

## Municipal planning experts help to map out conceptual plans for Kelley Park

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**BRISTOL** — The Town of Bristol is a “Great Place with Great Places,” according to North Sturtevant and the team from Plan NH after a two-day visit last weekend for a charrette designed to help the Kelley Park Committee move forward with their new Master Plan for the downtown recreation site.

Leslie Dion, selectman and a member of the park committee, said the committee had originally put aside money to hire a landscape designer and architect to take an independent look at the park and how it could be improved. A grant request was submitted to Plan NH as well and with that grant they were able to bring in 16 professionals from

several areas of expertise who could make a number of recommendations for the future of the park.

The charrette, similar to the one that helped change the look of downtown Bristol several years ago, began on Friday, when the panel sat down with town leaders to hear their thoughts about the park and its many uses. Later in the day they invited residents in for two public sessions to share their opinions as well. Notes on concerns, wishes, needs and ideas were taken at each session. Some of the feedback they got was the need for more storage for recreational equipment, a wish for some charcoal grills to hold family cookouts, and a concession stand and press box for the baseball field.

Among those who took part in the discussions were business owners, recreation volunteers, school leaders,

police officers, parents and senior citizens. Late Saturday afternoon, everyone was then invited to a reveal

of the ideas and suggestions the team had developed. Sturtevant began by saying that Kelley Park

is a “park that wants to be more of a park and not just a recreation facility.” All in all they

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## Circumstances surrounding death of local man found in Bristol remain a mystery

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**BRISTOL** — On Wednesday, May 16, police received a call at approximately 2:45 a.m. for an unresponsive person on the side of Bristol Hill Road and immediately dispatched officers and medical personnel to the scene where they found that the male subject was deceased. The road was temporarily closed off to traffic for a time as they began their investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

Bristol Police Chief James McIntire also sent out a notice through social media that early indications revealed there was no danger to the public at that time.

The victim’s name was originally withheld, pending notification of family, but a day later, McIntire identified the man as 60-year-old Robert Mit-



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**Robert Polito, a 60-year-old whose last known residence was in Laconia, was found dead along Bristol Hill Road in the Town of Bristol last week and police are seeking anyone who may have information about the circumstances leading up to his death.**

timus Polito, whose last known address was in Laconia.

An autopsy on the body was performed last week, but toxicology, blood and other test results will not be complete for a few weeks and investigations surrounding the circumstances leading up to his death are ongoing.

McIntire is requesting that anyone with information that might pertain to Polito’s death contact the Bristol Police Department at 744-6320.



DONNA RHODES

### ‘Tis the season...to be on the lookout for wildlife

It’s that time of year when wildlife is out and about seeking food, like this pretty doe spotted along a road in Hill last week. Drivers should be on the alert for any animals that may suddenly cross their path along not only the back roads, but main highways, too. Fish and Game officials estimate that approximately 1,200 deer/vehicle collisions occur each year in New Hampshire and over the last five years the state has seen an average of 230 moose/vehicle collisions, many resulting in injuries to the drivers and passengers as well.

## A.C.O.E. offering loaner life jackets at popular boating areas

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**FRANKLIN** — The New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with offices at Franklin Falls Dam, is once again this year offering loaner life jackets for visitors to their boating recreation areas at Profile Falls and Coolidge Woods in Bristol, as well as at another kiosk that is being installed at the Shaw Cove boat launch in Sanbornton.

“The life jacket loaner stations provide the public with free use of life jackets on a first-come, first-serve basis while recreating on the Franklin Falls property,” said Park Ranger Karen Hoey of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “The goal of the life jacket loaner board is to increase life jacket wear during water-based activities



DONNA RHODES

Thanks to grants from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local business partnerships, Life Jacket Loaner Stations have been installed for day trips along the Pemigewasset River. The stations are currently located at the Franklin Falls Dam boat launch facilities in Coolidge Woods and Profile Falls in Bristol and a new station is being built at Shaw Cove in Sanbornton.

here at Franklin Falls, as well as educating the visiting public on the importance of proper use and fit.”

When properly worn, Hoey said, life jackets can increase the chance of survival for those involved in boating or swimming accidents

“Statistically, we know that 90-percent of our drowning victims were not wearing life jackets,” Hoey said.

With those statistics in mind the Army Corps of Engineers in Franklin was able to obtain initial grant

funding through their headquarters, then reached out to establish partnerships with area businesses as well. With that backing they were able to obtain several child and adult life jackets for the loaner program and are now seeking more youth sizes to meet all family needs.

As the fishing, boating and swimming season gets underway, Hoey stressed that residents and visitors alike need to remain aware of the power of water. Flow rates on the Pemigewasset Riv-

er, which encompasses the local USACE oversight area, are higher than people may realize.

“A fun filled day can turn tragic in just a moment,” she said. “Near-drownings have occurred here more often than people think.”

While the water may look passive on the surface as it winds its way downstream, there are often strong undercurrents and even obstacles in the water that can be quite dangerous.

“That’s why none of

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### Offices closed for Memorial Day

**MEREDITH** — The offices of the Newfound Landing, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open for our normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 29.

The staff of the Newfound Landing would like to wish our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.



# PSU awards 690 degrees at 147th Commencement Ceremony

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) celebrated its 147th commencement on Saturday, May 19 in the Bank of New Hampshire Field House in the Active Living, Learning, and Wellness (ALLWell) North Center, the University’s state-of-the-art academic and athletic complex. A total of 690 undergraduate degrees were awarded before a crowd of more than 5,000 guests. Graduate and doctorate degrees were awarded in a separate ceremony on Thursday evening, May 17.

“At Plymouth, we cherish the pumpkins atop Rounds Hall, First Fire, Ski Day at Waterville Valley, Secret Beach, and Spring Fling, including the rave on Mary Lyon Lawn and the Battle of the Bands,” said Donald L. Birx, President, Plymouth State University. “These traditions won’t change, but we will continue to innovate to meet the demands of a changing world. You see, we practice what we teach and that includes taking risks to give you the most cutting-edge education in the country. You have the tools to succeed and have lives of impact as you pursue your dreams.”

The Hon. Chris Sununu, Governor of New Hampshire, delivered the commencement



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address. Sununu, the youngest governor in the nation, is currently serving his first term as Governor of New Hampshire.

“It’s not just what we achieve — it’s how we do it. How we do it is just as important as the ends we achieve,” said Governor Sununu. “Live Free or Die—it’s truly how we live here. It exemplifies and defines our shared priorities. If you’ve gone to PSU you understand service. This organization really values it. Find your civil service, volunteer, stay involved. Work hard to bring out the best in yourselves.”

PSU Class of 2018 graduates hail from 19 states, including: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, California, Connecticut,

Georgia, Illinois, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Nebraska, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, and 10 countries, including: Canada, Sweden, Australia, South Korea, China, India and Saudi Arabia. The top majors are: Educa-



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tion, criminal justice, business, sales, marketing, sports management, and adventure education.

“We have worked across campus and the surrounding area, watched the cluster model begin, witnessed the creation of Merrill Place and this building [AllWell North Center]

we celebrate in today,” said Shannon Spaulding, President of the Class of 2018. “Plymouth state is where I learned to keep trying, and to pick myself up no matter the situation. And this is a lesson I hope each of us learned from the place that will probably always feel like home to us.”

## About Plymouth State University

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## Explore NH’s Civil War monuments with Groton Historical Society

GROTON — Groton Historical Society has received a grant from New Hampshire Humanities to present “Vanished Veterans - NH’s Civil War Monuments and Memorials.”

New Hampshire towns did not erect monuments to prior wars, but the emotional and family toll, unprecedented in American history, drove the decision to honor our local soldiers and sailors of the War of Rebellion. From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to

Hinsdale, along Main Streets and 19th-century dirt roads, in city parks and on town greens, in libraries and town halls, and in cemeteries prominent and obscure.

George Morrison located, inventoried, and photographed the fascinating variety of New Hampshire’s Civil War memorials. He shares his discoveries, from the earliest obelisks, to statuary and artillery, to murals, cast iron, stained glass, and buildings from the 1860s through the 1920s.

George Morrison earned a BA in History at the University of

New Hampshire. He served for 27 years as a high school teacher. A long-time researcher of unpublished primary sources, Morrison has contributed to the work of numerous aviation historians and artists in several countries. He is a life-long photographer, historian, and motorcyclist. Morrison has already traveled more than 18,000 miles in the course of researching monuments and memorials, an interest sparked by a puzzling 1918 monument.

This program will begin at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 28, at Groton’s Town House,

754 North Groton Rd., Groton. Rev. John Fischer will be Master of Ceremonies for this event commemorating Memorial Day and his wife Linda will lead us in the singing of a patriotic song before George Morrison begins his program.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

NH Humanities nurtures the joy of learning. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org).

For more information, contact Sherry Nelson at 744-9744.

## Hebron Historical Society hosting program on Colonial meeting houses

HEBRON — On Saturday evening, June 16, the Hebron Historical Society will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Paul Wainwright entitled “New En-

gland’s Colonial Meeting Houses and Their Impact on American Society.”

In colonial New England, there was little distinction between

faith and community. Meetinghouses were built by the communities, usually but not always through taxation, and were used for both religious worship and town business. They were the central focus of the community and were an important point of contact for all. While most colonial meetinghouses that are still standing have been extensively renovated to meet current needs, a few have not been substantially changed at all and are fascinating glimpses into our history.

Dr. Wainwright is a resident of Atkinson, where he specializes in fine-art black and white photography featuring landscapes and historical architecture. He is juried into many of the most prestigious art institutions in the US including Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts. Although always pursuing his photography passion, SEE MEETING HOUSES, PAGE A8

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# PSU awards 264 graduate and doctorate degrees inaugural Graduate Commencement Ceremony

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"Each of you is destined to have a life of real impact. Your Plymouth State education has given you the tools to transform the lives of others, and in the process transform yourselves," said Donald L. Bix, President, Plymouth State University. "The world is not static, and with change comes opportunity for those who are flexible, nimble, well trained, and receptive to new possibilities. Your PSU graduate degree tells the world that you possess all of these

attributes." The Honorable Chuck Morse, President of the New Hampshire Senate and Plymouth State alumnus, delivered the commencement address. "I believe that true leadership comes from two very basic principles: honor and respect. Honor comes from sticking by your word and your principles to do what you know is right and having respect for those around you," said Sen. Morse. "I challenge you to be that leader who stands up for others who cannot stand up for themselves."

Brenda Shively earned her bachelor's degree from Plymouth State University in 2013 and went on to work for the university in various roles. She returned to PSU in its graduate business program, and received her Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Certificate in Strategic Marketing. "As a student body, we are actively redefining what it means to be a graduate student in today's world," said Shively. "Because what we accomplish academically is only part of our stories. We are full-time employees, full-time parents, volunteers, small business owners, philanthropists, tomorrow changers, do-gooders, and so much more. We are making the choice to better ourselves, our careers, build



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better futures with our families, and leave the world a better place. We are fulfilling our university motto, Ut Prosim – that I may serve – by making the ordinary extraordinary."

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## Pasquaney Garden Club hosting annual Plant and Bake Sale

BRISTOL — The Pasquaney Garden Club's Annual Plant and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Minot Sleeper Library, Bristol. This is our annual fundraiser which allows us to beautify and contribute to the town in many ways. The plants are from members' gardens and our own beautiful Butterfly Garden, making this sale your opportunity to obtain plants that you have admired, but that aren't generally available at retail stores. At the Bake Sale table we will be tempting you with homemade goodies of every variety. Treat your garden and your guests to the best. And this year we have added

a Gardener's Raffle Basket full of fun and useful gardening and birding items as well as generous gift certificates from local merchants. We thank you for your continued support and invite you to come and have fun with us on June 2, 8 a.m. to noon in the Butterfly Garden behind the Minot Sleeper Library, Bristol.

## SNHU announces Winter 2018 President's List

MANCHESTER — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the winter 2018 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade

point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester. Brooke Davis of Campton and Kayla Judkins of Bristol. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 85-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 100,000 students worldwide, SNHU offers over

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## Tickets available now for Bristol Lions Annual Raffle

BRISTOL — Tickets are on sale now for the Bristol Lions Club's Annual Raffle, with the drawing scheduled for Sept. 4. Among the prizes in this year's drawings are a 50-caliber muzzle loader from Newfound Sales Inc. & Trading Post; 100 gallons of propane or

heating oil from Rymes; a one-day boat rental from West Shore Marine; two one-night stays at the Inn on Newfound Lake; a cruise for two on the Mount Washington; and more donations from numerous local businesses. Tickets can be purchased during Friday Cruise Nights at Village

Pizza, and also at the Purple Pit, the Inn on Newfound Lake, Andy & Sons, Newfound Sales & Trading Post, and from Bristol Lions members. For more information, contact Merle at 481-0217 or Everett at 744-3335. Tickets will be available until Sept. 3, the day before the drawing.

## PSU Museum of the White Mountains opens exhibit celebrating Centennial of National Forest

PLYMOUTH — The Museum of the White Mountains at Plymouth State University (PSU) marked the opening of its new exhibit earlier today. "The People's Forest: A Centennial Celebration of the White Mountain National Forest" features artwork, maps, photographs, displays, and interactive experiences to illustrate the history of the White Mountain National Forest, as well as land management and conservation efforts to sustain the forest for generations to come.

"We are honored to be part of this momentous occasion, and to present an exhibit that invites the public to reflect on the White Mountain National Forest's significant history and look ahead to the next century of stewardship and en-



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gagement," said Cynthia Robinson, Director of the Museum of the White Mountains. "The name of the exhibit reflects the reality that the White Mountain National Forest not only belongs to the people, but also its significance in the lives of so many throughout the past 100 years – as a place for recreation, livelihood, or simple reflection." Co-curated by Rob-SEE EXHIBIT, PAGE A8

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## Frequently asked questions about getting help for substance use disorders

BY DEB NARO  
Contributor

It takes a lot of courage to seek help for a possible drug problem because there is a lot of hard work ahead and it might get in the way of everyday life. But treatment works and recovery is possible—it takes time, patience, hard work, and commitment.

### How do I know if I have a substance use problem?

There is no special type of person who becomes addicted. It can happen to anyone. Addiction can happen at any age, but it usually starts when a person is young. If you continue to use drugs despite harmful consequences, you can become addicted. It is important to talk to a medical professional about it—your health and future could be at stake.

Have friends or family told you that you are behaving differently for no apparent reason—such as acting withdrawn, frequently tired or depressed, or hostile? You should listen and ask yourself if they are right—and be honest with yourself. These changes could be a sign you are developing a substance use disorder. Parents sometimes overlook such signs, believing them to be a normal part of the teen years.

Thanks to science, we know more than ever before about how drugs work in the brain, and we also know that addiction can be successfully treated to help young people stop using drugs and lead productive lives. Asking for help early, when you first suspect you have a problem, is important; don't wait to become addicted. If you

think you may have a substance use disorder, there is treatment that can work. Don't wait another minute to ask for help.

### Why can't I stop using drugs on my own?

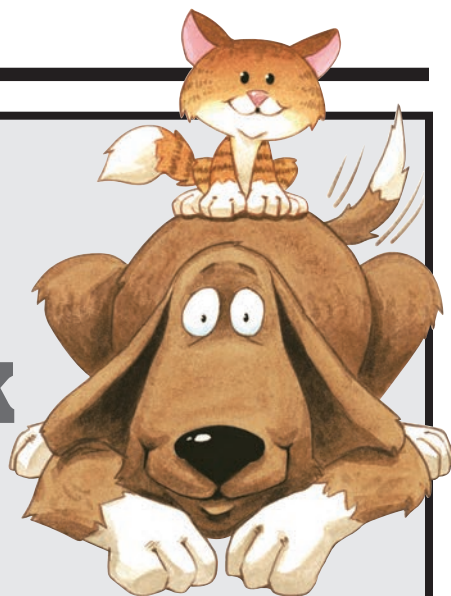
Repeated drug use changes the brain. Brain imaging studies of people with addiction show changes in areas of the brain that are connecting to learning and memory, decision making and self-control. Quitting is difficult, even for those who feel ready. Your inability to stop using drugs does not mean you're a bad person, just that you have an illness that needs treatment.

### If I want to ask for help, where do I start?

Asking for help is the first important step. If you have a good relationship with your parents, you should start there. If you do not have a good relationship with your parents (or if they are having some problems of their own and might need help), find an adult you trust and ask for help. The next step is to go to your doctor. Together, with your parents or other trusted adult and doctor, you can decide if you should enter a treatment program. Treatment will help you counteract addiction's powerful hold on your brain and behavior, so you can recover and regain control of your life.

If you or someone you know struggles with addiction or substance use, call the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-4357 for HELP.

## PET of the Week Mittens



This sweet little black and white domestic shorthaired cat has a slightly startled look, big green eyes widened, ears perked forward in anticipation... of... what exactly? Mittens is a shy girl, even up close and personal she wasn't quite sure what to think of shelter life, and who can blame her, dogs barking, people bustling, phone ringing, lots of humans coming and going all the time – it's a lot for a feline with a delicate disposition to get used to; hence we placed her in a volun-



teer foster home to add some calmer enrichment to her life- we

know that permanent home is just around the corner!

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## Rain, ducks, and fish just begging

### NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



We needed the rain, but when it comes people complain. You know this when you go into a store and another customer asks how you are, and you say, sort of brightly, "Good day for ducks," and get a disgusted grunt in return.

But I can't help it--I like rain, and positively love it when one of those low-pressure systems gets slowed down by the mountains and ridges of northern New Hampshire and just decides to stick around for a day or two, and glower.

Which makes me think of "lowery," which you hardly ever hear any more. It's old English, meaning dark and somehow



JOHN HARRIGAN

In answer to gripes about rain, this is the weather we have just barely left behind. I took this shot on April 23 of 2015.

threatening, although I never heard it used in a threatening way. Jimmy Ricker used to say it when he was deciding it was not a good idea to cut hay on his farm in Clarksville. My grandfather White, who had roots in a saltmarsh farm in

Jonesport, Maine, once in a while used it as an excuse not to go fishing. As in "Oh, I dunno, looks kinda lowery."

He was a man who in private times liked to whistle, and I guess he figured that taking his grandson fishing was a private time, because

he was always whistling, almost enough to keep the black flies at bay.

And they were always these long, repetitious and somehow mournful tunes. He said his father had got them from men who

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## Letters to the Editor

### Time for sausage making in the legislature

To the Editor:

This is the 43rd of my periodic reports on the Legislature in Concord. I'm a little late with this report, mainly because the end of the legislative session gets confusing. We dealt with all of the bills by voting them up or down, however the real sausage making begins now. The Senate begins attaching amendments or legislation (bills that failed in the House) to bills of a similar nature. Then, each body can agree or not with the changes, or the bill can be sent to a Committee of Conference. The C of C is comprised of an equal number of each house to come to a unanimous compromise. Did you know these meetings are on the Calendar and open to the public? The lobbyists attend and offer comments when asked. You could too. The modified bill then returns to both houses for another vote. The importance of the C of C cannot be overstressed. Let's look at a few of these modified bills.

HB 1636 began as a bill to seek a death benefit for a teacher killed at school. It returned to the House with amendments for teacher prep, allowance for charter schools to use unused facilities, and HB 193, the educational savings accounts for school choice. The strategy is that the member has a favorite in this grouping and will vote to pass the overall bill (HB1636), then send it to a Committee of Conference for a second chance. I did like HB 193 but it still failed. Another attempt will need to be made in the future.

HB 1538 was originally a bill to fix a band stand but morphed into an asbestos liability bill! The

House killed this bill by not concurring.

HB 1565 addressed people with such severe psychiatric disorders that they pose a threat to the public and required segregation. It was sent to a Committee of Conference. New Hampshire has a Secure Psychiatric Unit inside the prison. This facility is capable of performing the task but these people should not be treated as convicted felons. There is no question that they are a danger to themselves and others. This has been an ongoing issue and we have delayed building a separate facility. Maybe it's time to spend some of the money being used for drug treatment to address this problem. We will vote on the results that the C of C produces and vote on it on the 23rd.

HB 1372 was amended by the Senate, and the House concurred. Did you know that some employers are requiring a subcutaneous (under the skin) chip for employees? This allows easy identification and entry into closed areas. Sorry! We do this to dogs and cats, not people. We voted against employers requiring an implantation as a condition of employment.

The House reconvenes on May 23 to vote on reports from the C of C. I am in the process of reviewing the very interesting Calendar. I am available for discussions so call me at 320-9524 or email me at [dave@sanborhall.net](mailto:dave@sanborhall.net).

Cheers!

*Dave Testerman  
State Representative  
Hill and Franklin*



Kimberly Jean Weisberg Batchelder, 48

BRIDGEWATER — Kimberly Jean Weisberg Batchelder, 48, died May 16, 2018 after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of Andy and Connie (Cyr) Weisberg. Kimberly grew up in Bridgewater attended local schools.

Kim loved to laugh and be with family. She loved to sing karaoke with her best friend Galen Marsh. She loved to take pictures of nature and to capture the beauty of it. Kim was a spiritual being who knew she was meant for a greater purpose. While she was here with us, she shared a great love for horses, family, and friends. Her

greatest joys where her grandsons, exploring nature with them and listening to all the beautiful sounds, especially birds and their songs indicating that spring was coming. She also loved building Lego cities with them and taking them to the park and sledding.

Kimberly was a humble human being with so much love to give. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

She is survived by her parents, Andy and Connie (Cyr) Weisberg of Bridgewater; sons Troy Normandin and Travis Batchelder of Bristol; daughter Miranda Batchelder of Danbury;

grandsons: Parker and Loki, a brother Michael Weisberg of Bridgewater and a sister Jennifer Marsh of Thornton.

A Celebration of life was held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 1-4 p.m. at the Slim Baker Lodge, New Chester Road, Bristol. Friends and family were invited to bring memories and a dish to share. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Live and Let Live Farm, 20 Paradise Lane, Chichester, NH 03258.

Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol.

HEBRON — Gene H. Chase, 83, died Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Golden View Health Care Center in Meredith after a period of declining health.

He was born in Franklin, the son of Howard and Cecelia (Boucher) Chase. Gene served in the US Army and after his return worked for many years in quality control in several machine shops, retiring from Rival

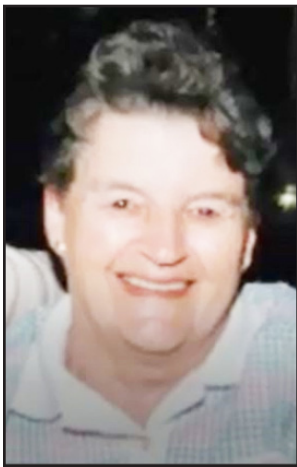
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Family members include his wife, Janice (Sanborn) Chase of Hebron; three sons (Gene Chase, Jr. of Laconia, George Chase of Sanbornton, and John Chase of Moultonborough); a daughter, Betty Ann Brown of Effingham; 12 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; a brother, Howard Chase of Laconia; nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by one daughter, Linda Chase.

A memorial service will be held at the Union Congregational Church of Hebron, Thursday, May 24 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in the Hebron Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Gene asked that you consider a donation to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, 24 Mill Brook Rd., Wilton, NH 03086.

Ruth V. Tomacelli, 84



EL PASO, Texas — Ruth V. (Duchesne) Tomacelli, 84, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 18, 2018 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

She is survived by her loving husband, Cosmo and two daughters, Debra and Tina. She is also survived by four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ruth was born in Detroit, moving to Bristol during her youth, married and raised her family in Massachusetts before retiring in Ashland and El Paso, Texas.

She was predeceased by her three brothers, but is survived by her sister Barbara.

Ruth worked for many years as an office manager for Hannigan Steel, before transitioning into the medical field as a certified nurses' aid acquiring her certification at both STCC in MA and EPCC in Texas in 2000. In her later years, she contributed to the education of many students at the El Paso Community College.

Ruth's dry New England sense of humor and outgoing and vibrant personality was enjoyed by the many people she met during her lifetime. She was a very energetic individual who loved to dance and enjoyed the creativeness of teaching dance in her early years and transitioning to several crafts such as knitting, crochet and stained glass expressing her love to others in so many ways. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren enjoying their many school events and outdoor sporting activities such as boating, skiing, horseback riding, softball and basketball as well as her many travel adventures experiencing and enjoying the natural beauty of the south and northeast regions.

Ruth will be greatly missed by all who came to know and love her infectious personality and spirit. The family requests that donations be made in her name to Hospice of El Paso at: www.hospiceelpaso.org/ or to the American Parkinson's Disease Association at www.apdaparkinson.org. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. To share a memory of Ruth or leave an online condolence, please visit www.legacy.com.

Towns

Alexandria

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Good morning! I'd like to say thank you to all those who have complimented me, and encouraged me in writing this column. It means a lot to me. I would encourage you, the readers, that if you have anything you'd like added for news and upcoming events, please give me a call and/or an email. I do have a deadline of Tuesday morning of each week, so please keep that in mind.

Town

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Conservation Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

These meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall (45 Washburn Rd.) on Tuesday, June 5 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist. Last day for voters already registered to

change party affiliation for the State Primary to be held on Sept. 11.

Alexandria UMC

Saturday, May 26 is the Annual Roast Beef Dinner, hosted by WAAC (Women's Aid to Alexandria Church). On the menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, bread and beverages. Dessert will be brownies with ice cream. Cost for the meal is \$8 for adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 for children six to 12 and free for children under five. Take-out meals will be available as well. All are welcome to join in the great food, and cheerful companionship!

Sunday, May 27, Church Services begin at 9 a.m. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism during the service. Please join us, all are welcome! Trustees will meet in the Vestry at 6:30 p.m.

Reminder to keep filling those baby bottles with change, dollar bills or a check for Haven Pregnancy Services in Plymouth! The bottles are due back on Father's Day.

For those inquiring minds, AUMC is in a

Transitioning Period. Pastor Deb is preparing to leave her ministries at AUMC. She will continue as Chaplin at Lakes Region General Hospital and ministries at Belknap County Jail. This will also enable her to have more time with her family, especially her precious grandchildren. Though our hearts are heavy, we have been blessed, and are grateful for her kindness, love, compassion and leadership. Godspeed Pastor Deb!

Even though one door is closing, a new adventure is waiting in the wings. We will be welcoming Faith Green as our Spiritual Leader in a few weeks. There will likely be some changes forth coming, such as adjusted office hours, contact information and so on, so please be patient as we move forward.

Here's to another wonderful week ahead for everyone! Be kind, keep a smile on your face, a song in your heart, be safe in your journeys and always take time to smell the flowers. For those in need, reach out, because help comes from the most unexpected places sometimes.

Danbury

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Do you have eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones and ink-jet cartridges that you hate to throw away? If you'd like to see the recycled, you could give them to the Bristol Lions Club. They have a box at the Hebron Post Office, Newfound Sales & Trading Post, Bristol Franklin Savings Bank, and Bristol Hannaford. If you have questions, please call Everett at 744-3335 or Merle 481-0217.

South Danbury Church

This is the weekend for the South Danbury Church's "Antique and Much-Loved Tool Sale." It's on Saturday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Walker Brook Road in South Danbury (watch for signs). Choose from hand tools, power tools, farm tools, and more, both old and new-ish. Donations gladly accepted. All proceeds benefit the South Danbury Church

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Ashland Community Church

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

Pastor Ernie Madden

Phone: 968-9464

Email: accernie@hotmail.com

Website: ashland-communitychurch.com

**Sundays:**

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service, followed by coffee and fellowship in the church dining room.

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the sanctuary before the service.

Toddler Zone (for infants - five years old) and KidZone (for K-6th grade) are available during the Contemporary Service.

Special Needs Class - For teens-adults at the Contemporary Service. Participants meet in the sanctuary for singing, and are dismissed to their class at approximately 10:45 a.m.

**Kidzone:**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous Group:**

Monday's at 8 p.m. in the church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace, mercy and love. We believe that you will love Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving, and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior.

Our Vision is to become a church that un-

churched people will love to attend.

Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus and to help others to do the same.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ernie Madden at any of the contact information above.

**Real Church, Real People, Real Simple**

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, and remember to just come as you are.

No perfect people allowed!

Ashland Episcopal (St.Mark's Church)

Our Saturday service at the Holderness School Chapel reaches a milestone. Launched as an eight-week experiment for the Great 50 Days between Easter and Pentecost, it has drawn a steady and varied group of worshippers and has provided a chance for worship and fellowship to the folks who are unable to connect with a Sunday assembly. This 5 p.m. service will continue through the summer outside around a campfire to begin the service and either continue inside the chapel or perhaps some evenings conduct the whole service outside.

Going forward from Memorial Day Weekend, our weekend worship schedule will include three services: 5 p.m. Saturdays at Holderness School Chapel, 9:30 a.m. Sundays at St. Mark's Ashland and will include an 8 a.m. Sunday service in Griswold Hall in Plymouth. Services celebrated by Rector & Vicar The Rev. Kelly Sundberg Seaman assisted by Deacon The Rev. Mary-an Davis.

Weekday Healing Eucharists will continue at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays (CLC Chapel in

Plymouth) and Thursdays at St. Mark's Ashland.

Sunday School will continue through the summer under the direction of Jean Murphy. All children are welcome to meet in the Sanctuary of St. Mark's, help with bell ringing, lighting of candles, and taking part in the procession. They will then go to their classes in Sherrill Hall and return to church in time for communion.

Bristol United Church of Christ ("the Church on the Hill")

**We are handicapped accessible!**

Our doors are always open wide to all those seeking to find a safe, but invigorating place for spiritual life, growth, fellowship and service. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

**Sundays:** Pastor: Rev. Andrew MacLeod

Intergenerational Service: 10 a.m. - 1st Sunday of the month

Ended 5-20, returns in Fall

Coffee Fellowship: Following service

Sunday School: 10 a.m. - Ended 5-20, returns in Fall

**Location:** P.O. Box 424, 15 Church St., Bristol, NH 03222

**Phone:** 744-8132

**Office Hours:** 9 a.m. to noon - Monday through Friday

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Preservation Fund. For location and details, email southdanbury-church@gmail.com.

Sunday worship at the South Danbury Christian Church on May 27 will be at 11 a.m., with conversation and refreshments afterward. Everyone is welcome!

Looking ahead, save the date -Saturday, June 2- it's the Thank You Celebration for friends, neighbors, and supporters of the South Danbury Christian Church Preservation Project. Plan to come and celebrate with them! You'll learn how the work was accomplished, and see how it respects the history of the church. Fascinating artifacts from the original construction in 1866 and 1867 will be on display, too. They also hope you will share your memories of the church. There will be music and plenty of refreshments, and the drawing of the winning ticket for the gorgeous handmade quilt.

**Historical Society Event**

Danbury Historical Society will hold a special program on Saturday, June 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the grange hall. The subject of the program is old time logging and features speaker, Harry Prouty. The grange hall is located at the Grange Hall, 15 North Rd. in Danbury. Prouty will have old logging tools on display.

**Rev. MacLeod:** 9 a.m. to noon - Monday through Thursday and by appointment

**Weekly Events:**

**Mondays:** Bible study - 7 p.m. A.A. Step meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Bone Builders - 9:30 a.m. Senior Crafts: 9:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon - noon

**AA Discussion** - 8 p.m.

**Fridays:** Bone Builders - 9:30 a.m.

**Monthly Events:** WIC (Women/Infant/Children) Clinic - 2nd Tuesday at 9 a.m.

T.E.A. (Time, Encourage, Accept) - for Women 3rd Thursday at 4 p.m. Meeting place varies.

Women's Fellowship - 2nd Thursday at 10 a.m. Ends in June and resumes in September. All are welcome!

**Ongoing:** Bristol Community Services is in need of: rice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, canned veggies, soups, jelly, and toilet paper.

**Coming Events:** Our Dynamite Dinner Crew is taking a well-deserved summer break, but will resume on Sept. 8 with a roast turkey dinner. Always a favorite!

**Adults \$9. Children \$4.** Serving 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**Take Out Available:** 744-8132

**Please note:** Rev. Andrew is taking a well-deserved sabbati-

cal for the summer.

We are fortunate to have our spiritual and pastoral needs in the capable hands of Rev. Mike Carrier for the months of June, July, and August.

B.U.C.C. cooperates with other churches and community organizations to serve the needs of all people who live near us. Our reach extends around the world through our work with other members of the United Church of Christ!

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**Sunday, May 27**

Nursery and Religious Education - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Contact: Jane Clay, DRE

Service 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - A Memorial Day Remembrance

Paul Tierney, Guest Worship Leader

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director

**Memorial Day:** A day to remember those who have died in war—friend or foe, American or foreign, and a day to

ask, what does it mean to remember.

**Visit our Web site**

www.starrkingfellowship.org

536-8908

Dinner and a Show - May 25, See comedian Paula Poundstone at the Flying Monkey on Friday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. Buy your tickets now: they may sell out. If you want to join a group from the Fellowship for dinner at The Lucky Dog at 6 p.m., contact Joe Kelaghan (josephkelaghan@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday, May 24.

Lunch time concert - Friday, June 1 - noon

Join violinist Bozena O'Brien and pianist Abigail Charbeneau on Friday, June 1st at noon in the Starr King Sanctuary for a lunch time concert. The musicians will open with Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 5 in F major, known as the "Spring Sonata" because of its light and cheerful character. The program also includes Two Morceaux (Kolysanka and Bolero), a set written especially for the performers by Maine composer Kenneth Piotrowski. Rounding out the concert will be a portion of the Franck Violin Sonata, rich in beautiful harmonies. We are blessed to welcome these two New Hampshire musicians to the Starr King space. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door.

The Next Meeting of the Wise Women in Training is to be held on Wednesday, June 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Groton

Ruth Millett 603-786-2926

rem1752nh@gmail.com

The Select Board had a meeting on May 15. We had a small good-bye party for Christina as this was her last Select Board Meeting as a Select Person. She will be missed greatly. The Dorchester/Groton and the Orange/Groton perambulation done by Miles Sinclair was signed and will be sent to the DRA this week. Junkyard letters were signed and the "Junkyard Dog" will be out looking at those sites on June 11. Class VI road letters were signed and will be sent and several other small items of business were taken care of. The tax warrant was also signed and bills will be mailed Friday and due July 2.

**From the Groton Historical Society**

On Memorial Day, May 28 beginning at 11 a.m., there will be a special program at the Groton Town House sponsored by the Groton Historical Society. There will be the invocation by Rev. John Fischer and then an interesting program by George Morrison. There will be a flag raising at noon and a light lunch to follow.

**Vanishing Veterans: New Hampshire's Civil War Monuments and Memorials**

New Hampshire towns did not erect monuments to prior wars, but the emotional and family toll, unprecedented in American history, drove the decision to honor our local soldiers and sailors of the War of Rebellion. From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to Hinsdale along Main Streets and 19th century dirt roads, in city parks and on town greens, in libraries and town halls, and in cemeteries prominent and obscure, George Morrison located, inventoried, and photographed the fascinating variety of New Hampshire's Civil War memorials. He shares his discoveries, from the earliest obelisks, to statuary and artillery, to murals, cast iron, stained glass, and buildings from the 1860's through the 1920's.

The Historical Society Museum will also be open June 23, and July 14 from 1-3 p.m. Our theme for these two exhibit days will be "The Military through the Years" pertaining to residents of Groton. On May 15, the Museum will open its doors for the annual school trip of The Principia School from St. Louis, Mo. There will be 70 students visiting the Mary Baker House, the Schoolhouse #4, and the North Groton Church.

**Meetings and Closures Coming Up:** Select Board Work

Session - May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Town House

Select Board Meetings -June 5, and June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

There will be a joint meeting of the Citizen's Planning Committee, Planning Committee, Zoning Board, Conservation Committee and the Select Board at the Town House on Tuesday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

Town Offices will be closed May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Select Board Office will be closed May 30 and 31 for an off-site meeting with FEMA.

Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597

hebronnhnews@live.com

**Hebron Library News**

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Passes are available at The Hebron Library for Hebron and Groton Residents. Pass is valid for two \$5 trail admissions, plus up to four additional discounted passes at \$10.00 each.

Reserve yours today at the Hebron Library - first come first served.

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# THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Town              | Address               | Type                    | Price     | Seller  | Buyer                                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| Bridgewater       | Whittemore Point Road | N/A                     | \$240,000 | Richard W. Miller and Janet R. Miller           | James R. Keenan (for Keenan Fiscal Trust) |
| Bristol           | 1142 N. Main St.      | Single-Family Residence | \$228,000 | David A. and Marguerite C. Clifford             | Wheelhouse Properties LLC                 |
| Bristol           | 370 Upper Birch Dr.   | Single-Family Residence | \$409,000 | William and John Bori                           | Kevin W. and Jean M. Button               |
| Campton           | 10 Timber Trail       | Single-Family Residence | \$113,500 | Susannah and Ian Tully                          | FNMA                                      |
| Groton            | Goddard Road          | Residential Open Land   | \$27,000  | Martha J. Rivest and Pawtucket Siding & Roofing | Amycor LLC                                |
| Holderness        | 316 NH Route 175      | Single-Family Residence | \$223,800 | Kelly M. Fuacher and Robert B. Quinn            | Michael and Kristen Wilus                 |
| Plymouth          | 5 Birch Place         | Mobile Home             | \$10,000  | Brian Carlson and Amanda L. Ballou              | Jessica L. Blake                          |
| Rumney            | 330 Groton Hollow Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$145,000 | Kathy M. and Francis X. Gibbons                 | Sharmaine and David Stewart               |
| Rumney            | 362 School St.        | Single-Family Residence | \$145,000 | Ward T. and Mildred Syptak                      | Jeremy Somers                             |
| Thornton          | NH Route 175          | N/A                     | \$469,000 | Joseph L. and Jean E. Monagle                   | John D. Erickson and Katherine Chamberlin |
| Thornton          | 13 Pasture Lane       | Single-Family Residence | \$184,000 | Ruth A. Blair                                   | Matthew and Beth Wright                   |
| Thornton          | 55 Sugar Run          | Single-Family Residence | \$253,533 | Christine L. Wise                               | Nicholas Almeida and Clarence Lander      |
| Waterville Valley | 10 Greeley Hill Rd.   | Single-Family Residence | \$296,000 | Peter C. Clark (for Peter C. Clark RET)         | Geoffrey M. and Anna W. Skillings         |
| Wentworth         | Lookaway Lane         | Residential Open Land   | \$50,000  | Brent B. and Cheryl A. Meserve                  | Andrew E. Tucker                          |

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are

usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com) or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

# MARK ON THE MARKETS

## Expectations



BY MARK PATTERSON

Whenever we invest our money in any kind of investment vehicle such as, stocks, bonds, real estate or commodities, we typically have an expected return plugged into our brains based typically on past performance. I can relate to you about my

early years as a stock-broker in the middle '90s. If I had municipal bonds to offer, the yield to maturity was often times between four and 6 percent tax-free to the client. Depending on the client's tax bracket, that could equate to a tax equivalent yield of eight or 10 percent. As a new broker I would call the fixed income desk at my firm and try to get new issue municipal bonds held aside for me to garner new clients. The municipal bond buyers were typically wealthier or mature clients compared to the typical equity or

stock investors. When I did open an account with that equity or stock client, I would discuss expectations for returns in the market. Often times clients would tell me that the expected return was somewhere between 10 and 20 percent. Certainly, the 20 percent expectation was high, but the 10 percent return expectation was a minimum expectation for those equity(stock) clients.

Typically, the investor is using a benchmark of returns from the past to form their expectations of returns

in the future. This is often times unrealistic given interest rates and market returns over the last 15 years. Instead of benchmarks based on past market returns maybe we should think about the necessary return needed, that is reasonable in today's interest rate environment that we require for our future income.

Between 1984 and 1999 the S&P 500 returned nearly 18 percent per year including dividends. So my client back in 1995 who expected up to 20 percent was really just conditioned by what the markets were actually returning. The next 15 years, 2000 through 2015 the S&P 500 returned a little over 4% including dividends. Today, the yield on the 10-year note is about 3 percent. In 1995, the yield on the 10 year note was about six and

a half percent.

If you are investing money today, just think about real returns in this interest rate environment and understand that the dividend paying stocks are vulnerable to market volatility based on the fact that many investors and their advisors have chased yield and have taken, in my opinion, too much risk for that reward.

An investment grade corporate bond portfolio may offer a yield and coupon of between 4 and 6 percent, depending on effective duration. If structured properly your advisor should be able to immunize the portfolio against interest rate risk compared to a bond fund, that is perpetual(no maturity date). I am not anti-common stock or equities; my intentions are to maximize returns and minimize

risk and to structure a portfolio with purpose. The bond market is nearly twice the size of the stock market however, many new clients that I consult with are primarily in stocks or equity. I get it, stocks are much more exciting than bonds, however our brains chemically react three times greater when we are getting hurt in the markets as opposed to positive reactions in good times, so let's at least balance our portfolio by investing in low to non-correlated asset classes, known as modern portfolio theory.

Sharpe sell-offs or elongated bear markets deplete our monetary and emotional capital.

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## PSU announces Mary Earick as Director of Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) announced earlier this week that it has tabbed accomplished educator, thought leader, and nationally-known expert on equity-based education Mary Earick, Ph.D., as director of The Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation. The Center represents PSU's continuing evolution as a leader in educator training, and its vision to support culturally-sustaining educational learners, leaders and activists.

Dr. Earick is an accomplished educator who began her career as an early childhood teacher in New Haven, Conn., where her teaching was featured in "Starting Small: Teaching Tolerance in the Early Years," a documentary and book by the Southern Poverty Law Center. She earned a Master of Science in Urban Elementary Education in 1997 and a Ph.D. in Language, Literacy and Socio-cultural Studies in 2006. She served as associate professor of education at Plymouth State University from 2009 to 2013 and has held faculty positions at the University of South Carolina and University of New Mexico. An expert in the area of inclusive



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**Mary Earick** equity-based education, Dr. Earick has authored two books, and numerous scholarly papers, has presented and spoken at conferences throughout the country, and consults for the United States Department of Justice. Most recently, she served as an Administrator for the New Hampshire Department of Education where she developed and directed NG2: Personalized Inclusive Educational Pathways, which was supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Bill and Melinda

Gates Foundation.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Earick join the PSU community. She brings extensive experience and expertise to her role as the Holmes Center Director," said Gail Mears, Dean of PSU's College of Education, Health, and Human Services. "Her vision and commitment to innovative, inclusive educational experiences for students of all ages will be of great value to PSU and the PreK-12 districts we collaborate with. Dr. Earick is working diligently to create robust partnerships that will lead to sustainable solutions to persistent educational issues."

The Holmes Center forges professional development school (PDS) partnerships with New Hampshire schools that support co-teaching between PSU teaching interns and experienced mentor teachers that

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Life Jackets

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our recreation areas have designated swimming. It can look calm out there but it's really not," Hoey cautioned. Over the years, there have been several accidental drownings along the river,

making USACE's life jacket loaner program an important safety measure, but it also comes with one other caution. Hoey said, "The life jacket loaner program is a supplement program for those visitors who forgot their life jacket. Visitors should

not rely on this program as a sole source for the life jackets." In an effort to also provide for as many people as possible, when a life jacket is borrowed from the loaner board it should be returned the same day it is borrowed, she added.

Exhibit

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inson and David Govatski, "The People's Forest: A Centennial Celebration of the White Mountain National Forest," will also feature speakers and special events, such as hikes and field trips throughout the summer of 2018.

"The White Mountain National Forest is honored to work alongside our great partners, dedicated volunteers and passionate public to continue to manage this land for future generations," said Clare Mendelsohn, Forest Supervisor. "This shared sense of responsibility for stewardship is what makes the White Mountains special. We hope people will join us in celebration of the centennial and consider how they can play a critical role in public land management." The White Mountain National Forest was established after public outcry over uncontrolled logging and fires forced passage of the Weeks Act in 1911, which allowed

the federal government to purchase land east of the Mississippi River. With great support from conservation organizations and the public, on May 16, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson signed an Executive Order creating the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire and Maine. Today the Forest is nearly 800,000 acres and attracts several million visitors who hike, camp, climb and ski on their public land each year. The White Mountain National Forest has become a major part of the economic engine of New Hampshire contributing to the nearly \$9 billion statewide outdoor recreation industry that supports almost 80,000 jobs. The Museum of the White Mountains, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and other partner organizations, will host a special series of events to commemorate the White Mountain National Forest's Centennial through September 2018. Information about the exhibit, a

special mobile exhibit, and the full schedule of events is available at [www.plymouth.edu/museum-of-the-white-mountains/exhibitions](http://www.plymouth.edu/museum-of-the-white-mountains/exhibitions).

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Meeting Houses

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Paul graduated from Yale University with a Ph.D. in physics and worked for many years in research at Bell Laboratories. The program will be held in the Hebron

Community Center (16 Church Lane, in the basement of the Union Congregational Church), which is directly across North Shore Road from the Hebron Common and is fully handicapped accessible. The evening will begin with a

pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the featured program at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Wainwright's presentation is supported by a grant from the NH Humanities Council and is open to the public without charge.

Notebook

FROM PAGE A4  
had been to sea. They were somehow without beginning and end. In Clarksville, when I was living and working at Rudy's Camps, Gramp White and his wife Nana, as all of us called her, sometimes came to fish, and a couple of times rented a cabin. Either way, I was the guy who got to row them around the pond. Gramp could cast, but not so much, his background consisting of catching sea-run trout in Jonesport. Nana couldn't cast at all, so we trolled, even when a terrific hatch was on and fish were jumping all around, begging for a cast. "Mertie," she'd say (Gramp's name was Merton), "I think I have a fish," the sign of this being that her rod had been yanked into the back of the boat, and I'd

take the rod from her, take the slack out of the line and get the tip of the rod into the air, and hand it to Gramp. They'd keep just a few. They loved them for breakfast, dredged in a little seasoned flour and fried up in bacon fat. Rudy called me "Bub," but my grandfather called me "Bucko." When they came to Colebrook for a visit, and the preliminary visiting was done, he'd say "Let's go fishing, Bucko," and off we'd go. This was back in my worm days, before I discovered fly fishing. To get worms we went up to the Ted Hughes farm on Hughes Road, where on the site of an old manure pile there were plenty. We always asked first, of course, and Ted, a gentle and soft-spoken man, always took time

out from his chores to visit. And then we'd fish, oh, the Mohawk, a river by my standards, and I'd get lost in thought the way you sometimes do at a deep pool, and I'd lose track of my grandfather, and then he'd come along and pass me by, in the hopscotch way that is the courtesy of stream fishing, and say with a wink, "You never know, Bucko---maybe a big one in the next hole."

*(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 [campguy-hooligan@gmail.com](mailto:campguy-hooligan@gmail.com) or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

Earick

FROM PAGE A7  
lead to [PreK-12] teacher certification in New Hampshire, with each district committing to a three-year partnership. In her first significant step as director, Dr. Earick issued a response for engagement (RFE) resulting in three-year partnership engagements with the Manchester School District, SAU46 (comprising Andover and Merrimack Valley School Districts) and Pittsfield School District. The Center has capacity to partner with approximately six New Hampshire school districts for the 2018-2019 academic year "I am excited to return to Plymouth and to be in a position to truly impact future educators – and NH's PreK-12 students," said Earick. "The Center's evolution dovetails beautifully with PSU's transformation to an Integrated Clusters model, and I am honored to have the

opportunity to be part of bringing this vision to fruition." In keeping with PSU's integrated clusters model, The Holmes Center involves students and school districts in research on PDS schools' problems of practice, while also designing personalized professional learning opportunities for each partnership school. The Holmes Center also develops internships for students that focus on districts implementing personalized inclusive educational pathways for children and youth. The Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation will hold its inaugural Problems of Practice Education Summit in August of 2018 at Plymouth State University. The event will feature expert presenters and provide information and training for professional educators. For more information about The Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator


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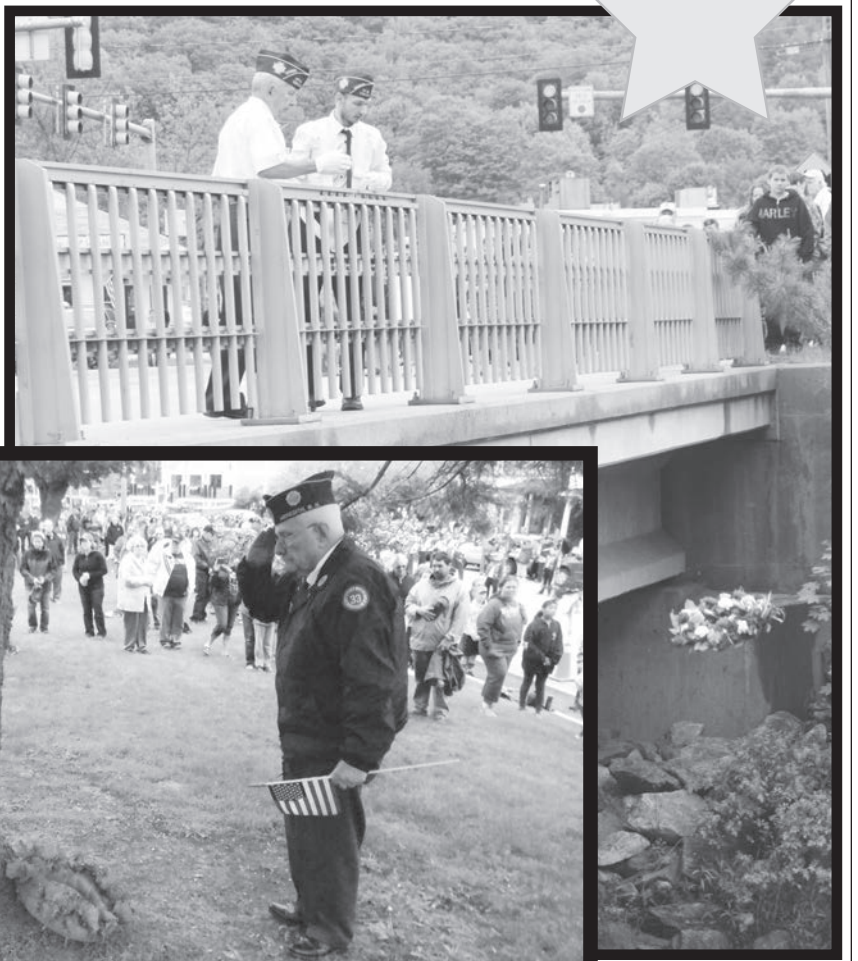
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Park

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felt the park is in a great central location with beautiful vistas of Little Round Top and Sugar Hill, it's just too hidden and has too much wide-open space that could be used in better ways. Among the top suggestions they had was to make the park a more visible part of downtown Bristol. The way to do that, Sturtevant

said, would be not just through better signage, but better accessibility. The group suggested a new entrance to the park off of Lake Street, between Kathleen's Cottage and the middle school, with shared parking with the school in the lot where the buses now park. They also showed suggested moving the tennis and basketball courts to that Lake Street side of the park where there is

currently nothing but lawn. Another recommendation the team offered was to move the baseball field beside the pavilion to the opposite corner of the park, facing North Main Street. That move would first of all give the ball field better sunlight orientation during a game. Grass could then be planted where the field is now located, providing nicer lawn seating



Experts in the fields of architecture, landscaping, recreation, historic preservation, law and more presented ideas for improvements to Kelley Park during a two-day charrette in Bristol last week.

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for the outdoor concerts. A centralized, two-story concession stand along the North Main Street side of the park could be built into the embankment and serve a few purposes. Architectural sketches they drew up showed terraced steps and a ramp beside the building, with bathrooms up top along the street then a kitchen and storage area below at field level. An extended roof off the front of the building could replace the current pavilion, with tables and seating areas for picnics on the side. "It would be utilitarian, but light and elegant, and would have no heavy footprint on the park," architects explained. The group also suggested planting shrubs along a winding path through the middle of

the park to create "two rooms" of space that would give the area more character. Benches along the path would offer a relaxing place to sit and ultimately bring more of a true park atmosphere to the property. Along North Main Street they found the banking was somewhat eroded and the grass along the parking spaces was worn from people walking along it. The suggestion was to build a sidewalk along that side of the park that would connect to downtown, encouraging more foot traffic between there and Central Square's businesses, restaurants and the riverfront. "What we have here today are just recommendations," Sturtevant explained. "There are some big ideas here that can be

done incrementally... and with every step you take, have a party!" Make it yours though, he advised. Don't do it because Plan NH said so. Response from those on hand for the reveal was most favorable. Many agreed that cost would be an issue with some of the recommendations, but other simpler things could be done in the meantime. One person was amazed by many of the ideas he heard that day. He commented that a lot of what the panel came up with seemed so obvious in hindsight, but people often get used to the way things are. A fresh look from the outside is sometimes quite eye opening. Claire Moorhead, an events planner who has worked with the town for several years, was thrilled with the results of the charrette. "This community has so much energy and there are so many people who invest their time in it. I think this was phenomenal," she said. The Kelley Park Committee will now take the recommendations presented by Plan NH into consideration as they begin to map out a vision for the future of the park.



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# Newfound Landing Sports

Section **B**  
Thursday,

Thursday, May 24, 2018

## Pruett, Skoog win Wilderness League titles *Peterson sets school javelin record*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Newfound track boys

### What's On Tap

The regular season wraps up for the local high school teams as the playoffs also get under way in the coming week.

The Newfound baseball and softball teams will wrap up the regular season on Friday, May 25, at 4:30 p.m., hosting Inter-Lakes.

The Newfound track team will be at the Division III State Meet at Winnisquam on Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

The Plymouth baseball team will be at Hanover while the Bobcat softball team will be at Trinity, both today, Thursday, May 24, with baseball at 4:30 p.m. and softball at 4 p.m.

The Plymouth lacrosse teams are taking on Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough on Friday, May 25, with the boys at home and the girls on the road, both at 4:30 p.m.

The Plymouth track team will be at the Division II State Meet on Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m. at Kennett.

The Division II girls' tennis  
SEE **ON TAP** PAGE B8

### Coaching openings at Newfound

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School has the following coach openings for 2018-19: Varsity field hockey, JV field hockey, JV volleyball, unified soccer and unified basketball. If interested, please send letter of interest and resume to Supt. Stacy Buckley, SAU 4, 20 North Main St., Bristol, NH 03222. Questions should be directed to Peter Cofran, Athletic Director, at 744-6006, x1507 or pcofr@sau4.org.



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Jasmine Peterson broke the Newfound javelin record last week, throwing 116 feet, two inches.



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Amy Combs breaks from the blocks in the 100 meters on Saturday in Gilford.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Quentin Dancewicz-Helmers (left) and Matt Libby clear the hurdles in the 110-meter finals on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ethan Pruett threw his way to the Wilderness title in the shot put and the discus on Saturday.

and girls both finished in sixth place at the Wilderness League Championships on Saturday, May 19, in Gilford.

For the Newfound girls, the highlight came in the throwing events, where three Bears earned top three finishes.

In the shot put, freshman Oceanne Skoog came throw with an impressive throw of 33 feet, half an inch to win the shot put, while Ashlee Dukette finished in third place at 32 feet, six inches. Alexis Raimondi just missed out on points with a seventh place finish at 28 feet and Megan Stafford threw 25 feet, eight inches.

Jasmine Peterson finished in second place overall in the javelin with a distance of 109 feet and Dukette finished in third place with a toss of 100 feet.

Earlier in the week, Peterson threw 116 feet, two inches to set the new school record, breaking Lexie Sinclair's record from 2013 by almost seven feet.

Peterson also finished in the points in the high jump, clearing four feet, seven inches to finish in fourth place.

The other points for the Newfound girls came in the 4X400-meter relay, where the team of Danessa Duclos, Leslie Shattuck, Amy Combs and Manon DeGreef ran to fourth place in a time of 4:49.44.

In the 100 meters, Amy Combs finished in 15th place in 14.62 seconds, with Shyann Seymour in 32nd place in 15.25 seconds, Lilly Wright in 43rd place in 16.64 and Stafford in 44th place in 16.87 seconds. Combs was also 12th in the 200 meters with a time of 29.45 seconds and Seymour was 20th in 31.44 seconds. In the 800 meters, DeGreef finished in a time of 2:56.58 for 23rd place overall. Autumn Braley finished in 15th place in the 100-meter hurdles in 21.36 and in the 4X100-meter relay, the team of Seymour, Stafford, Julia Rose and Combs finished in ninth

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Camden MacDonald corrals the ball during action against Kearsarge last week.



Chris Patnaude goes airborne to make a save in action Thursday afternoon against Kearsarge.

# Bobcat lacrosse boys roll past Cougars

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — After a strong first half against Kearsarge on Thursday, May 17, Plymouth boys' lacrosse assistant coach Dave Hand was concerned about the "third quarter blues."

As it turned out, there wasn't much to worry about, as the Bobcats allowed just one goal in the period and scored five of their own on the way to a 16-7 win over the Cougars.

"We haven't had a game where we were focused for a full four quarters," said coach Glenn Mausolf. "I think today is the closest we've come to that."

Kearsarge actually started the game strong, sending one chance wide and another off the post. Less than two minutes into the game the Cougars got the first goal to

take a 1-0 lead. They continued to pressure but it was Plymouth who got the next goal, as Nolan Farina fired a shot into the net with 7:21 to go to tie the game.

The visitors ripped a shot past Plymouth keeper Chris Patnaude to make it 2-1 but the Bobcats came back with good chances. Connor Magowan sent a shot on net that was turned away before Farina picked up his second goal, putting one in the net with 5:46 to go to tie the score. Farina found Marcus Morel with a good bid that was denied by the Kearsarge keeper.

The Bobcats took their first lead of the game with 4:28 to go, as Cody Bannon made a nice feed to Zack Ross, who put the ball in the net for the 3-2 lead.

Less than a minute later, Morel made a nice

feed to Ross, who picked up his second goal of the game to make it 4-2. The hosts continued to pressure and with 1:26 to go, Magowan made a great run down the field and Morel was able to finish off the run with Plymouth's fifth goal, pushing the lead to 5-2.

Kearsarge was able to score with less than a minute to go in the half, cutting the lead to 5-3. In the final seconds, Farina had a shot go wide and Patnaude made a nice save at the other end to close out the quarter with Plymouth up 5-3.

Plymouth had the best of the chances early in the second quarter, though Kearsarge had a couple bids go wide and Josh Johnston was strong on defense. Magowan and Farina both had chances in the offensive zone but the Cougars were able to cut the lead to one with 6:41 to go on a long shot.

The Bobcats answered right back, with Farina firing a shot behind his back and into the net to make it 6-4. Magowan then sent a nice feed into Steven Shute, who put the ball in the net for the 7-4 lead with 3:37 to go and just nine seconds later, Shute scored again off a feed from Magowan to make it 8-4. Morel had a couple of late shots that didn't land, but with nine seconds to go, Shute got in close and put the ball in for the 9-4 lead at the halftime break.

Vance Acton and Mo-

rel had early shots in the third quarter that were denied by the Cougar keeper and it was Morel that got the Bobcats on the board first, as he put the ball in the net with 9:19 to go in the quarter. With 7:54 to go, Johnston stepped in front of a Cougar pass, raced the ball down the field and found Ross, who put the ball in the net for the 11-4 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Ross picked up a loose ball in front of the net and fired the ball over his shoulder and into the net for the 12-4 lead. Kearsarge came back with the next goal, cutting the lead to 12-5 and Patnaude came back with a save for the Bobcats.

With 2:50 to go in the frame, Farina found Morel in close for another tally but the Cougars answered with a goal with 1:43 to play to make it 13-6.

However, the Bobcats finished off the scoring in the third quarter, as Magowan found Ross, who in turn made a nice pass to Morel, who put the ball in the net with 37 seconds to go to send the hosts to the fourth quarter with a 14-6 lead.

Kearsarge got the first goal of the fourth quarter just more than two minutes in and then fired a shot off the post. However, Plymouth came back with another goal, as Farina found Ross, who made a nice move in front of the net to push the lead to 15-7 with 8:28 to go.

Just more than two

minutes later, Farina finished off a Kearsarge turnover with another tally for the 16-7 lead. Shute, Sawyer Wilcox, Morel and Peter Wingsted continued the attack for the Bobcats in the final few minutes and Patnaude made another save to close out the 16-7 win.

"You want to raise your level of play higher and higher as the days get closer to the playoffs," Mausolf said. "Everyone is ready come playoff time and we want to match that intensity and emotion."

With Ross scoring five goals, Morel and Farina each adding four and Shute putting in three, Mausolf said the

group of attacks works well together.

"They share the ball well, they look for one another and have a good sense of where they're going to be," the Bobcat coach added.

He also praised the work of Patnaude in the Plymouth net, as he once again backstopped the team's effort.

The Bobcats move to 8-3 heading to the final week of the regular season. The Bobcats will host Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough on Friday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the regular season finale.

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# Bobcats stage epic comeback, knock off Eagles

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — In a battle for playoff positioning, the Kennett and Plymouth tennis teams played into the evening on Tuesday, May 15, with the Bobcats rallying from a 4-2 deficit after singles to claim a 5-4 win at the Jon C. Judge Tennis Park.

“I thought it was a little too much of a deficit for us today,” said Plymouth coach Hayden Roma. “But it was a good, good competitive match.”

“It’s almost like the Kennett-Plymouth tennis rivalry is the Kennett-Plymouth football rivalry,” said Kennett coach Joe Murphy. “We knew they’re a good team, we knew they don’t give up.”

After a sunny day, the clouds arrived about an hour before the teams were set to start their match and with the clouds came the rain. The Eagles headed to the court with squeegees and leaf blowers but the rain returned. The Eagles made another attempt at clearing the courts but again the rain came and stopped them in their tracks. Finally, the third try proved to be the lucky one, as they got the courts dried off and the match was started nearly an hour and a half late at about 6 p.m.

With the threat of darkness on the horizon, the singles matches went well for the Eagles, as the hosts took four of the six singles matches.

The first match off the court was at number three, where Kennett’s Jack Thompson got an 8-1 win over Plymouth’s Adam Means.

The number two match was next off the court, with Kennett’s Willie Alber defeating



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lucas Johnstone picked up big wins in both singles and doubles last week in North Conway.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cam Donnell got a big win in doubles to clinch Plymouth’s comeback over Kennett last week.

Plymouth’s Jackson Morrell by an 8-4 score.

The Bobcats got on the board at the number four spot, where Bobcat Graham Pogue picked up an 8-3 win over Kennett’s Alex Nemeth.

Wilder Byrne finished off an 8-3 win at number five for Kennett over Plymouth’s Cam Donnell for a 3-1 lead.

Moments later, Kennett’s Jack Wheeler came through with an 8-1 win over Plymouth’s Roger Babin to give the Eagles the 4-1 win with one match left on the court.

At number one, Kennett’s Eric Schandor and Plymouth’s Luke Johnstone battled back and

forth with Johnstone eventually getting the 8-6 win to send the match to doubles with the Eagles up 4-2.

The number one doubles matchup saw Alber and Thompson get out to

a quick lead over Babin and Johnstone, but the Bobcat boys battled back and claimed an 8-6 win to keep hopes alive for Plymouth.

The next match off the court was the number two doubles team, where Pogue and Morrell fought their way to an 8-6 win over Schandor and Nemeth, putting the fate of the entire match on the number three doubles matchup.

In that battle, Wheeler and Byrne battled against Means and Donnell back and forth and they were eventually forced to a tiebreaker, tied at eight. With darkness setting in over the North Conway campus, the coaches gave the kids the option of continuing the match a few days later prior to the teams meeting in Plymouth, but the four kids agreed to continue to play and the Bobcats got the 7-5 win in the tiebreaker to finish off the comeback and the 5-4 win for the Bobcats.

“It’s good to see the northern teams doing so well,” Roma added.

“In doubles we didn’t seem ready for the ball at the net,” Murphy said. “Up 4-2, it’s dangerous, the team you’re playing has nothing to lose.”

The two teams met again in Plymouth on Friday with the Bobcats again getting the 5-4 win.

Kennett finishes at 9-3 and Plymouth finished at 12-1.

The Division II playoffs began after deadline on Tuesday and continue today, May 24, at the home of the higher seed. The finals are Tuesday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Bedford High School.

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But under the new tax laws, the standard deduction is almost doubled for 2018, to \$24,000 for joint filers, and \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, far fewer people are likely to itemize their deductions.

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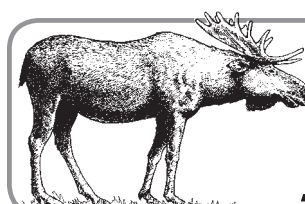
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In this job, Saturday is not really a day off, as it is for many people. Usually there is plenty of things that need covering, whether it's a track meet, a race or some other game going on. I don't get too many Saturdays off, but sometimes, I can get away for part of a day.

This past Saturday was a busy day on the schedule, starting with the Wilderness League track championships, which took place in Gilford. All five of my high schools had athletes competing in the annual meet, which is traditionally a good meet for me to cover because of that fact. Even better is the fact that the meet starts an hour earlier than most Saturday meets. Starting at 9 a.m. meant that I was able to see just about two hours of the meet before I had to leave. I saw athletes from each of my schools and left just before 11 a.m.

## SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

The one problem with the Wilderness League championships is that it is usually held the same day as the annual Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race in Wolfeboro, which is one of my favorite events of the year to cover. It's one of my favorite events because it is the event where I traditionally get some of the best pictures I take all year.

I left the track meet and drove to Wolfeboro and out to Albee Beach, where the weather was completely different than what I left in Gilford. The sunshine and blue sky that filled the morning in Gilford was met by clouds and lots of wind coming off of Lake Wentworth as the canoes and kayaks



JOSHUA SPAULDING

MY MOTHER and her boyfriend Michael joined me at the Red Sox game on Saturday night at Fenway Park.

lined up to prepare for the start of the race.

The threat of rain probably kept the number of entries in the race down a bit this year, but those that came through the Smith River whitewater to the town docks seemed to enjoy themselves. However, I must note that this year seemed to set a record for the most empty canoes coming through the whitewater behind the Wright Museum, where I position myself every year. Spectators on the other side of the river were able to rescue the canoes and it appeared that the people who had been in the canoe were all OK.

However, I also had to leave the canoe race a bit earlier than normal as well. For Christmas, I bought my mother and her boyfriend Michael tickets to the Red Sox and Saturday was the game. I drove

to Tilton and met them there and drove into Boston, with the rain falling most of the way. My mother was absolutely convinced that the game was going to be postponed, but we arrived at Fenway Park and soon enough, the grounds crew came out and removed the tarp and the game started on time.

And for once, the Red Sox actually won a game I was at. Rafael Devers had a homer to tie the game and then Mookie Betts and Andrew Benintendi hit back-to-back homers to give the Sox the lead before a Benintendi base hit provided a little insurance at the end of the game and they got the 6-3 win.

All told, it was a busy day, but one where I got to enjoy a little time away from work, and that's never a bad thing.

Finally, have a great

day Brian and Sandi Swinerton.

Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor for the Granite State News, Carroll County Independent, Meredith News, Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfound Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress.news at 279-4516, or PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.

## Curling championships coming to Plymouth State in June

PLYMOUTH — The Grand National Curling Club, which is not actually a curling club but rather the name of the regional curling association, will be hosting its Arena Club Curling Championship in Plymouth from June 22 to 24. They are expecting 20 to 24 teams from clubs all along the east coast, including teams from South Carolina and Georgia that are planning to attend.

They will be curling at the ice arena at Plymouth State University. It's free and open to the public.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cian Connor leaps to sixth place in the triple jump on Saturday.

## Track

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place in a time of 56.82 seconds. Wright finished seventh in the pole vault by clearing five feet, five inches. Raimondi was 18th in the triple jump with a distance of 25 feet, 10 inches.

Throwing events were also the big point-getters for the Newfound boys.

In the shot put, Ethan Pruett took top honors with a toss of 41 feet, 5.5 inches and teammate Mason Dalphonse threw 38 feet, 8.5 inches to take sixth place overall.

Pruett also won the discus with a toss of 123 feet, 10 inches, with Dalphonse in 10th at 101 feet, 10 inches, Zach Patten in 11th at 100 feet, 10 inches and Trevor Robie in 12th at 100 feet, three inches.

Reid Wilkins cleared six feet to finish second in the high jump with a height of six feet, with Dancewicz-Helmers in eighth place at five feet, four inches.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Matt Libby was second in the preliminaries in 17.14 seconds and Dancewicz-Helmers was seventh in 19.69 and both moved on to the finals, where Libby finished second in 16.63 seconds and Dancewicz-Helmers was sixth in 19.38 seconds.

Dancewicz-Helmers also snagged a point in

the long jump with a sixth place finish at 18 feet, nine inches, with Rolando Sylvain-Stott in 22nd at 16 feet, seven inches and Cian Connor in 25th place at 16 feet, three inches.

Connor picked up a point in the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet, 6.5 inches for sixth place.

The Bear 4X100-meter team of Justin Shokal, Libby, Tiellar Mitchell and Cam Anderson finished in fourth place in 47.07 seconds.

In the 100 meters, Shokal was 14th in 12.52 seconds, with Cam Anderson in 24th in 12.82, Sylvain-Stott in 29th in 13.07, Aidon Anderson in 31st in 13.2 and Jason Liang in 38th in 14.06. Cam Anderson was 12th in the 200 meters in 25.47 and Aidon Anderson was 28th in 27.41 seconds. James Shokal finished eighth in the 3,200 meters in 11:43.57. Dylan Perkins finished eighth in the pole vault with a height of nine feet, two inches while in the javelin, Shawn Huckins was 10th at 110 feet.

The Bears who have qualified have now moved on to the Division III State Meet, which takes place on Saturday, May 26, at Winnisquam at 2 p.m.

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## On Tap

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semifinals are Friday, May 25, at the home of the higher seed and the finals are Wednesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at Bedford High School.

The Division II boys' tennis semifinals are today, May 24, at the home of the higher seed and the finals are Tuesday, May 29,

at 4 p.m. at Bedford High School. The Division II and III baseball tournaments get under way on Thursday, May 31, at 4 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division II softball tournaments start on Wednesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division III girls' lacrosse tournament starts on Thursday, May 31, at the home of the higher seed at 5 p.m.