, New Hampshire; Thursday, Nov. 18, 4:30 p.m.

PSU is an affiliate of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, which was founded by Scarlett Lewis after her six-yearold son, Jesse, lost his life during the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting in 2012. In the aftermath, Lewis found that love, connection and belonging are universal wants and needs that connect all humans.

"Our performance aims to teach empathy and acceptance, and it's great to see children and adults in the audience being receptive to our message," said Kelly McGowan, TIGER Assistant Tour Director, Actress and Educator. "Choose Love's ideology aligns perfectly with TI-GER's mission to spread compassion and hope. Being able to spread that message to people who really need it is a special experience for our cast."

TIGER, now in its 19th touring season, is a professional theatre company designed to help communities proactively address social concerns. The program is a collaboration between the Integrated Arts and



The cast of Plymouth State University's TIGER program (pictured above L-R: Cassandra Cutting, Matthew Murray, Olivia Etchings, Nam Nguyen, Kelly McGowan) has been touring across the state as part of the Choose Love Movement New Hampshire tour, performing a special, interactive performance adapted for the tour.

the Counselor Education and School Psychology graduate programs at PSU. TIGER's performances incorporate live actors, movement and music to engage schoolaudiences. goal of the program is to transform feelings, thoughts and behavior to help children and adults understand their own power in resolving

social issues that exist in schools today.

"TIGER is excited to be touring throughout New England again, and we are honored to be part of the Choose Love New Hampshire tour," said Trish Lindberg, Ph.D., Professor of Education and Integrated Arts, Coordinator of Integrated Arts M.Ed. Program and TIGER

Artistic Director. "TI-GER seeks to help young people cope with social behaviors through the power of music, theatre and dance. It is amazing to see the children engaged with and learning from our performances."

This year's TIGER cast features:

Cassandra Cutting, actress, singer, dancer, PSU Class of 2021, Bachelor of Arts in musical theatre from Peterborough, New Hampshire

Nam Nguyen, Fulbright Grantee, visual artist, actor, PSU graduate student in integrated arts from Vietnam

Matthew Murray, actor from Maryland

Olivia Etchings, actress, dancer, singer from Lincoln, New Hampshire

Kelly McGowan, actress, educator, Emerson College graduate student in theatre education and applied theatre from Massachusetts

TIGER's performances are written and directed by Trish Lindberg, choreographed by Gustavo Wons and musically directed by Carolyn Dorff.

To learn more about TIGER, visit campus. plymouth.edu/TIGER. If you are interested in booking TIGER, contact Pam Irish, TIGER Tour Manager, at 603-535-2647 or tiger-psu@plymouth.

SLA to host program on celebrating nature through music

HOLDERNESS Join the Squam Lakes Association on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 2-5 p.m. for an afternoon of music and s'mores around a fire! Lakes Region Conservation Corps member Paul will headline a performance/campfire jam session with a focus towards tunes and songs related to the outdoors and the SLA's mission of environmental conservation. Selections are

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For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology program, visit the Squam Lakes Association website (squamlakes.org) or contact the SLA directly (603-968-7336). The SLA also offers other Adventure Ecology programs throughout the year.

These free programs are open to the public and cover a variety of nature and conservation related topics. The Adventure Ecology programs are presented by the LRCC AmeriCorps members at the SLA, who perform important conservation work in support of the Association's mission.

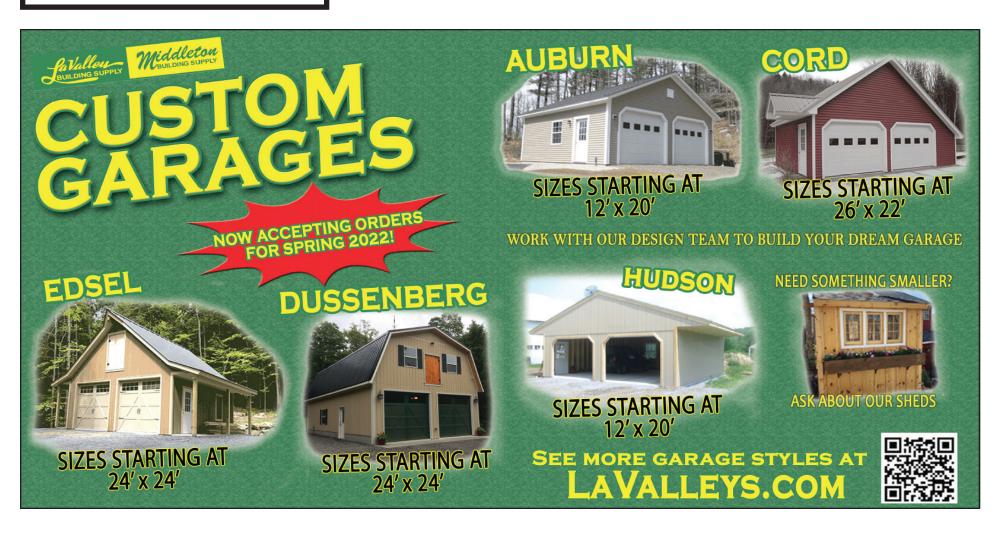
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New Hampton Community Church to host Advent service

NEW HAMPTON — On Dec. 1, Newfound Area Churches (NAC) will be holding an Advent service at New Hampton Community Church beginning at noon, with a light lunch to follow.

This is a celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus and a time of fellowship. For more information, please call 1-603-744-8252 or 1-603-744-3885.

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SLA to host Family Turkey Trek through Belknap Woods

HOLDERNESS — Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) and LRCC members Bri and Nikka for a family-friendly guided hike in Belknap Woods on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. During the walk, you'll get to see a beaver pond and, hopefully, find some Thanksgiving treasures like wild turkey tracks and turkey tail mushrooms. Discover what Belknap Woods has to offer and enjoy a fall afternoon with a pleasant walk, learning a few things about the forest along the way!

Participants will meet at the Belknap Woods parking pull-off at 452 NH-25B In Center Harbor (which can be a little tight, so we encourage you to carpool if you're joining us in a group; alternate parking can be found across the street). Plan for a twomile figure eight loop with gentle hills and an easy pace. Make sure to bring plenty of water, warm clothes, and comfortable shoes that you won't mind getting a little muddy.

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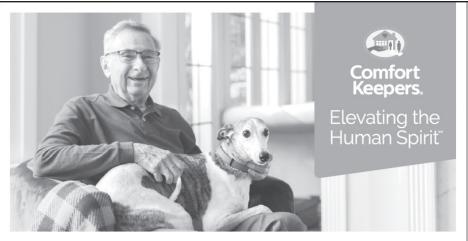




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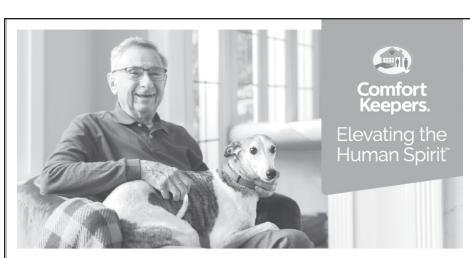
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CADY Corner

"Getting to Y" — Tomorrow's leaders leading today

BY EMILY SHANAHAN
Contributor

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, CADY hosted a high school student event, "Getting to Y," at the Common Man Inn and Spa in Plymouth. This event, facilitated by Up for Learning, provided an opportunity for students from Plymouth Regional High School and Newfound Regional High School to bring meaning to their own Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data.

Findings from the YRBS monitors six types of health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults including sexual behaviors, alcohol and other drug use, tobacco use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, mental health, and inadequate physical activity. Through youth leadership, partnerships with adults, participatory action research, and peer and community engagement, these students not only experienced personal growth but built their capacity for future civic engagement and to effect sustainable change in youth behavior, community, and school culture.

There is a wealth of information in the biennial YRBS report on the wellness of young people in our state. What the report lacks is a thoughtful and informed analysis of why ('Y') young people are making either low risk or high-risk choices and factors what might change these behaviors for the better. Who better to tell us than the youth themselves? Getting to 'Y' creates an opportunity for young people to take positive action to shape their own futures.

Youth leaders from CADY's Youth Advisory and Advocacy Council, OSSIPPEE Wellness Club, The Teen Council of the Tapply Thompson Community Center, and the NRHS Student Athletic Leadership Team (SALT) worked to identify assets and areas of concern in their communities. Students analyzed their local YRBS data alongside advisors from their schools to determine what wellness and risk behaviors they felt were the most important and would be most impactful among their peers.

Data from our regional YRBS in 2019 showed an increase in youth substance misuse and mental health issues including feelings of sadness, hopelessness, and suicidal ideation. Both substance misuse and mental health issues rose to the top of the priority list for students in both regions. The groups then created a preliminary action plan based on the exploration of their local data and their asset and gap analyses to formulate innovative strategies to address these critical public health concerns and recruit other students to help in educating their community.

Thank you to Plymouth Regional High School and Newfound Regional High School and the 29 youth leaders in prevention from the Pemi-Baker and Newfound regions who joined us for our first annual "Getting to Y." We were so impressed with your commitment, energy, and ideas and look forward to working with you during this academic year. Your voices have the power to create positive change and leave a lasting impact on your peers, community, and state.

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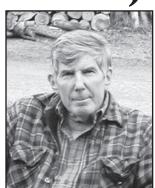
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

When an old nicety just doesn't hack it



It seemed pertinent to write a few lines this week about public access to private land. There appears to be a lot of confusion about this. Probably I'll only muddy the waters.

In particular, I hear a general queasiness among hunters away from their own areas or hunters from out of state about being where they're not wanted. If there's one dominant theme, it's this one.

Elmer Fudd is walking along in his silly hat and sees posted land on one side of the road and unposted land on the other. He's clearly not wanted on the land that's posted (hint: the signs say "No Hunting.") But is he welcome on the other?

In New Hampshire, we have what is known as the presumed privilege of trespass. This means that unless the land is "posted" with signs to the contrary ("No Trespassing," "Hunting with Permission Only," and so on), you're welcome there.

It is thus exactly the opposite of the situation in most states, where access is forbidden unless specifically invited.

Before the usual knee-jerking begins, and people go tisk-tisking "There goes New Hampshire again," it's worth noting that other New England states adopted this system too. Still, the standouts are Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

But the old way is under attack just about everywhere, led by newcomers who've bought or inherited their little piece of God's County and don't want just anybody and everybody coming along and setting foot on sacred ground. This seems totally illogical to them, and they want no part of it.

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Somewhere in my reading, a good long while ago, I ran into a plausible explanation for this quirk of a system we have.

Four centuries ago, three ships stood off the New England coast. Aboard one, officers were drawing up what



Most state and federal land is open to hunting. This is part of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract, in Pittsburg, and this stream that some people could jump over is---believe it or not----the Connecticut River.

would be known as the Mayflower Compact. Among its agreements were these:

The New World would not be like the old, particularly England, where commoners crossing the gentry's lands had to keep to the common paths. Land would be held in common, and the right of trespass would be presumed. This was the way of the native American, and it seemed to make sense,

This made a nice story, except that it was just that, a nice story. A few years ago, I finally took time to track down the Compact, and there was no mention of any of this--not even a phrase.

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Nonetheless, the newcomers adopted the Indian way of viewing all land as held in common, except making money on or from it. It actually belonged to someone, if not native Americans then those speculators who had paid the various tribes and nations for it, as required by the Crown. (Only later, after much subdivision and lands "awarded" war heroes and exalted politicians, did stealing aboriginal lands become rampant).

Speculators soon caught onto the fact that settlements were going to follow up rivers, and bought all the land they could ahead of them. To people from Europe, where all of the water

rights had long since been bought up, some owned by families for centuries, the acquisition of water rights was a tremendous thing.

Sometimes at first, and then quite often, speculators and sales agents recognized spurious "chiefs" who were said to be "authorized" to sell tribal lands. As schoolchildren have learned for generations, Indians had little concept of private ownership, and defined land vaguely in term of watersheds. With a sweep of a hand and the phrases "flowing into" and "the waters of," they delineated enormous tracts.

As long as King George III held sway, the rapacious land speculators were largely held in check. With 13 independent colonies, it was Katie bar the door. And once the crush of immigrants and the colonies' own natural growth spilled over the Appalachians and down into the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley, nothing--not even Presidential threats and promises--could stop the westward expansion.

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What will happen regarding northern New England's quirky (but somehow wonderful) approach to public trespass on private land?

I think the rights of property owners will eventually trump the cherished privilege of trespass. To me this is a shame, for its greatness is also its downfall. It is an accommodation built totally on trust.

When you allow people onto your land, you trust them to do the same for you and yours. Thus was born one of the more famed signs on the matter: "If you post your land, you don't belong on mine."

Landowner rights are all the rage just now. Hunters who use hounds to pursue and tree their quarry are bringing the land-access issue to a head. Dogs do not acknowledge property lines, of course, and some landowners are most definitely against hounding, even those who are ambivalent about hunting or even hunt themselves.

Perhaps someone will propose some sensible legislation that attempts to thread the needle. Or perhaps someone will challenge the current laws in court.

But it will be a challenge, whether by caselaw or legislation, to do justice to a way of life that was always somehow mystical, mythical, and magical.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



As we enter a flu season that experts predict will be brutal, it is more important now than ever to get a flu shot. The combination of influenza and COVID-19 this vear will be more deadly than either illness alone. That is why the medical providers at Speare Memorial Hospital are united in advocating for our patients to get a flu shot this season!

Scientific data collected by the CDC over many years shows that flu shots are our best defense against influenza illness, hospitalization, and death. The number of deaths in the USA from flu each year varies from 12,000 to 52,000.

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Flu shots in the time of a pandemic The shot is especially a day or two. The most further divided based on shot to be sure there is the world. The CDC is

important for those people at highest risk for young complications: children, adults over age 65, pregnant women, and people with chronic illnesses such as asthma. COPD, cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. Keep in mind that you are helping to protect those around you when you get your flu shot. Babies under age six months cannot get a flu shot, so family and visitors need to be protected to keep the baby safe.

People sometimes report that they feel like they have the flu after getting the vaccine. In fact, the viruses, or viral particles, have been treated in a way that makes it impossible for a person to get the actual flu from the vaccine. People can get mild side effects from the vaccine that typically last only

common side effects are pain or redness at the site of the shot, headache, muscle aches. fatigue, low-grade fever, and nausea. This indicates that the immune system is "revving up" to provide protection. It is certainly worth putting up with some minor side effects for a day to prevent seven to ten days of misery with the actual flu!

Many people wonder why an influenza vaccination is needed every year. There are two reasons. First, the immune system response to the vaccine gradually weakens over the course of a year. Second, each year the most common flu viruses tend to change or to mutate a little bit in a process called "drift."

Flu viruses are categorized into types A and B. The A viruses are

their genetic material. The vaccine this year includes four different viral types: A (H1N1), A (H3N2), and two B virus-

Here are some additional FAQs about the flu vaccine:

How long does it take for the vaccine to work? About two weeks for a full antibody response.

There are several types of flu vaccine does CDC have a specific recommendation? No, the CDC says any vaccine type is acceptable.

Do people over 65 need a different shot? Yes, people over 65 should get a "high dose" vaccine.

Can people with an egg allergy get a vaccine? Yes. The amount of egg protein is minuscule, so if you have had a severe egg allergy reaction, you should spend extra time at the place you get the no reaction.

Is there a vaccine that is not a shot? Yes, there is a vaccine that can be given through the nose. However, it can only be used in healthy, non-pregnant people between the ages of two and 49.

Another question people have is whether vou can get the flu even if you get a flu shot. Unfortunately, the answer is yes. However, research shows that your case of flu is likely to be less severe if you have been vaccinated. The vaccine-mak-

ing process is a global effort. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) chooses the types of viruses in the annual vaccine once the World Health Organization has analyzed virus samples collected by 114 countries around

very involved in the process of identifying the most common strains of the virus. Based on this information, a final decision about the vaccine's makeup is completed by February each year. Then private vaccine manufacturers produce the vaccine this process takes about six months. The vaccine, therefore, is ready by August. As you can imagine, the most common viruses identified in February of one year can mutate or change by January of the following year. This is an important factor in why the flu vaccine is not perfect and why there can be breakthrough cases.

If you haven't already, please get your flu shot! Help protect yourself and those around you.

Changing the Conversation

What Is harm reduction?

BY TARA GRAHAM

Central NH Community Opioid Response

You may have heard the term "harm reduction," in regard to substance misuse prevention. But what does it really mean? Harm reduction is defined by the National Harm Reduction Coalition as "a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use... harm reduction incorporates a spectrum of strategies that includes safer use, managed use, abstinence, meeting people who use drugs where they're at, and addressing conditions of use along with the use itself."

The strategies of harm reduction revolve around principles that are deemed central to the practice. These principles tend to vary between organizations, as there are no universal definitions. The National Harm Reduction Coalition has summarized and outlines these principles in the following way:

Accepts that drug use is part of our world and chooses to work to minimize its harmful effects rather than ignore or condemn them.

Does not attempt to minimize or ignore the real and tragic harm and danger that can be associated with illicit drug

Understands drug use is complex and encompasses a wide array of behaviors from severe use to total abstinence.

Establishes quality of individual and community life and well-being as the criteria for successful interventions and policies.

Calls for the non-judgnon-coercive mental, provision of services and resources to people who use drugs and the communities in which they live in order to assist them in reducing harm.

Ensures that people who use drugs and those with a history of drug use have a voice in the creation of programs and policies designed to help them.

Affirms that people who use drugs are the primary agents of reducing the harms of their drug use and seeks to empower them to share information and support each other.

Recognizes that the realities of poverty, class, racism, social isolation, past trauma, sex-based

discrimination, and other social inequalities affect both people's vulnerability to and capacity for effectively dealing with drug-related harm.

There are a lot of misconceptions around the idea and practice of harm reduction. The biggest misconception is that harm reduction denies that drugs are harmful or even that harm reduction promotes drug use. This is not true. Harm reduction recognizes the harm that drugs cause to individuals, their families and their communities. Harm reduction works to reduce this harm until a person is ready to begin their recovery journey.

Many people only associate harm reduction with syringe exchange programs. While this is a part of what some harm reduction programs do, it is by no means the only strategy. There are many aspects to harm reduction programs and they can be as simple as helping individuals with referrals to local community resources, providing education and supplying kits that can include sterile medical supplies, water in the hot months, or gloves and other cold weather supplies in the colder months.

Harm reduction programs also help communities reduce the risk of infectious diseases. Programs have been proven to prevent sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections and reduce the transmission rates of Hepatitis B, C, and HIV infections. They do this by reducing the sharing of needles and other substance-use ment, increasing means of safe disposal, and increasing referrals to treatment programs and other health and social service agencies. Harm programs reduction have been proven to reduce overdose deaths and other early deaths among substance users, according to a recent report, "Evidence Based Strategies for Abatement of Harms: From the Opioid Epidemic," released by the Harvard Medical School, Blavatnik Institute for Health Care Policy and a team of national experts.

Harm reduction is a relatively new concept in the United States. In many countries, harm reduction techniques have been used for quite some time and the data and evidence from these longer standing programs speaks for itself. According to the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, "23% of people who were interviewed for one study related to Insite, North America's first sanctioned supervised injection site, stopped injecting, and another 57 percent entered addiction treatment." These strategies have saved taxpayers \$18 million over 10 years by reducing disease transmission.

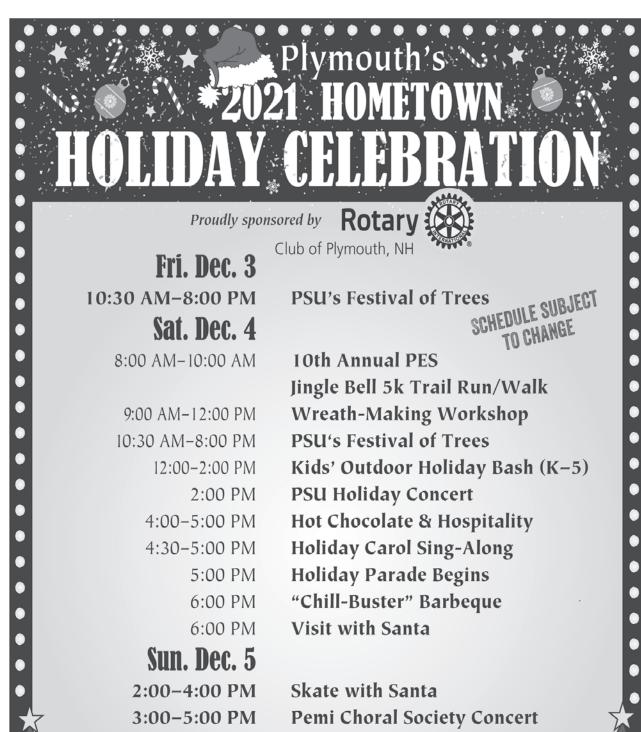
In Portugal their programs have resulted in levels of drug use far below the average in Europe. Other countries such as the UK, Australia and Switzerland have also seen significant drops in dependence, use and crime. Programs in New York City, Tacoma, Wash. and New Haven, Conn. have shown lower rates of Hepatitis B and a decline in HIV transmission.

Naloxone (also called Narcan) is another essential harm reduction tool. The National Institute on Drug Abuse describes Naloxone as, "a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an

opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose." Naloxone is commonly distributed as a simple to use nasal spray. The Central NH Community Opioid Response program can supply Naloxone, and provide training on how to administer, to any individual or organization

that would like to have it on hand.

If you are interested in Naloxone, please reach out via the Find-WellNH.org website or call 603-236-1873. Seeking help is a sign of strength. It is never too early or too late to guide yourself, or someone vou know. on a path to wellness. Please visit findwellnh.org for more information and to explore the many options available right here in our own community.



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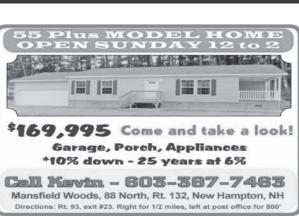
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The Season is almost upon us! Here is a brief description of what is coming up for activities in the next few weeks. I will elaborate when more information comes to my attention.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 26 the One Stop Christmas Shop for Kids will be held at the TTCC (by appointment only). You may call 744-2713 or email bccfun@metrocast. net for an appointment time. Kids can shop for family and friends with one of Santa's helpers. All gifts \$6 and under. Masks will be required. Volunteers will be needed for the Christmas Shop: pre-wrapping gifts – Nov. 16-23 anytime, at

home wrapping needs to be returned by Nov. 24. During shopping time wrappers and assistant shoppers will be needed Friday, Nov. 26 from 1-5 p.m. During BES shopping from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, Tuesday, Nov. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 1, wrappers and assistant shoppers will be needed each day, masks are required.

On Nov. 25, the 40th Annual Bridgewater Turkey Trot will be held from the Newfound Country Store starting at 9am. Register in person or online.

On Nov. 26, the Bristol Rotary Club Christmas Tree Sale begins at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Bristol. Any tree for \$40 until they are gone! Proceeds benefit local projects/non-profits. The trees will be unloaded on Tuesday, Nov. 23 and volunteers will be needed to help. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, helping and smelling the fresh trees! Please contact the TTCC if you would like to help.

Also on Nov. 26, the Annual Tree Lighting in the Central Square will be held with Santa arriving by fire truck at 6 p.m. to light the tree! Get into the holiday spirit with music, hot cocoa and roasting marshmallows at 5:30 p.m. while waiting for Santa and kids may bring their letters for him to collect!

On Nov. 26 and 27, the Annual Festival of Trees will be held at the Historic Town Hall: Friday from 4 - 8pm and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Over 40 trees to bid on, and benefits Friends of Newfound Drama.

Next week, I will elaborate on the following activities for December: Where's Frosty?, a Facebook event will feature weekly posts of Frosty in various locales so you

can guess where he is, Breakfast With Santa on Dec. 11 at the Masonic Hall, Santa's Village will be outside this year with a Holiday Stroll at the NMMS parking lot on Dec. 11 from 4-7 p.m., and a Luminary Hike to Inspiration Point will be held on the Worthen Trail. The trail will be lit by ice luminaries for this self-guided hike to enjoy the night sky on Dec. 17 and 18 from 5 - 8 p.m.

hope shortages don't affect the celebrations planned for your Thanksgiving holidays. The stores are doing double diligence in trying to keep shelves wellstocked with the items we all enjoy on our holidays. It certainly is a difficult task, bearing in mind what the world keeps experiencing while plowing through the pandemic problems. Enjoy the season!

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We hold Sunday school for children and young people up to the age of twenty at the same time. We welcome all children and young people who would like to join us. Students become familiar with the Bible, and learn truths which can help them in their everyday lives. There is also a nursery for little ones.

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On Wednesday evenings we have a meeting at 6 p.m., which includes short readings from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook, and also time for sharing with one another gratitude for healing experiences in our lives, as well as thoughts and insights from our Bible study and prayer. Everyone is very welcome at this meeting.

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When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?

One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually

eliminate it. Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating - an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your invest-

er-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth. Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily "right" or "wrong" in your views on investing - and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In oth-

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can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals evolve. Ultimately, communication is the

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Why we love National Home Health and Hospice Month

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health celebrate!

BY ANNA SWANSONPemi-Baker Community Health

PLYMOUTH — National Home Care and Hospice Month in November is when we honor all professionals who work in the broad field of home care and hospice work – this includes physicians, nurses, LNAs, social workers, physical therapists, and so many more. Each requires a different skillset and comes with its own emotional and physical demands. The professionals who perform these services are committed to helping patients live, as well as pass away with dignity. This month is for them.

Home Health Care Can Reduce Falls and Hospital Readmissions

If you have had surgery or been hospitalized for a medical illness, you might have safety concerns at home, particularly the risk of falls. The truth is that falls with resulting injuries are quite common in hospitals,

despite efforts to reduce them. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that an elderly or ill person is less likely to suffer a serious event at home compared to an acute care setting. Home care can also reduce the rate of hospital re-admission.

Home Health Care Provides a Medical Level of Care at Home

After hospitalization, most people prefer to heal at home. Similarly, the elderly prefer to stay home rather than go to a skilled nursing facility. Home health care can provide a variety of benefits to support activities of daily living as well as 24/7 nursing care, disease management, ostomy and catheter management, surgical after care/wound care, medication management and care for high risk pregnancies, infants and children. If the only thing keeping a patient in the hospital is the need for intravenous medications, there is good news: there is now a way to manage infusion therapy at home.

Home Health Care Can Provide Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy

If you've had surgery and you'll be needing physical or occupational therapy, you don't have to go to a rehabilitation facility. Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health offer at-home therapy services. Another benefit that at-home therapy provides, is the opportunity to assess the safety and accessibility of the home environment. A therapist's trained eyes can spot fall hazards or bathroom dangers and provide helpful preventive advice.

Hospice Provides Dignity for Many

Home care and hospice workers believe that those at the end of their lives deserve the right to pass peacefully and on their own terms. The elderly often far prefer to stay in the comfort of their homes, where they

feel freer and are at less risk of contracting other illnesses. The existence of hospice makes this level of freedom available to many who otherwise would not have had it. Hospice care offers 24/7 clinical support, medication and pain management, assistance with daily living activities, medical supplies and equipment, volunteer support and companionship, social, spiritual and grief support from social workers and chaplains, for the whole family.

Hospice Month Gives us a Chance to Improve Caregivers' Lives

These family members and/or professionals dedicate physical, emotional, and mental energy to each one of the individuals in their care, and often deal with the emotional fallout when the terminally ill take a turn for the worst or pass away. Pemi-Baker offers advice and support in the home to the families they are caring for and

also offers a Caregiver Support group every first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in person or via ZOOM.

Hospice Proves the Healing Power of the Home and Loved Ones

The elderly who wish to retain the freedom of staying in their home and ending their lives on their own terms experience true psychological benefits. Their comfortable surroundings allow them to end their lives with a sense of dignity, which is incredibly valuable. In fact, home care harkens back to older days, when tending to the terminally ill at home was the standard. There's always the added benefit of being closer to their loved ones in their final days.

If you think you or your loved one would benefit from home health care, palliative care or hospice care we urge you to visit our website to learn more or call to speak directly to a professional who will

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Gift ideas for people who love to cook

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ping list who love to cook.

Many people know someone who loves spending lots of time in the kitchen. Certain home cooks may enjoy whipping up favorite recipes, while others might get excited about experimenting with new flavors and ingredients.

A love of cooking paves the way for many different gifting opportunities. Food-related gifts also come in a wide variety of price points, making it easy for shoppers to spend as little or as much as they want. 1. Sheet pans: They may not seem like the most sexy or high-tech tools of the kitchen, but sheet pans are among the most versatile. They can be used for cookies, sheet pan cakes, oven-frying cutlets or fries, or even serving as the perfect bases for candy brittles.

2. Air fryer tool set: By now many people have hopped on the air fryer bandwagon, but they may not have all of the accessories to take air frying to the next level. From spatulas to tongs to silicone brushes, an air fryer tool set can make meals even more delicious.

3. Dutch oven: You'd be hard-pressed to find a more hard-working tool in the kitchen than a Dutch oven. These heavy, often enameled cast iron vessels come in various quart sizes. They can be used to cook stews, breads, cakes, and much more.

4. Kitchen compost bin: Home cooks who want to cut down on waste will appreciate a countertop compost bin to gather food scraps.

5. Serving board: The rise in cheese and charcuterie boards means cooks will need something attractive to serve their spreads. Wooden and stone boards are attractive when serving sliced cheeses, crackers, chutneys, and other appe-





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5 ways to support small businesses this holiday shopping season

Small businesses long have been the heart and soul of local communities. There is something to be said about being on a first-name basis with a local restaurateur or another small business owner, as such familiarity often translates into exemplary service.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses account for 99.9 percent of companies in the country, due in large part to the broad definition of small businesses (those with fewer than 500 employees). However, the vast majority of businesses in

the United States have a staff that's smaller than 20 workers, according to the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. These firms employ nearly 60 million workers, says the SBA.

Despite the prevalence of small businesses, fewer than 80 percent of entrepreneurial small business ventures make it beyond their first year, and only around half make it beyond five years.

Consumers who want to help their favorite small businesses survive can use the holiday season and beyond to set the course for success. Consumers can make a concerted effort to fuel this important cog in their local economic engines.

• Shop local. The concept is simple but effective. Opting to shop in local stores over larger conglomerates and franchises can help small

businesses take root. Before making holiday shopping lists, visit local stores and base gift ideas on items they have in stock. Chances are those gifts will be one-of-a-kind.

• Purchase gift cards/ certificates. All businesses have slow periods, and post-holidays is often a time when sales stagnate. Gift cards may bring new customers into local businesses who might otherwise not have patronized them, potentially creating new repeat custom-

• Cater holiday meals and gatherings. The holiday season is chock-full of entertainment opportunities. Individuals can rely on nearby restaurants and other food and beverage businesses to cater holiday parties. Some businesses also may be willing to discount or donate food for nonprofit group activities, such as

church holiday bazaars, school holiday concerts or fundraising fairs.

• Mention small businesses on social media. The holiday season breeds excitement. Therefore, when shoppers are in local stores, they can snap pictures of products and overflowing shopping bags and post them online while praising local businesses.

• Think about subscription gifts. Enrollment in a health club or a massage therapy service are gifts that keep on giving for the recipient, but also help ensure consistent incoming cash for the business providing the service.

When shopping this holiday season, consumers can look to the small, local businesses in their communities that help make towns and cities unique.







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Major benefits to early holiday shopping

Some people begin their holiday countdowns the day after the festivities have come and gone. With 365 days until the next celebration, it may seem like one has all the time in the world to complete holiday tasks. But before long, holiday crunch time arrives and some people find themselves rushing around to buy gifts and other essentials.

A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint. com from Intuit reported roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019 — making it the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the

2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of "the early bird catches the worm" could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many benefits to such an approach.

Spread out spending
Those who begin shopping well before the holiday season arrives can spread their spending over several months rather than a short period of time. This can make shopping more affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year's end.

Shop sales

A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25 percent of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when retailers offered their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not

beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales throughout the year, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, back to school season, tax-free weekends (often offered in August), and even retailer-specific sales like Prime Day.

Avoid delays Continued pressure on

shipping companies as on-

line shopping has become so prevalent inadvertently leads to delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic, and certain items may be out of stock or on back order.

"With potential product shortages continuing, if you see something you know you want, go ahead and buy it," said Karl Haller, retail industry expert at IBM Global Business Services.

Shopping early also assists those who have to ship gifts domestically or internationally. Shopping early ensures those presents get to their recipients on time.

Getting a head start on holiday shopping is advantageous to shoppers who want to budget, save and ensure items are available.













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Cold Turkey Plunge Nov. 27 in Waterville Valley

WATERVILLE VALLEY — On Saturday Nov. 27, the Waterville Adaptive Sports Program will kick off the holiday season with the ninth annual "Cold Turkey Plunge" into the icy mountain waters of Corcoran Pond in the heart of Waterville Valley. The Plunge is a fundraiser to support the programs efforts to provide athletic activities for persons with cognitive and physical disabilities. Over the last eight years the Plunge has raised more than \$275,000. This year that support has let Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports contribute to a lift that will make all three floors of the base lodge handicap accessible. Plus, the program has acquired the use of a state-of-the-art Tetra-ski that allows paralyzed athletes to control the ski with their breath. Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports is one of a select few programs in the country to have this piece of equipment.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$50 in donations. For their efforts they will receive an official "Cold Turkey Plunge" long sleeve t-shirt and a tasty cold turkey sandwich courtesy of Chef Sean Stout from the Coyote Grille. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to the "Grand Gobblers" in various categories; individual with the most donations, team with the most donations and best costume (costumes are encouraged but optional).

The Greater Waterville Valley Community has embraced the event. Teams are already being formed, challenges are being made. Ski at Waterville Valley in the morning, take the Plunge at 1 p.m., then linger in the Town Square and enjoy some Holiday shopping and dining. All the shops and restaurants will be decked out for the season.

For more information and to register go to www.watervilleadaptive.com.



