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COMPLIMENTARY

“NH Chronicle” profiles Kathleen’s Irish Pub

BY DONNA RHODES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BRISTOL – Over the course of next week, denizens of the Newfound region may see some familiar sights and faces on WMUR’s “New Hampshire Chronicle” series, as the nightly program highlights one of the state’s favorite Irish restaurants, Kathleen’s Irish Pub on Lake Street in Bristol.

For about a decade now viewers of Channel 9 in Manchester have voted the restaurant as their top spot to experience a taste of Ireland, especially on St. Patrick’s Day where it’s said their corned beef and cabbage, Guinness beer and Irish atmosphere can’t be beat. Voting for this year’s Best Corned Beef and Cabbage in the state is now underway at WMUR.com and

Newfound and Plymouth face off on “Granite State Challenge”

DURHAM — Newfound Regional High meets Plymouth Regional High in the “Granite State Challenge” on Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. on NHPBS.

Playing for Newfound Regional High are team captain and senior, Nick Mazur, junior Kinsey Boardman, and seniors Evan Foster and Lauren Paige. The coach for the team is social studies teacher Amy Doolin. Newfound Regional High is located in Bristol and enrolls around 387 students from Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, Hill, and New Hampton.

Playing for Plymouth Regional High are the team captain

and junior Reagan Sutherland, and seniors Khalil Dakhli, Paul Mason, and Ethan Savage. The team alternates are juniors Norman Sackett and Max Shaman-sky. The coaches for the team are programming, drafting, and engineering teacher Jay Fogarty and Spanish teacher Troy Harris. Plymouth Regional High enrolls around 647 students from Plymouth, Ashland, Holderness, Campton, Rumney, Wentworth, Ellsworth, Waterville Valley, and Thornton.

The winner of the game will move on to the quarterfinals where they will meet the winner of the next Round One

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DONNA RHODES

Malcolm Patterson, the regional sales representative for Guinness beer, showed WMUR hosts Audrey Cox and Erin Fehlau how to pour a perfect pint during their visit to Kathleen’s Irish Pub last Thursday.

on their Facebook page.

In the meantime, WMUR hosts Erin Fehlau, Audrey Cox and their crew traveled to the pub last Thursday morning where they were greeted by a full house of local residents. They had all been invited to a private party for the filming of several segments centered around the authentic touch of Ireland the restaurant brings to New Hampshire.

Owner David McMullen was all smiles when friends, neighbors and regular customers the establishment had invited began to arrive that morning. As they gathered

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PRHS Robotics team finishes strong for the year

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Regional High School VEX robotics team 99119 finished their competitive year on Feb. 17 at the NH/VT State Championship held at Manchester Community College. Three of the four robots had been invited based upon the season’s results at tournaments in the region. Teams 99119A, 99119B, and 99119C competed against 40 other teams to move on to the VEX World Championship in Dallas Texas in late April. Tournament winners and those receiving the Design, Skills, and Excellence Awards would receive the prestigious invitation to Worlds.

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COURTESY

Members of Team 99119 (Left to right): Xander Tirrell, Maddox Allain, Sam Liebert, Conner Heindereich, Trenton Pawlik. Seated: Patrick Gleich. Missing from the picture are Christine Kuan, Loki Kulakovich, Sam Mussavage, Royce Provencher

Cats stun defending champs in OT to earn semifinal berth

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

LACONIA — The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team has never played a playoff game on its home sheet of ice, until now.

After allowing a two-goal advantage to vanish, the Cats were able to remain focused and stuck with their game plan and it paid off. Number six Kearsarge-Plymouth netted the equalizer in the final seconds and caught a lucky bounce or two for the game-winner in overtime to upend defending champion and number three Belmont-Gilford 4-3 in the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division III tournament here at Merrill Fay Arena.

“Our boys were awesome tonight. They came ready to play. We have 10 seniors and all 10 of them contributed,” said Kearsarge-Plymouth coach Justin Garzia after the thrilling victory. The Cats were slated to take on number



JOE SOUZA

Members of the Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team celebrate after knocking off area rival Belmont-Gilford in the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division III tournament.

two Pembroke-Campbell in the 7:30 p.m. semifinal contest after deadline Wednesday in their home arena at Plymouth State University.

The Cats have come

accustomed to playing extra time this winter as they moved to 3-1-1 in five overtime contests this season. The tie was a 3-3 decision against the Bulldogs.

Despite a solid start, it didn’t look good for the Cats. Belmont-Gilford, who stormed back from a 2-0 deficit to grab a 3-2 lead early in the third period, appeared to be in

control heading into the final minutes of action. The Cats pulled goalie Owen Garzia with just under a minute to go, and they kept the pressure on Belmont-Gilford

until captain Brennan Johnson’s shot from the point found its way into the back of the goal to knot the contest at 3-3 with 12.6 seconds remaining.

Neither team seized control early in the overtime period, but a hard forecheck paid off for the Cats. Jack Swanson skated in on a Belmont-Gilford defenseman rounding the BG net. The clear hit Swanson and bounced seemingly in slow motion over BG goalie Carson McGreevy’s pad and stick just inside the post, barely crossing the goal line to set off the Cat celebration.

“Yeah, the bounces didn’t go our way,” BG head coach Jason Parent said following the tough loss. “That happens with water on the ice. They didn’t give us enough time. An extra two minutes and the water would’ve frozen.”

“But it’s more about us and what we didn’t

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Local producers prepare for annual Maple Weekend

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

REGION — March has arrived, and that means it's the sweetest time of the year for pancake lovers and those who enjoy other great maple treats and baked goods, some made with newer recipes, others from recipes passed down over the years that have become a tradition in many New Hampshire families.

Each year March is declared Maple Month by the N.H. Maple Producers Association and this year the big Maple Weekend celebrations will take place March 16-17.

Maple doughnuts, breads, candies, maple mustard, cotton candy and even maple milk are just a few of the treats people can sample and buy at some locations when the doors of sugar shacks in New Hampshire are thrown open as they invite the public to stop in for a peek at the industry. Once inside, people will learn how the sap is collected, stored, then makes

its way into a system of pans to be boiled down to the sugary treat known as maple syrup. The public will also be educated on the grades (coloration) of syrup and what makes each taste a little different.

There are more than 150 members of the N.H. Maple Producers Association found in all corners of the state. Some are simple family run operations that might even still use the old-time metal buckets and spigots to collect sap from the maple trees on their property. Others have a much larger "sugar bush" (a heavily forested area of maple trees) at their disposal and use a modern system of tubing that collects the sap. These systems may be fed by gravity or in many instances now, pumped from the trees then delivered to a large collection container.

The origins of sugaring, the methods used and the products that come from it are what make a visit to any of the facilities an educational and delicious ex-



Maple products of all kinds, including "kid-approved" maple lollipops from Walkers Sugar Shack, can be found there and at many other maple producer locations over the state-wide Maple Weekend open door events March 16-17.

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perience.

Over the years, some of the larger producers have also come to host a number of entertaining activities as well. "Petting zoos" comprised of livestock some also raise, live music, food vendors and more can be found at some of the locations.

For those who want to explore "Maple Madness" locally, there are

a number of locations to visit in and around central New Hampshire. Among them are Walker's Sugar House at 2760 Smith River Rd. in Bristol; Bucklin's Sugar House at 94 Stoney Lane in Alexandria; Robie's Sugar Shack at 217 Town Pound Rd. in Alexandria; Torsey's Hillcrest Maple Farm, 178 Upper Oxbow Rd. in New Hampton; and Grandpa's Sugar Barn located

at 1375 Rte. 4 in Danbury.

Other nearby locations are Brox Farm, LLC, 1849 E. Rumney Rd.; Aribal Acres Sugar House at 37 Birch Lane in Holderness; Cotton Hill Sugar House, 469 Beech Hill Rd. in Warren; Benton's Sugar Shack, also serving breakfast and brunch at 2010 NH Rte. 175 in Thornton; and Just Maple at 475 School St., Tilton where besides tours and their gift shop,

there will be many festivities and food vendors on hand that day.

The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association also has a Web site, www.nhmapleproducers.com, listing these and many more locations to explore. Websites for each of the producers are linked to the page. There people will find information about their facilities, any activities they may offer over Maple Weekend, products they will have available for sale, and additional dates and times for tours they may be providing throughout the month.

For those interested in longer excursions, a few other locations that sound interesting just by their name alone are Muddy Boots Maple in Berlin, Syrup by the Sea in Portsmouth and Black Dog Bees and Maple Trees, LLC in Lebanon.

Wherever you go, rest assured it will be a delicious experience that will help get you through these last few weeks of winter.

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Fran Wendelboe

My qualifications and why you should vote for me:



served 3 years on the school board representing New Hampton (2020-2023)

chaired 3 years on the school budget committee representing New Hampton

I have been a resident and taxpayer since 1978.

our sons Jonathan and Christopher attended and graduated from Newfound

I served in the NH legislature representing New Hampton for 14 years.

My desire to serve my community has been the driving force behind my involvement. While in the legislature, I served on the finance committee and dealt with the eleven billion dollar state budget. I know how to analyze spending and make wise decisions for the taxpayers. I also understand the complexities of school funding and state mandates. As a mother, I understand the importance for our communities to provide a quality education on our kids.

WHY VOTE FOR FRAN?

I have 2 opponents from New Hampton and these are the factors you should consider in making your decision of which one to vote for:

Mr. Saler is a teacher at the New Hampton Prep School.

He lives on campus and is not a property tax payer. He has his heat, electric, housing and even food for his family provided by the tax exempt school. He has little in common with the average parent or taxpayer struggling to financially survive in this economy. Yet he decides on spending without having a thin dime invested. He was appointed to the position due to a vacancy. Because his wife is a teacher in the Newfound School District, it is a violation of school board policy for him to vote on certain issues. Voters do not get a full representation.

The other candidate is Michael Gilbert. He has no experience in school board issues nor any public service. He expressed publicly that he is running because he does not think Mr. Saler should be on the board. Voters will need to ask him why he thinks he is best qualified.

I believe my experience and past public service with the school board makes me very qualified. I ask for your vote on March 12.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.
My cell phone number is 603 381-7988 and
my email address is mattwenfran@myfairpoint.net

Paid for by Fran Wendelboe

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 562 students from 24 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that Abigail Frankauski of Ashland, Lillian Karkheck of Bristol, and Aquinnah Allain of Plymouth have been named to the Dean's List for

the fall 2023 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

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PSU students travel to Jamaica for service learning opportunity

PLYMOUTH — Twelve students from Plymouth State University's (PSU) Social Action Trip Club recently travelled to Petersfield and Galloway, in the sugar producing parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, where they learned about cross-cultural engagement and participated in hands-on community service projects. The club was hosted by service-learning travel organization Amizade and its local partner, the Petersfield Galloway Benevolent Society (PGBS) village tourism program.

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to run this trip experience again," said PSU Director of Student Life and the Office of Community Impact Jessica Dutille. "I am deeply grateful for

our long-standing partnership with Amizade and the PGBS, and I am incredibly proud of our students who participated."

In Jamaica, the students had the opportunity to stay with local families, savor authentic, home-cooked meals and learn about the history and culture of Jamaica. Students actively participated in PGBS activities, including the group's weekly board meetings. The immersive experience deepened students' cultural understanding and allowed them to forge meaningful connections with the local community.

PSU students and staff advisors also had opportunities to participate in local cultural experiences, including volunteering at the primary

schools and repairing picnic furniture and surrounding fencing at the local community park.

"This experience was so wonderful and I am so grateful to have been able to feel a part of the community in Petersfield and Galloway," said Social Action Trip Club President Corinne Cloutier. "This experience would not have been possible without the support of PSU and each of the students who joined us."

Over the course of a decade, PSU's Social Action Trip Club has travelled to Jamaica and partnered with PGBS five times, underscoring PSU's Office of Community Impact's continued commitment to impactful service-oriented learning and dedication to fostering global citizenship.



Plymouth State University's Social Action Trip Club recently travelled to Petersfield and Galloway, in the sugar producing parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, where they learned about cross-cultural engagement and participated in hands-on community service projects. PSU students and staff members pictured above (from left) Corinne Cloutier, Casey Krafton, Amelia Brown, Taylor Austin, Olivia Atkocaitis, Taylor Smith, Jessica Dutille, Madeline Woods, Sunita Gurung, Diana Daigle, Brianna Therrien and Cameron Donnell.

March is National Social Worker Appreciation Month

BY ANNA SWANSON
Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health

PLYMOUTH — As the nation's baby boomer generation reaches retirement age and life expectancy increases, the need for support care for individuals with an advanced illness grows more urgent. March is National Social Worker Appreciation month and we want to explain the importance of our palliative and hospice social workers and thank them for their compassionate work.

As someone approaches their end-of-

life, Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's social workers address issues related to the patient, family, caregivers, and the team of health care professionals involved in providing the care.

Patients who require palliative and/or hospice care can experience extreme challenges, including depression, anger, and anxiety; intense physical pain or discomfort; financial strain; social isolation; and family conflict. This phase of life often carries the added emotional weight of grief and bereavement and frequently involves



Social worker visiting patients in home.

For these reasons, the participation of social

workers is critically important to guide patients and families in navigating the many challenges and pitfalls as well as to identify opportunities to help them with the difficult process of end-of-life planning; manage the mental, emotional, familial, and monetary stressors of debilitating physical illness; understand patients' treatment plans and voice their needs; overcome crisis situations; and connect to other support services in the area.

Social workers must be flexible because every situation is unique; they must quickly adjust to each new environment. They play a key role in providing insight and preparing other members of the patient's team of health care professionals. They're also guides for advanced care planning (end of life wishes).

"Because it's performed in a stressful time of life for everyone involved, palliative/hospice social work can be challenging, but the rewards include the opportunity to make a deep connection with individuals, to celebrate their life stories, and to have a significantly positive impact on patients and their families," said Nancy Waugh, BSW for Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health.

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health invites the community to join

them in expressing gratitude to palliative and hospice social workers for their invaluable contributions and tireless dedication to serving others.

For more information about Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health and their palliative and hospice services, please call 603-536-2232 or visit their Web site: www.pbh-ha.org.

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health is a trusted, nonprofit agency proudly serving 32 towns in central and northern New Hampshire since 1967. Expert services include at-home health-care and physical therapies (VNA), hospice and palliative care, and community programs including: American Red Cross CPR/AED/FA, Caregiver and Bereavement Support Groups and Ask A Pemi-Baker Nurse days at your local senior centers. Providing compassionate care

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Fly fishing guide to speak to Trout Unlimited March 19

PLYMOUTH — Please join the Pemi-Chapter of Trout Unlimited for its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at the Common Man in Plymouth. This month the group is hosting Randy Ouellette, who will present a talk on "Fly Fishing the Whites."

D. Randall Ouellette (Randy) is a fully insured and licensed NH fly fishing guide based in Tamworth, where he resides with his wife Jennifer and two sons Declan and Mac. Ouellette is a consummate outdoorsman and conservationist. He specializes in fly angling in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire. He is the former president of Saco Valley Trout Unlimited. He also sits on the NH Trout Unlimited state council. He is a member of the NH Guides Association and the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ouellette is also a registered Special Use Permittee Holder Outfitter/Guide for the White Mountain National Forest, which allows him to lead trips specifically with in New Hampshire's prime wild trout territory.

Pemi-TU Chapter meetings are free and open to the public, all are welcome. Email PemiTU@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.



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Learn about fly fishing in the White Mountains at the March 19 Trout Unlimited meeting in Plymouth.

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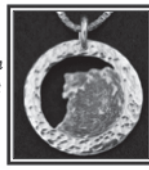


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CADY Corner

Child poisonings are preventable

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them live to their full potential. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like poisoning, is a step toward this goal.

Every year the third week of March we celebrate and observe National Poison Prevention Week. Established in 1961 by Congress, National Poison Prevention Week was originated to raise awareness of poison prevention and safety. This is an opportunity to highlight the dangers for children and promote community involvement in prevention.

Every day, 374 children in the United States ages 0 to 19 are treated in an emergency department, and two children die from poisonings. It's not just chemicals in your home marked with clear warning labels that can be dangerous to children. Everyday items in your home, such as household cleaners and medicines, can be poisonous to children as well. Active, curious children will often investigate—and sometimes try to eat or drink—anything that's left out and within their reach. Thankfully, there are ways you can help poison-proof your home and protect the children you love.

The following are safety tips for parents and caregivers: Lock them up. Keep medicines and toxic products, such as cleaning solutions, in locked or child-proof cabinets.

Know the number. Put the nationwide poison control center phone number, 1-800-222-1222, on or near every telephone in your home. You should also program it into your cellular phone. You can reach poison control centers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call poison control if you think a child has been poisoned and if they are awake and alert. Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and your child has collapsed or is not breathing. Read the label. Follow label directions and read all warnings when giving medicines to children. Button Cell or Coin Batteries. Keep products with accessible batteries away from children if the battery compartments do not have a screw closure or if the compartment is damaged. Check the toys in your home to make sure battery compartments are secured. Do not allow children to play with or be in contact with button cell or coin batteries. Household Cleaning Supplies. Keep chemicals, cleaning supplies, and laundry packets safely stored in a locked cabinet or box and out of the reach of children. Keep household chemicals in their original child-resistant containers. Don't keep it if you don't need it. Safely dispose of unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs at local police departments medication take back boxes. Be aware that if you dispose of unused medicines at home, they can be mixed with coffee grounds or kitty litter to make them less appealing to children. Better yet, contact CADY for free Deterra Drug Disposal Bags.

Please visit www.cdc.gov/safekid for podcasts, tip sheets, and other information on the leading causes of child injury and steps you can take to protect the children you love. For local prevention information, visit cadyinc.org to see a video by Pediatrician, Dr. Oliver Salmon, on poison prevention and child safety or FindWellNH.org.

Letters to the Editor

Hoping to continue serving Campton

To the Editor:

I am running for another three-year term as Campton Selectman.

I am a native to Campton, and have lived here my whole life. I started my community service at a young age, starting in the mid-'70s, serving on the Supervisors of the Checklist for 17 years and most of those as chairman.

One of my first accomplishments was to bring forward in the early '80s a motion to split town meeting into two days; election day and the following day the deliberative session. This was brought forward as on Election Day we could not count votes until the annual meeting was consummated resulting in election officials not getting home until around midnight.

I went onto serve as a member of the School Board for a short time and as a member of the Library Trustees and during that term we moved the town library from the Grange portion of the Historical Building to Campton Elementary School for many reasons which I would love to have a conversation about.

I have served as a Selectman for more than 21 years, and it has been a privilege to serve and use all my years of experience in Municipal government.

I would appreciate your vote so I can continue for another three years as your selectman.

Thank you.

Sharon L. Davis
Campton

We need a return to common sense in our schools

To the Editor:

Voters from New Hampton, Bristol, Bridgewater, Groton, Hebron, Alexandria, and Danbury will be voting on Tuesday, March 12 to elect school board members. All seven towns vote on the members being elected in all the towns.

I served as the New Hampton board member from 2020-2023. I am asking for your vote to re-elect me. My focus during my three-year term was to improve curriculum and increase student performance and test scores (which did improve after years of poor proficiency results). I consistently called for increased emphasis in those areas.

Our district also has two critical challenges in process:

1. the issue of Groton, Hebron and Bridgewater proposing leaving SAU 4 and
2. the issues of declining enrollment and aging infrastructure.

Only Groton, Hebron and Bridgewater can vote

on whether to withdraw from the district. Who you elect will need to deal with the consequences and come up with solutions.

I have lived and been a taxpayer in SAU 4 for 46 years, and both our sons attended and graduated from Newfound. I believe our students, staff and taxpayers deserve a transparent, well run school district which provides our kids with a quality education.

I am also an advocate for parent's rights and the importance of parental involvement and support of their child's education. We need a return to common sense and sanity in our schools.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. My phone is 381-7988. After 8 p.m. is best, as I will be making calls to voters until 8 p.m. My personal email is mattwenfran@myfairpoint.net.

Fran Wendelboe
New Hampton

Let's talk about immigration, Part 3

To the Editor:

I am responding to the op ed from the Thursday, Feb. 29 paper entitled, "Let's Talk About Immigration Part 2."

I do not question any of the many stats that Mr. Haley quoted. The situation is a huge crisis in many ways, and I totally agree. However, and this is big:

Two to three weeks ago the US Senate completed a bipartisan, comprehensive immigration bill which Senators had been negotiating for four solid months. (Work on this began because the US House said that they would not consider an immigration bill combined with a request for aid to Israel and Ukraine). So, Jim Lankford, a conservative Republican US Senator from Oklahoma, was selected by his Republican peers as the lead to represent their caucus in this effort; the Democrats selected Chris Murphy, a Democratic US Senator from Connecticut as the lead to represent their caucus. The resulting immigration bill was described by Lankford as a tough, conservative immigration bill he thought he'd never see—certainly something not seen in decades — a GOP wish list.

Here's a few of the things the bill would achieve: it gives President Biden the authority to actually shut down the border if a certain number of migrants were reached per day; it provides funding to address the critical shortage of immigration judges which now causes lengthy delays in asylum processing; the bill adds fifteen hundred border patrol agents to relieve those now so exhausted by the lack of staff and pays those existing agents what they have earned for overtime hours; it adds more X-ray machines, thereby enabling quick examination for fentanyl of all the vehicles going through the ports of entry.

Many other items are included; according to President Biden, it's the toughest security border bill

we've ever done. He said, "Send me this bill and I will sign it."

Even the conservative US Chamber of Commerce and the Wall Street Journal have expressed their support for the bill.

So, what happened? Politics happened. Donald Trump did not want this bill to see the light of day. He wants this to remain a wedge issue for his presidential campaign, and on his 'Truth Social' said, "I don't want Joe Biden to get the win for it."

So now, showing complete capitulation to Donald Trump, only four Republican Senators voted for the bill, and the Speaker of the US House, Republican Mike Johnson, has now refused to even introduce the bill in the House for consideration. Lankford has even gotten threats if he pursues this—according to The Week, Feb. 23 issue, quoted by Matt Lewis in The Daily Beast, "On the Senate floor, Lankford said, 'a popular commentator' had told him that if he 'solves the border crisis during this presidential year I will do whatever I can to destroy you.'"

Wow. So close to a real resolution and once again, torpedoed by politics. And threats. But just tonight, Joe Biden has publicly suggested to Donald Trump to join him in getting this bill passed.

One commentator said the Republican Party makes a lot of money on this border issue not being solved, but we'll see what happens with public pressure. If you also feel strongly about this issue, you might want to call Annie Kuster and/or Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan to give them your opinions.

As Mr. Haley said, Americans are smart. But as citizens in a democracy, they also should be fully informed before casting their vote.

Carol Lenahan
Campton

Return Karl Kelly to Campton's Select Board

To the Editor:

I've been a property owner close to 27 years in Campton, and I've had the privilege to know Karl Kelly firsthand as a Campton town selectman. Many Campton residents have known Karl even more years than me.

My husband and I want an honest, diligent conservative of fiscal responsibilities, and if you are in agreement, then you will also vote Karl Kelly.

Karl has been in the Campton area his entire life, and knows firsthand not to spend money Campton doesn't have. Over the years, I've seen our property taxes skyrocket with no end in sight.

A lot of townspeople may seek this job, but they don't have the experience or know how to win the town's trust. We trust Karl Kelly, and he has our endorsement and our devoted respect. And that is why Karl needs to be our selectman, as he knows Campton, being a resident most of his entire life, and knows the work requirements for a job well done.

Liz and Bill DeSantis
Campton

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Letters to the Editor

Write in Abby Batchelder for Library Trustee

To the Editor:

Please join me in writing in Abby Batchelder for Plymouth Library Trustee at the Plymouth Annual Town Election on Tuesday, March 12. Abby is the granddaughter of Judge Bill Batchelder and Betty Batchelder, so she comes from a family with a long history of service to the community.

The Board of Trustees for Pease Public Library has two positions open, but only one candidate, Charlene Whitman who, as an incumbent, is also a terrif-

ic candidate. No one else signed up to run during the short filing period at the end of January. Seeing a looming vacancy on the Board, Abby decided to give it a try through a write-in campaign.

Abby Batchelder will be a solid, dependable addition to the existing Board. Please write in her name to keep our library strong and vibrant.

Joyce Weston
Plymouth

We are all descended from strangers in a strange land

To the Editor:

There are many respected pollsters examining American attitudes regarding any number of topics. Pollsters take a representative sample of opinions of the current U.S. population of approximately 337 million.

The Pew Research Center reports that 80 percent of Americans believe "the government is doing a bad job handling the migrant influx." That statement might negatively influence broader opinions. Those looking for the results of polls that have investigated American attitudes toward the immigrants themselves might find the following websites informative:

Unbiased polls intending to report on non-political viewpoints toward immigration:

1. Gallup Poll: Google search: Gallup immigration historical trends

2. Migration Policy Institute: Google search: MPI Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants

Unbiased polls intending to report on political viewpoints toward immigration:

1. Pew Research Center: Google search: Pew how Americans view the situation at the US Mexico border

2. Gallup Poll: Google search: U.S. Immigration Views Remain Mixed and Highly Partisan

It's a complicated issue, but let's not blame the immigrants. Somewhere in nearly all of our family trees, there is someone who was once a stranger in a strange land.

Robert Fitzpatrick
Holderness

Join me in affirming our faith in democratic values

To the Editor:

I am just learning that a group of citizens have petitioned the town to discontinue the use of counting machines at elections and return to hand counting. The vote will be Article 10 on the 2024 Warrant to be voted on at Plymouth Town Meeting, Thursday March 13 at PRHS.

This warrant is being placed on 10-12 town warrants in New Hampshire towns. This is not a home-grown issue, but a concerted outside effort to sow doubt on the process of elections in America, now including elections at the town level. There is a disturbing pattern here of casting doubt on our known and trusted democratic institutions and it is coming right here to the local level.

The voting machine simply counts ballots. Voting machines are not connected to the internet and are a proven, reliable way of ensuring accurate, secret ballots. To imply otherwise is an attempt to degrade people's trust in the democratic processes by which we have created the best system of government the world has ever known. If you want to join me in affirming faith in our fellow citizens and democratic values, please vote no to Article 10.

Steve Rand
Plymouth

An unjustified expense

To the Editor:

There is a warrant article to be voted on in Bristol to purchase and demolish the Baptist Church parsonage. The purpose of this would be to create more parking for downtown. I understand that the parking would be what already exists behind the church and the land under the building would become greenspace.

I'm always hearing that Bristol needs more parking, but what Bristol really needs is for the business owners and apartment dwellers to not take up parking spaces during the day in the downtown. There are parking lots that are only a short walk from downtown and readily

available. I don't understand why a business owner would park in front of their business and make their potential customers hunt for a parking spot. Maybe we should have a time limit on parking, like many other places do.

The town is asking the taxpayers to spend over \$87,000 for a small amount of parking. I do not think that is a necessary expense at this time.

Lucille Keegan
Bristol

Transparency, fiscal responsibility, and community: support Nik Coates for Campton Select Board

To the Editor:

As a member of the Campton community and dedicated Select Board representative for the past three years, I am running for re-election to the Campton Select Board. It has been a privilege to serve Campton's taxpayers, and I am committed to continuing the progress the Select Board and community has made together.

Reflecting on the past three years, I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved as a community. Together, we have worked to address the pressing issues facing our town while staying true to our values and principles. Our collective efforts have strengthened Campton and positioned us for a better future.

One of my key priorities over the past three years has been investing in Campton's roads and infrastructure. Through strategic planning and responsible budgeting, we have made improvements to our roads and culverts. However, there is still work to be done, and I am committed to continuing to prioritize infrastructure projects that enhance the safety and well-being of our residents.

Maintaining a transparent municipal government has been another cornerstone of my time on the Select Board. I believe that an informed and engaged community is essential to effective governance. That is why I have championed initiatives to increase transparency, including adding more resources to the Town website like documents and reports and making informative podcasts with other Select Board members about town issues. During my time, the Select Board also began holding regular public work sessions so that taxpayers can see how their government operates. If reelected, I plan to build on these effective efforts.

Creating greater fiscal responsibility and discipline has been a guiding principle of my service on the Select Board. By focusing on needs versus wants, we have been able to make responsible decisions that prioritize essential services while being mindful of taxpayer dollars. The Select Board in 2023 proposed to increase the road infrastructure budget to \$750,000, which did raise the Town's tax rate, but the Select Board made that decision having heard loud and clear from residents at Town Meeting and board meetings that roads are a priority. As a result, the Select Board made some tough decisions during this year's operating budget discussions, including reducing a request for adding a full time compliance and health officer position. The board felt strongly that we needed more data on the needs of the position before increasing the budget further. As we look to the future, I am committed to continuing sound fiscal decisions like making decisions on what the data tells us and working with our new Town Ad-

ministrator on performance metrics for our budget.

Another core value that I hold dear is the preservation of our natural environment. Campton's natural beauty is one of our greatest assets, and we must be diligent stewards of our land and resources. Over the past three years, I have supported local open space and conservation efforts from the Conservation Commission, working to protect our forests, water, and wildlife habitats for future generations to enjoy. Preserving our environment is not only essential for our quality of life but also for our economic vitality.

In addition to our commitment to these core principals, the Select Board during my time supported a comprehensive wage study. This study aimed to ensure that Campton remains competitive in the marketplace by providing fair and competitive wages and benefits to our employees. While we recognize that we are neither the highest-paying nor the lowest-paying town, we are dedicated to ensuring that our compensation packages attract and retain top talent while also being fiscally responsible. This commitment underscores our belief in valuing the hard work and dedication of our town employees, who play a vital role in serving our community with excellence and integrity.

As we look ahead to the future of Campton, there is still a lot of work to be done. If re-elected to the Select Board, I will continue to prioritize investing in our roads and infrastructure, maintaining a transparent municipal government, fostering fiscal responsibility, supporting local conservation efforts, and supporting our employees in local government. These principles guide my vision for our town and inform every decision I make as your representative.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Campton for your continued support and trust. Together, we have accomplished great things, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. With your vote and continued partnership, I am confident that we can build a strong future for Campton—one that is rooted in our shared values of community, responsibility, and progress.

Thank you, and I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election on March 12 at the Campton Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

Nik Coates
Campton



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OBITUARIES

NOP 1836

Mary Nell Allen



Mary Nell (Huckins) Allen died in the presence of her family in the early morning hours on January 7, 2024, in Lake Mary, Florida.

Born January 3, 1949, in Massachusetts to Dr. Maurice Huckins, Jr. and Claudine (Etter) Huckins, Nell married Robert Lee Allen, also of Massachusetts, after graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1970. She moved with Bob around the country starting in Rochester, New York as he attended medical school; Oakland, California; Groton, Connecticut; and Athens, Pennsylvania. After Bob's death, she relocated to her family's long-time home in Hebron, New Hampshire and, finally, Lake Mary, Florida.

Nell emerged as a fixture of the community in Athens, frequently volunteering at school and community events. She was treasurer and a trustee at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Athens and Sheshequin, where she served on nearly every committee at one time or another. She was also active

with the Pennsylvania Universalist Convention and was elected its president. Nell enjoyed singing with the Pro Musica Singers for many years. She continued her volunteer work and activism in New Hampshire.

After moving back to New Hampshire, Nell criss-crossed the country and world, often spending more time on the road than at home. Her adventures always included family, whether skydiving in Sweden, cruising through the Panama Canal, tasting dampfnudel in Germany, or touring India, among many other experiences. She was a frequent presence with her grandchildren as they grew.

Nell navigated her cancer diagnosis quietly and with support

from her family. She maintained her grace, dignity, and resolve to the end.

Nell is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: William Huckins Allen and Namrita Khandelwal (San Jose, CA), James McClaran Allen and Amber Fisher Allen (Gilmanton, NH), Lee Reynolds Allen and Heather Allen (Newport, NC), and Benjamin Barton Allen and Brooke Allen (Lake Mary, FL); her grandchildren Rahi, Porter, Ainsley, Willo, Paige, and Savannah; sisters and brother-in-law Elizabeth H. and Douglas L. Robertson, Jr., Ann H. Matson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Ilo Schmid, Marie and Phil Heft; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Frank and Nola Allen, John and Catherine Allen, Herb and Laraine Allen, Jeff and Mary Jo Allen; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association in Nell's memory.

BY JAMES GAFFEY
Groton

One day many years ago, perhaps on a sunny summer morning, a young man from Groton looked out his window and gazed up at a granite ledge visible from his home on North Groton Road. He set out from his house for a strenuous walk to the ridge, walking first through a grassy meadow and then climbing almost immediately toward the rocky escarpment he had seen from his house. He carried with him, perhaps in a canvas or leather satchel, two rudimentary tools—a hammer, and an iron chisel.

Before reaching his destination, he stepped over the low-growing shrubs and pushed aside the branches of a thick stand of hemlock and spruce that guarded the rocky ledge he sought to find. Breaking through the thick forested woodland to the top of the ledge, his journey was rewarded with a spectacular view of the mountains to the west, ablaze with the morning sun. Looking down, he could plainly see his own house and those of his neighbors in the tiny hamlet of Groton. After taking in the view for a few minutes, he got down to the business that had brought him to this spot. He sat down and picked up his tools. He was twenty-two years old, possessing the strength and optimism of youth, determined to make his simple mark on the world. Taking another brief look at the scenery below, he threw back his shoulders, took a deep breath and got to work.

Many years later, another man, three times the age of the first man but perhaps sharing his love for New Hampshire's forests and hills, pushed aside other spruce and hemlock branches and bushwhacked his way through the tenacious undergrowth to the same rocky ledge. It was early April and spring snow and ice still lingered in the forest and on the upper reaches of the granite ledge on which he now stood. Making his way across the ledge, he carefully watched each step, as the wet granite was covered with slippery moss and lichen. Stopping briefly to look down at the buildings and homes of his

neighbors, he resumed his way before stopping to take a closer look at something very curious.

There on the granite in front of his foot was a patch of lichen in the perfect shape of a zero or the letter "O." He had never seen lichen growing in such a defined shape. Bending down, he used his thumbnail to scrape away the lichen, revealing a neatly carved circle, about five inches from top to bottom and about a half inch in depth. With increasing curiosity, he began scraping away other lichen, first with his fingers and then with the toe of his boot. To his amazement, he uncovered seven carefully chiseled characters: NOP 1836.

That second man was me in April 2020. I hurried home after taking several pictures with my phone, eager to tell my wife about this amazing discovery. But despite my excitement, I sadly realized I would probably never know the identity of whoever had gone to all that time and effort. Whoever it was, he or she had long departed this earth, and the cold granite gave no further clue as to who it might have been.

In the coming weeks, I visited the ledge several times, bringing friends and others I knew would be as amazed as I was by this testament to someone's diligence and desire to be remembered in this humble way. I carefully used a wire brush to remove the last traces of lichen covering the engraving. But incredibly, many of my friends could not see the engraved initials and date even if they were standing right over it. If the sunlight hit the stone at the right angle, it seemed to disappear even when it was not covered by lichen. How long had it been since someone had seen these letters and numbers? As in 1836, no trail led to the rocky overlook. Anyone trying to get there would have to contend with downed trees, and thick forest undergrowth to break out onto the clear opening of space and sky revealed by the ledge. I felt especially lucky to have been the one to discover it after how many decades or even longer. I also felt more determined to find out to whom the initials belonged.

As a Cemetery Trust-

ee in Groton, I had access to the burial records of the town's four cemeteries. I searched the names of the interred in each cemetery, hoping to find someone whose last name ended in "P" and who had a first name beginning with "N" with a middle name starting with "O." My search turned up nothing. Perhaps the author was buried in some other town, or in a small plot on family property which was common back then. And then I remembered that some Groton residents who lived on the south end of Groton near the Hebron town line, were buried in the Pratt Cemetery in Hebron. After a brief search, that is where I found the grave of Nathan Otis Phelps.

In 1836, Groton was only in the twenty-first year of its incorporation as a town in the State of New Hampshire. The 1830 census listed its population as 669 souls. Its habitants were mostly farmers, with tradesmen providing services including seven lumber mills, two gristmills, a cooperage and a clapboard maker. It was four years before the town discovered is vast deposits of mica, the mineral that would put it on the map, both locally and nationally. In Concord, Governor William Barrett announced he would not seek another term.

None of this probably mattered much to young Nathan as he sat down on the granite ledge and worked over the stone with his tools. He was born in 1814 to Nathan Phelps, (distinguished from his son by not having a middle name) and his wife Rebecca. They married in 1810. She was the first of the elder Mr. Phelps' three wives. He also owned a great deal of property of what is now known as the Flint Forest, owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. It is at the south end of Spectacle Pond, not far from the granite ledge where his son Nathan left his mark. Before he died in 1882, the elder Mr. Phelps had been father or stepfather to eight girls. He died in 1871 at the age of 82.

By 1850, records show that his son Nathan Otis had settled down in the town of his birth. The 1850 census revealed that he married his wife Harriet and they had two children, Charles O.

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Robert "Bob" Earl Cormiea Sr., 80

PLYMOUTH---Robert "Bob" Earl Cormiea Sr., 80, of West Rumney, died on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Speare Memorial Hospital.

Bob was born on July 12, 1943, in Hull, MA, son to the late John E. Cormiea, Sr. and Elsie (Burns) Cormiea.

At a very young age, Bob joined the US Military honorably serving in the Army from 1960-1963 and re-enlisting from 1975-1978. Bob was a "jack of all trades" with carpentry as the majority of his work. He had various jobs throughout his lifetime, including being a part of the State of New Hampshire bridge crew. In his later and most recent work, Bob was a certified auctioneer running West Rumney Auction Sales.

Bob was most passionate about his country, his family,



and antiquing. He was very proud of his work on the Old Man of the Mountain. He spent most of his recent time traveling, buying, and selling antiques. Bob also enjoyed playing NH Lottery scratch tickets.

Bob is survived by his daughters, Holly (George) and Billie Joe (Dennis); his sons, Philip and Robert (Sarah); his grandchildren, Ty (Cayla), Philip (Tamara), Isiah, Elsey, PJ (Hope), Dennis (Heather), Tony, and Brittney; his great

grandchildren, Fallyn, Kieran, Caelan, and Rowan; his former wife and long-time friend, Marie; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Leo, Paul, Madeline, Marilyn "Sis", John "Edward", Lawrence "Larry"; his daughter-in-law, Anna; and his great granddaughter, Camille.

Services will be held in July at the West Rumney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bridge House, 260 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264, or online at: tbhshelter.org.

The Mayhew Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Meredith and Plymouth, are honored to assist the Cormiea family. To leave a condolence, go to: www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com

PETS OF THE WEEK



Roxie

Meet Roxie! She recently arrived from Texas in search of her forever home. She is an energetic playful pup who has lots of fun going on adventures in the woods. Roxie takes to training very well, and we are working on her manners with her. Roxie loves to play outside, run around, and make new friends. She would do best in a home that goes on adventures and has lots of space to run around and play in the sun. Come get to know Roxie now; she'll steal your heart!

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Rosie

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Challenge

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Game between Con-Val High and Nashua High South airing on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. on NHPBS.

Hosted by Bow High School teacher and former Granite State Challenge coach (Bedford High), contestant (Belmont High), and Granite State Challenge crew member, Jon Cannon, Granite State Challenge features some of New Hampshire's brightest

high school students as they demonstrate remarkable teamwork, quick thinking, and smarts to beat the clock and buzz in first on this iconic New Hampshire game show. The game emphasizes quick recall of math, science, social studies, language arts, and fine arts facts - along with questions about current events, entertainment, sports, and New Hampshire.

You can follow your favorite team, test



your knowledge with GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE online quizzes, and more at the Granite State Challenge web page, or try your hands at daily brainteasers on the Granite State Challenge Facebook page.

“Granite State Challenge” is funded by lead sponsor Unitil, with additional funding from NEA New Hampshire, Safety Insurance, D.F. Richard Energy, and HRCU.

Robotics

FROM PAGE A1

The VEX Robotics Competition is the largest and fastest-growing middle school and high school robotics program globally with more than 12,000 teams from 33 countries playing in over 1,000 tournaments worldwide. Each year the VEX competition designs a challenge for teams to

design, program, and build a competitive robot. VEX competitions capitalize on the motivational effects of competitions and robotics to help students as STEM learners. VEX competitions expose students to valuable skills like communication, collaboration, and time management. As a result, 95% of participants report an increased interest in

STEM subject areas and pursuing STEM-related careers.

This year the game is called “Over Under” and involves moving triangular-shaped objects across a 12-by-12-foot field to a net on the opposite side. At the end of the game, robots can climb a pole for more points. Each team is placed in an alliance randomly with another team. They

work together to win their match against another two randomly selected teams. Points are scored based on both a driver-controlled and an autonomous programming period. Throughout qualifying matches, teams are ranked and then based on this ranking proceed to the tournament round. In addition to tournament winners, teams are evaluated on their teamwork, engineering notebook, design, and ability to score by a group of judges. Xander Tirrell and Maddox Allain of team 99119A represented NH/VT at Worlds in 2022, as a result of winning the Design Award at the State Championship that year.

During the VEX robotic season which runs from October through February, teams compete with a robot of their design at qualifying tournaments throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. This year competitions

were held at Bow High School, Belmont High School, Spark Academy (Manchester), and Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood). In addition, Plymouth Regional High School hosted a tournament in December. Over sixty teams participated in these events from the host schools as well as from Nashua, Exeter, Pembroke, Derry, North Conway, Thetford, and Randolph Vermont, various towns in Massachusetts, and even Quebec, Canada. PRHS fielded four teams, led by their advisors Beverly Tedeschi and Ryan Frazier, at all of the qualifying events this year. Each team, including team 99119D composed of freshmen (Loki Kulakovich, Sam Mussavage, and Royce Provencher) had successfully advanced from the qualifiers during the year.

At the State Championship, the three PRHS teams were very com-

petitive. Team 99119A of Maddox Allain, Xander Tirrell and Christine Kuan deployed a unique method to climb the pole throughout the qualifiers which received favorable comments from the MCs, referees, and the audience as they achieved heights that had not been seen in other tournaments throughout New England. In the end, Team 99119A and Team 99119C (Conner Heindenreich, Cy Paris, and Trenton Pawlik) advanced to the championship rounds. Although team 99119B (Patrick Gleich and Sam Liebert) had some very close matches, they were unable to move forward. Team 99119C lost in the first round, but Team 99119A had a remarkable run with an alliance partner from Coe-Brown. Some of these matches were so close that the referees had to use a piece of paper to determine if the robots

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DONNA RHODES

Last Thursday morning girls from the Flying Irish Dance School entertained the crowd on hand at Kathleen's Irish Pub during the taping of a segment for WMUR's Chronicle show, which will air next week.

Kathleen's

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ered, music from an Irish session band filled the air, putting everyone in the mood for the upcoming holiday.

“WMUR has been here and to our other restaurant (Waterhorse Irish Pub) in Franklin before but this was great because they actually reached out to us and asked if they could come up again this week,” McMullen said.

Once the camera crew was ready to capture the morning on film, Erin and Audrey got busy soaking in the Irish ambience then sharing what they learned.

Malcolm Patterson, the regional sales representative for Guinness Beer (otherwise known as “Mr. Guinness”) was happy to demonstrate how to properly pour a “perfect pint” of their legendary Irish ale for one segment of the shoot.

Corned Beef, a troupe of young dancers from the Flying Irish Dance

School, the band, along with the crowd of course, were all part of the story, too.

As taping for the show wound down, everyone was invited to join Erin and Audrey around the band as they played a bit more Irish music. The pair then chatted about all they had seen that morning and examined some of the instruments the musicians were playing. At the end of the first take, the cameraman stepped from behind his equipment to tease the crowd about being so respectfully silent during the filming.

“You're all just standing there! Show some enthusiasm!” he told them.


Realizing they could react, everyone loosened up with applause and cheers for the camera.

To wrap things up the crowd was also brought into the act for some of the promotional bits that will be shown on Channel 9 throughout the week. On cue they joined in by shouting the phrases “Tonight at 7 on Chronicle!”

and “Tomorrow night at 7 on Chronicle!”

Kathleen's Irish Pub is certainly the go-to place on St. Patrick's Day and preparations for the annual celebration begin long before March arrives. The restaurant will be celebrating all week with plenty of Guinness as well as their famous Corned Beef and Cabbage on hand. On March 17th the doors will open bright though and early with a 6 a.m. St. Patrick's Day toast (Ireland's Call) before a full day of festivities get underway.


Kathleen's Irish Pub is located at 90 Lake St. in Bristol, with plenty of parking available and McMullen and his staff look forward to seeing everyone this year as they celebrate all things Irish. Additionally, they hope people don't forget to tune in to Chronicle each night at 7 p.m. next week for a look at Erin and Audrey's visit and perhaps even get a glimpse of some familiar local faces.



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Talk of the Towns

News from our Local Correspondents

Alexandria

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Days are getting longer folks! Next Saturday, March 9, we get to spring our clocks forward an hour! I'm looking forward to the color changes too, from white to green!

Town

Tuesday, March 12 is the Second Session of Town Meeting, Voting Day, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

This is the day to vote on all school and town Warrant Articles.

Tuesday, March 19: Selectmen's meeting at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Alexandria UMC

Sunday, March 10, services will begin at 9 a.m. Communion will be served at an open table. Coffee Hour will follow services and Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a Trustees meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Coming Event:

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall and surrounding areas. Please stay tuned for updates and more information as it becomes available.

Have an awesome week ahead! As for me, I'm off and walking at a slow pace!

Ashland

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Local elections

The polls will be open for the election of officers and votes on warrant articles for the Town and our two School Districts from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Tuesday, March 12, in the Tirone Gymnasium on Highland Street.

School District Warrant Articles

Compared to the 38 articles on the Town ballot, the two School District ballots are quite short. The Ashland Town Ballot has just three articles.

Article 1 is for the election of District Officers. The only person on the ballot will be incumbent Stephen Heath who is running unopposed for the one School Board seat up for election this year. There are no candidates on the ballot for Treasurer, Clerk or Moderator.

Article 2 sets the salaries of the District officers at the same rates they are now paid. Article 3 asks for \$4,505,844 for the operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Pemi Baker Regional School District ballot is not much longer. Five board members and the Moderator are up for election. The only contest

on the ballot is for the school board member from Campton. The incumbent School Board Member from Ashland, Paul Pizzano, is running for re-election. Article 1 authorizes the School Board to execute tuition contracts for students. Article 2 appropriates \$1,000 for a contingency fund for unanticipated expenses. Article 3 asks for \$17,889,956 for the operating budget for the next school year.

Story Walk and Tea Party

The Ashland Town Library and the Squam Lakes Association have collaborated on a Spring Story Walk in Whitten Woods, off Highland Street, which will be on display until the end of April. The children's book chosen for the walk is "The Tea Party in the Woods," written and illustrated by Akiko Miyakoshi. The Library is also holding a Tea Party for children of all ages at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. Registration is required for the party as space is limited.

Library Crafting Group

The Town Library Crafting Group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 16, to make Fabric Wrapped Easter Eggs. All supplies will be provided. Registration is necessary, as space is limited.

St. Patrick's Supper

The American Legion will serve a St. Patrick's Day corned beef supper from 5 to 7 p.m.

on Saturday, March 16, in the Legion Hall at 37 Main St. The cost will be \$12 for an adult and \$6 for a child.

Bristol

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Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at the Historic Town Hall for any open positions and zoning amendments by ballot.

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16 at the Newfound Regional High School auditorium beginning at 9 a.m. For up-to-date information regarding both Town Elections and Town Meeting, check the Town Web site: www.bristolnh.gov Snacks and drinks will be provided as a fundraiser to support the Freshman class and babysitting will be offered by the NRHS National Honor Society during Town Meeting.

The Town of Bristol recognizes the employees that celebrate a March Anniversary Date of Hire, thankful for their continued dedication to the town and excited for the future. Thank you to: Christopher Dolloff (Fire Department) 26 years, Olivia Franklin (Fire Department) one year, Mark Bucklin (Highway//Transfer Station) 31 years, and Cheryl Herbert (Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office) two years.

The Spring Fling

Dance with Club Soda Band will take place at Historic Town Hall on Saturday, March 23 from 7 - 10 p.m. This dance is for persons ages 21 and over only! Donations accepted. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. Time to get out of the house!!

The Events Calendar is looking for events to be included for this Spring and Summer. If you are a non-profit organization holding an event in the Newfound Region between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2024, you could be included in the next brochure printed and distributed by the Bristol Community Events Committee. Events must be open to all and either organized by or benefitting a not-for-profit organization. Free events open to the community by a for-profit business may be considered as space allows. Please send all event details -date, time, place, event name type of event, fees and your contact information to: bristolvents@bristolnh.gov or ldion@tccrec.org. Deadline for submission is April 12.

The Annual Meeting of the Bristol Historical Society will be Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Minot Sleeper Library. Following the meeting, Richard Lobban will present "Abenaki Words that Survive." The meeting is open to everyone and refreshments will be served. Membership dues are \$10 per person and support the work of

the society in preserving and presenting the history of our town. For more information, contact Lucillekeegan1@gmail.com.

"Preparing for Climate Change in New Hampshire," a presentation by Dr. Ricardo C. Nogueira, Climate Studies Coordinator at PSU, will take place at the Minot-Sleeper Library on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Nogueira will discuss the changing climate in our state and how it is affecting tourism, infrastructure, food production and water quality. He will also examine what we can do as a community. This is sponsored by the Bristol Sustainability Committee.

Dr. Brad Moser, Assistant Professor of Practice in Physics and Astronomy at PSU will have a presentation on 'Solar Eclipse' on March 26 at the MSL at 6:30 p.m. This presentation should help explain many questions you might have after observing the Solar Eclipse that will occur in NH on April 8. You will receive a pair of free solar eclipse glasses!

Family Craft at the MSL on Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. will feature Plant Your Own Shamrocks! Space is limited. Sign up at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Library.

A special Wednesday Night Program will

be held on Wednesday, March 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. titled "Maple, New Hampshire's Medicine of Connection" at the MSL. This program is made possible with a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

TTCC Indoor Soccer will be held at the BHVS gymnasium starting on March 9 through April 13, 2024 on Saturdays. 4 - 5 year olds - 8:30-9:15 a.m., and 6 - 7 year olds - 9:30-10:30 a.m. The cost will be \$20 per player. Coaches are needed. Please call 744-2713 for information.

Registration is now open for Baseball, Softball and T-Ball programs. Training programs will start soon and regular season runs from April through mid-June. Volunteers needed.

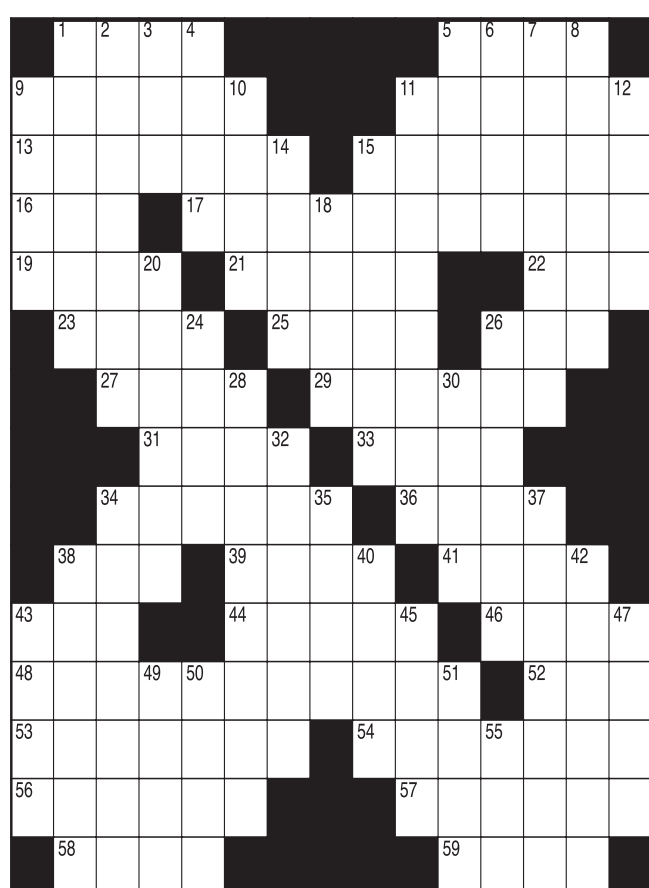
Granite State Track and Field registration is now open for the 2024 season. Practices will be on Fridays from 6-7 p.m. and Sundays from 4-5 p.m. beginning on May 3 and going through

State Meet on June 15 on the Mills Oval track at Newfound Regional High School. There is a fee of \$25 and you can register at www.tccrec.org. Contact the TTCC for any questions.

Summer Camp registration opened on March 4! Sign up early, as the rosters fill up fast! The TTCC staff is looking forward to field trips, swimming and playing all sorts of games and activities at the park, as

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TAKE A BREAK



ACROSS

1. Chaps
5. Currently fashionable
9. Collision
11. More slim
13. European city
15. Implicitly
16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
17. The Mount Rushmore State
19. Gold or silver wire cord
21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
22. Trent Reznor's band
23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
25. Broken branch
26. Indicates ten
27. Expression of annoyance

29. Brings together
31. Ancient city in Thrace
33. Sailors' spirit
34. Looked into
36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
38. A type of cast
39. One's responsibility
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most supernatural
56. "Dennis" is a famous one
57. Ointments

58. Exam
 59. Leaked blood
- DOWN**
1. Baseball managers assemble it
 2. Revised
 3. Mountain is a popular kind
 4. Takes to civil court
 5. Pouches
 6. A type of veil
 7. Chants
 8. Boston hoopster
 9. Elongated appendage
 10. Sailboat
 11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
 12. Actor Gosling
 14. Monetary units
 15. Assembly
 18. Russian pop duo
 20. Embellished with expressions
 24. Infrequent
 26. Temperature unit
 28. Hydrophilic amino acid
 30. Honk
 32. Legislative body
 34. Swinish
 35. Russian assembly
 37. Take over for
 38. Put in advance
 40. Satisfy
 42. Felt
 43. Dutch cheese
 45. Witnesses
 47. Strong insects
 49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
 50. Ancient people of Scotland
 51. Cheerless
 55. Sick

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

MARCH MADNESS WORD SEARCH

BANK, BASKETBALL, CENTER, COURT, DEFENSE, DRIBBLE, FORWARD, FOUL, FREE THROW, GUARD, HOOPS, LAYUP, LINEUP, NET, OFFENSE, OPEN, OVERHEAD, PALMING, PASS, REBOUND, SHOOTER, SIDELINES, TRAVELING, WALKING

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well as other adventures planned at the TTCC Summer Camp.

For more information on any and all these activities, please call 744-2713 or contact the TTCC at info@ttccrec.org.

Campton-Thornton

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Campton Historical Society news

Please join us at Campton Historical Society on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. for our program “In Other Words, Leadership” presented by Shannon Mullen. Shannon will discuss her new non-fiction book, “In Other Word, Leadership: How a Young Mother’s Weekly Letters to Her Governor Helped Both Women Brave the First Pandemic Year” published in 2023. The book tells the unprecedented true story of two women from opposite poles of power - Maine homesteader Ashirah Knapp and the state’s current governor, Janet Mills - who forged an uplifting bond, through old fashioned letter writing, that helped them navigate the COVID crisis. Both women brought civility, grace, wit, and wisdom to the challenge of protecting those that depend on them. Shannon will detail her process of weaving the book’s surprising and inspiring narrative from Ashirah’s letters and unedited excerpts from the governor’s journals, as well as the dramatic events of the first COVID year that changed the course of human history.

Shannon Mullen is a journalist, author, screenwriter and film producer, playwright and podcast host. She is a Campton native who grew up in the NH White Mountains and Lakes Region. Shannon studied at UNH before earning a graduate degree in broadcast journalism at Boston University. She went on to report for national programs on public radio for two decades, including Marketplace, Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Her print journalism has been published by The New Yorker, Boston Magazine, The Boston Globe and New Hampshire Magazine among other outlets. She is also a screenwriter, film producer and podcast host, and develops stories for the screen, stage and spoken word through her production company Broad Reach.

Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner

The Campton Elementary 8th Grade Class is excited to announce that this year’s Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Owl’s Nest Resort on Friday, March 22 from 5-8 p.m. The extensive dinner buffet menu will include Chicken Parmesan (GF), Linguine Pomodoro (GF & V), Primavera Lasagna Bake (GF & V), and Italian Polpetta Meatballs. Salads, Assorted Focaccia and Seasoned Breads as well as a Chef’s Dessert Table are included. Early Bird Online Price: \$10 per individual/\$35 per family

of four (two adults, two kids). Additional kids \$5 each. Day of Ticket Sales: \$12 per individual/\$40 per family of four (two adults, two kids). Additional kids \$5 each. The Silent Auction has something for everyone and is always enjoyed by all! This year’s auction items include overnight stays at hotels and resorts, handmade items, 100 gallons of heating oil, golf for two & four players, museum passes, ski passes, restaurant and store gift cards/certificates, auto alignment, maple syrup, memberships, wood bundles, oil changes, themed baskets, trail camera, art, attraction passes and much more! Join us for the Italian Dinner or the Silent Auction or both!! To make dinner reservations: www.owlsnestresort.com/2024-italian-dinner/ Admission to just the Silent Auction is free!

Holderness

Fran Taylor 968-3846

Sandwich Weather Guru Rod Weinberg reports that the average high temperature for the month of February was 37.3 degrees, and the low 19.7 degrees. This is 6.5 degrees above average. The average for the three winter months is 6.6 degrees above normal which makes this the warmest winter since Rod began keeping weather records in 1973. He says this is the first winter that he did not record a reading of zero or lower. The lowest daytime reading was 18 degrees. Total snowfall was 3.3 inches, which is 17.8 inches below normal. Total precipitation was 0.63 inches, which is 2.56 inches below the norm. Both of these are the second lowest that Rod has recorded in any February.

The Annual Town Report is now available at the Town Hall and Post Office.

Mark your calendars for the Town Elections on Tuesday, March 12. Sample ballots can be reviewed on the Town Website. Remember, the high school is SB2 so you’ll be voting on the budget at this time in addition to the Planning Board Warrant Article plus town, school and high school elections. Our School/Town Meetings will be held the following evening, March 13 starting with the School budget at 6:30 p.m.

Lots of new books in our Children’s Library cataloged and placed on the shelves this week.

There’ll be a Humanities@Home program via Zoom on Friday, March 8 at 5 p.m. on the topic “What does AI Mean for Literature?” Dr. N. Kathering Hayles will explore some literary strategies appropriate for thinking about these texts. Register on the Library webpage.

Librarian Adam is inviting anyone interested to learn about online games like Dungeons and Dragons to drop in on Friday, March 15 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to explore them. Quite a few games to choose from.

Did you know that the Squam Lakes Association has scholarships available for their summer youth camps?

Check out the information at squamlakes.org/jsla

Each March nearly 30 Holderness School faculty members join the 11th grade students in an 11 day backpack through NH White Mountains on their annual Out Back trip. Hope they brought waterproof footwear!

Congratulations to the Plymouth State Men’s Hockey team in their championship win in the MASCAC athletic conference last Saturday night at Hanaway arena. On Monday the first games of the Division III championship games were announced with Plymouth (22-2-2) playing Cortland (18-8-2) on March 9 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth.

Following their regular March meeting held at our Library, members of the Lakes Region Transportation Advisory committee visited the site of Holderness’ only missing sidewalk across from the cemetery. They were briefed that for this missing 97 running feet stretch, the town would be connected by a sidewalk from Route 175 to the Golden Pond Country Store, 1.3 miles. Many of you have seen visitors walking toward the town center maneuvering this narrow stretch.

Fiber optic cable along Route 113 nears completion with only connecting lines to the nearest pole for each resident needing completion. Crews have been stringing this cable from dawn to dusk, often three or more bucket trucks at a time.

Students at the Central School are rehearsing the show “Matilda Jr.” in preparation for performances on March 27, 28. In other news, the 3rd grade class traveled up the Cog Railway to the Waumbek station this week.

Rumney

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Byron G. Merrill Library

During the past decade or two, predictions have been made that public libraries will become obsolete due to the availability of E-Books. In fact, E-Books are popular with our patrons.... In 2023, 1,965 E-books were checked out by Rumney residents! Despite that, we have found that our patrons still enjoy coming into the library to select books from our shelves and displays... to see the book, read the inside flap, ask if we have read it and if we have any other suggestions. Think of the many places you must go on a regular basis... grocery store, gas station, dentist. Our patrons choose to come our way! Our statistics for 2023? We had over 5,000 patron visits and checked out close to 10,000 items!

This year, our patron visits and checkouts have increased and so have our library hours. We are now open two afternoons a week until 5:30 p.m., and “business” is picking up. Katie Gautsch has joined our staff making this possible and additional changes will be coming. Katie has been focusing on teens and

young adults, offering a variety of books and afternoon activities for this age group as she becomes familiar with the workings of our library. One of her first events was preparing this group for the Annual Art Walk. The artwork done by our teens is still on display downstairs in the teen room and we invite you to take a look.

Jane continues to work with young families offering a story time/play time each Monday morning. The children get to know each other as they work and play together and the parents, too, make new friends. Jane also coordinated all the activities for our summer reading program, encouraging families to make a weekly visit to promote the love and practice of reading. Jane, along with Rebecca Preman and Margaret Faba, set up a “Seed Library” early in the season and a day for patrons to swap seeds. The children had great fun growing plants and planting a garden.

Jane’s additional focus is our inter-library loan program. If we do not have a particular book, a patron may request it from another library. It is such a treat that we can borrow books from libraries around the state of New Hampshire. This year our patrons borrowed 344 books and we loaned 144 books.

Each month, our team selects a theme and we all work together to set up new displays and plan events for all ages. Our programs have proven popular. You may recall our “Summer at Last” Book Sale, Our Big Read book discussion, sewing and fiber art workshops, speakers, and special day events such as “Steam Punk” for Halloween and holiday crafts event for Christmas. Wondering what’s happening and when? Check out our website at rumneylibrary.org

Such fun to have our year end in December! We hosted a fun Saturday for our families with holiday card making, various crafts, cookie decorating, a cookie swap and lots of happy smiles from our participants. (see the photo above!) A few days later, we partnered with the Rumney Historical Society, and hosted the Annual Rumney Community Tea, an event which has taken place in our village since the turn of the century. John Allen started the evening off with his reading of “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” which was delightful and then Paul Ronci entertained us with a variety of holiday tunes while our guests enjoyed Christmas goodies and the chance to enjoy a little holiday respite. The evening ended with Paul and Molly Milner leading a sing-along. We look forward to next December!

As always, a big thanks to our patrons, the wonderful ladies I work with... Jane Kelso, Sheila Omera and Katie Gautsch, and our dedicated trustees... Lorrie Eaton, Robin Goldstein, and T J Baumann for their support. We are fortunate!

Warren/Wentworth

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Greetings everyone. Hope you all have had a good week. Isn’t this weather something? Is winter over? It’s anybody’s guess as to what Mother Nature has in mind!

WARREN NEWS—With Easter looming on the horizon, plans are in the works for Sunrise Service and worship. Not sure about the breakfast, but will keep you posted.

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday or Sunday of this coming weekend. It will be nice to have it lighter longer!

WENTWORTH NEWS—The Wentworth Market is currently seeking vendors for the upcoming 2024 season. Anyone interested can email Renee at wentworthmarket@gmail.com for more information.

Have a good week, and remember to count your blessings!

Waterville Valley

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Skin the Moon. On Friday, March 8, skin up the Valley Run and Oblivion to the Schwendi Hutte starting at 5 p.m. There will be music, appetizers, and a cash bar (beer and wine). Descend by moonlight and headlamp at 8:15 p.m. \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit the Rey Cultural Center and Curious Cottage Preschool. Space is limited. Email leah@therey-center.org.

Après Ski Party. Swing by the Freestyle Lounge at Waterville Valley Resort on Saturday, March 9, from 3-6 p.m., for a family-friendly après party with live music by Whatsername Band.

Night Skiing. Ski under the stars at Waterville Valley Resort on Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, from 4-8 p.m. \$25 for non-season passholders. Lift tickets are available online at waterville.com and at the ski resort ticket window until 7 p.m.

10th Mountain Division Day. In honor of the late Dick Calvert, Waterville Valley Resort is offering \$10 lift tickets to guests with a valid military ID on Monday, March 11. During World War II, Dick served our country in the 10th Mountain Division, he was an avid skier and racer, and a member of Waterville Valley’s senior ski club, the Silver Streaks. Skiers are invited to meet at the top of Green Peak at 10 a.m. on March 11 for a group run in honor of Dick and those who served in the 10th Mountain Division.

Indoor Cycling. Start your weekend off with a group pedal session at the Rec. Dept. on Saturday, March 9, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Amy curates a ride and playlist for all abilities. There are limited bikes, so arrive early to select your bike and get it set up. Bring sneakers or cycling shoes, a water bottle and towel. \$12; free if you’re a member of the WVRD.

Saturday Hike. The Rec. Dept. will lead a hike up South Moat Mountain in Albany, NH, on Saturday, March 9. Meet at the Rec. by 8:45 a.m. for transportation to the trailhead. The bus will return to Waterville by 3 p.m. All hikes are led by a Wilderness First Responder, or someone certified in Wilderness First Aid. \$20 per person (includes transportation). Call 603-236-4695 to register.

Indoor Rock Climbing. The Rec. Dept. offers indoor rock climbing on a 30+ foot climbing wall on Saturday, March 9, from 3-4 p.m. There’s no age restriction, but climbers must weigh at least 25 pounds. \$15 will get you unlimited climbs (first come, first served). Try the no-rope bouldering traverse for \$10 per person. Sneakers are required.

Tuesday Snowshoe Hike. The Rec. Dept. leads an off-trail snowshoe hike on Tuesday, March 12. Meet at the Rec. at 12:45 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. \$15 per person includes transportation. Space is limited. 603-236-4695 to register.

Town Meeting & Elections. The Waterville Valley School District annual meeting (deliberative session) will be held on Monday, March 11, starting at 6 p.m., at the Rec. Dept. gymnasium. Town voting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Rec. Dept., followed by the deliberative session Town Meeting at 6 p.m.

Pickleball Tournament. The fifth annual Spring Smash will be held at the Rec. Dept. on Sunday, March 24, starting at 9 a.m. There are three skill level brackets and play will be in a round robin mixed doubles format. Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. Space is limited to seven teams in each bracket. \$50 per team. wvrd.recdesk.com or call 603-236-4695.

Golden Antler Adventure Hunt. Ten golden moose antlers are hidden in different locations around Waterville Valley. Find all ten locations, take photos in front of each location, then go to the WVRD during regular business hours to redeem a prize (a limited-edition keychain). Get the details online at vitwatervillevalley.com.



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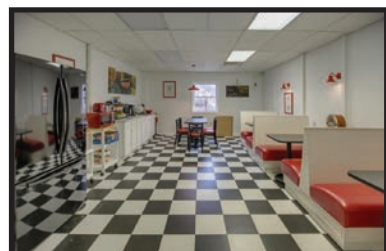
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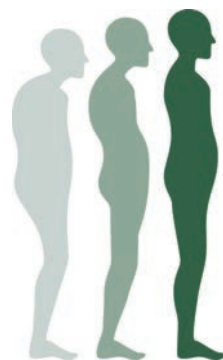
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Campton Congregational

Sunday, March 10
9:30 a.m. Sunday worship led by Pastor Jeff Robie

10 a.m. Children's Sermon/Sunday School. Following Worship we gather for fellowship.

Tuesday, March 12
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
Noon BYO Lunch
1 p.m. Ladies Guild meets

Sunday, March 10 is the fourth Sunday of Lent, and marks the halfway point through, and means Easter is getting closer. Christians reflect on Jesus's journey and how he brought light into the world and even in dark times there is hope and new beginnings. And this Sunday marks our "spring ahead" leap towards a brighter, lighter time of year as we move our clocks ahead one hour. For Christians, this could be a metaphor for moving from darkness into the light of Jesus's resurrection at Easter. Join us Sunday

and share in the reflection and anticipation of things to come.

All are welcome Sunday mornings, as we come together to Worship God. Our Church is a member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, a national body of churches dedicated to preserving traditional Congregational principles and practices in the world. Our Services are available on Facebook. If you are unable to be with us in person, tithes and offerings may be sent to PO Box 328, Campton, NH 03223. Please direct any questions or needs to ourccc1774@gmail.com or call 603-536-2536.

Christian Science Society, Plymouth

We'd love to have you join us at our Sunday services, which we hold each week at 10 a.m. in our Emerson Street building. This this weeks Sunday Bible begins with this

verse from Leviticus, "I am the Lord your God... and I will walk among you, and be your God, and ye shall be my people." Christian Science churches around the world will be reading this lesson, and it can be studied during the week, including in our Reading Room study area.

We have a Sunday School at the same time as this service where children and teens learn how the truths and lessons in the bible can help them learn to pray both for themselves, their community and the world.

Our Wednesday meetings which are held at 6 p.m. each week include short readings from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook with thoughts to help meet personal and world needs. Then there is time for sharing with one another gratitude for healing experiences in our lives, as well as thoughts and insights from our spiritual study and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Please visit our Website at www.cs-plymouth-nh.org if you would like to join in our services by Zoom.

The Reading Room in our church building is open Monday noon to 2 p.m. You're welcome to come in to browse, borrow books and resources which include Bible reference materials and many other books and

publications. There are books for children as well with familiar bible stories.

At jsh-online.com there are new articles each week, many with audio. This week there is a podcast interview with the Editor of the Christian Science Monitor, Mark Sappenfield, "Overcoming conflicts: why trust matters." which gives powerful healing ideas to meet life challenges.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

The next Bristol Knights Fish Fry is March 22 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Marian Center, across the street from Our Lady of Grace Chapel. The cost is \$10.00 per individual and \$50 for a family of four.

The Stations of the Cross are every Friday in Lent led by Father Mark at noon at St. Matthew and 6 PM at Our Lady of Grace.

Holy Trinity Parish will have a Vacation Bible School from Aug. 19 to Aug. 23 at the parish hall at St. Matthew Church. The theme is "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments". To register, email Kristen at familyfaithformation@holymtrinityparishnh.org.

The next Monthly Potluck Luncheon is Sunday, March 17 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in

the parish hall next to St. Matthew Church. Please bring a dish to share.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday from 3 – 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church or by appointment. You can schedule an appointment by emailing Fr. Mark at revmarkus@outlook.com.

Extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent are Mondays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at

St. Matthew, or Thursdays from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. at the Marian Center.

The Weekend Mass schedule is Saturday at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church, Sunday at 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Grace Chapel and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church.

The Holy Week Schedule is as follows: Pam Sunday (March 23 and 24) is the regular weekend Mass Schedule.

Holy Thursday, (March 28) is at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Bristol, Stations of the Cross are Friday, March 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew, the Good Friday Passion of the Lord service is at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace, Easter Vigil Mass is on Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew, and Sunday is the regular-

ly scheduled weekend Masses.

If you have questions or need more information you can call the parish office at (603) 536-4700, or check our FB page [holytrinitynewsandinfo](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitynewsandinfo), our Instagram page, [HolyTrinityNH](https://www.instagram.com/HolyTrinityNH), or sign up for Flocknotes or register with the parish

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds Sunday services each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., both in person at 101 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth, and live streamed via Zoom. Nursery and childcare services are available. Religious education classes are offered every week.

March 10

A Thousand Tiny Moments: Everyday Transformative Justice
Rev. Linda Barnes

Transformative justice looks to the respond to violence or harm without creating more violence or harm. It's a noble endeavor and can start with each of us in small ways. We'll look at cultivating an everyday practice of responding

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for more information and recordings of the Services.
Pastor Roger Kleinpeter
603-254-7796

Ashland Community Church
55 Main Street - Ashland
(across from Shurline Market)
10:00 a.m. Worship
August 18 – September 15 Teaching Series: "I Love My Church!"
Toddler Zone (infants – five years old) led by Kara Hamill and Kid Zone (for K-6th grade) led by Debbie Madden.
Small groups: We offer adult small groups that meet on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.
New Women's Ministry: A women's group will be starting this fall the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning October 2019.
Pastor Ernie Madden
(603) 968-9464
accernie@hotmail.com

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
18 Highland Street, Ashland
(603) 968-7640
9:30 am Sunday School and Worship
Rev. Stephen Rugg

BRISTOL
Bristol Baptist Church
30 Summer Street, Bristol, NH 03222
(603) 744-3885
SUNDAY
• Worship service with music as well as the Scriptural message and time of fellowship. 10:00 a.m.
• We also do "live streaming" of this service. Sermons/message of each week can be found on our website (bristolbaptistchurch.org)

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10 a.m. Worship Service • Child Care Available • 744-8132
Our Lady of Grace
(part of Holy Trinity Parish)
2 West Shore Rd Bristol, NH 03222
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the only Mass on Sundays year round now).
Daily Masses: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 AM.
Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday after Mass until 10:00 AM.
Parish office for both locations:
11 School St, Plymouth, NH 03264,
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CAMPTON
Campton Baptist Church
1345 Main Street, Campton (603) 726-4662
Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service followed by Time of Fellowship
Monday 4 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m. Prayer
Friday 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Movie (free)
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New Light Chapel
Southmayd Plaza (off I-93 Exit 28)
24 Southmayd Road, Campton
(Across Route 49 from Campton Mobil)
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Childcare and Children's Ministry available
Pastor Steven Veinotte
www.newlightchapel.com

DANBURY
Danbury Christian Church
High St., Danbury
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. AWANA
Thursday. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group/Bible Study

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9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Contact: Sylvia Hill, Deacon at 768-3936
danburypastor@myfairpoint.net

HANOVER
Our Savior Lutheran Church
5 Summer Street, Hanover • 643-3703
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service of Holy Communion and Children's Church
9:15 a.m. Adult Education Hour

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Hill Village Bible Church
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6:30p.m. - Wed. Prayer & Bible Hour
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www.hillvillagebiblechurch.com
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pastorscott@newhamptonccc.org
<https://newhamptonccc.org/>
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PLYMOUTH
Calvary Independent Baptist • 536-3024
115 Yeaton Rd., West Plymouth
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Sun. Evening Service–Tilton
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Service
Dr. Chester W. Kulus, Pastor

Christian Science Society
7 Emerson St., Plymouth
10-11 a.m.–Sun. Service/Sun. School
Wed. 6:00-7:00–Testimonial Meeting
www.cs-plymouth-nh.org

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
354 Fairgrounds Rd., Plymouth
10:00a.m. Worship Service
11:10a.m. Sunday School
Tom Lopez (603) 998-4356

Gateway Alliance Church
9 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth • 536-3043
Sunday School and Adult Education
9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
(Nursery Care is available)
Dennis Simmons, Pastor
gatewayalliancechurch.org

Grace Baptist Church
Meeting temporarily at the Baker River Bible Church at 259 Route 25, Wentworth, NH 1:30 p.m. - Sunday School for all ages 2:30 p.m. - Sunday Worship Service Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Teen and Adult Bible Study Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Kids "Patch the Pirate" Club (from September - May)
Fall Meetings with Morris Gleiser, October 18-22. Sunday, 1:30 and 2:30 PM; Monday - Thursday at 7:00 PM.
Visit www.gbcnh.org for sermons and more information.

Holy Trinity Parish (Roman Catholic)
Our Lady of Grace Chapel
2 West Shore Rd, Bristol
St. Matthew Church
11 School St in Plymouth NH.
Parish Office: 11 School St in Plymouth (603) 536-4700.
Office email: holytrinitynh@gmail.com
Communications coordinator: Christine Chiasson email: chrischiasson@holymtrinityparishnh.org.
Pastor: Fr. Mark Dollard.
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Thornton United Methodist
22 Church St., Thornton
Off Cross Road between Rts 3 & 175
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WARREN
Warren United Methodist Church
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Communications coordinator: Christine Chiasson email: chrischiasson@holymtrinityparishnh.org.
Pastor: Fr. Mark Dollard.
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WENTWORTH
Baker River Bible Church
259 Moosilake Hwy., Wentworth
* Morning School - 9:45 a.m.
* Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
* Potluck Lunch - 12:00 noon
* Afternoon Service 1:30 p.m.
* Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Patch the Pirate Club for grades 1-6, and Teen Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Bruce Michaud, Pastor
764-9406 or 786-9550

Wentworth Baptist Church Independent, Fundamental, K.J.V.
260 Cape Moonshine Rd., Wentworth
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
1 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Service
7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service
764-9800 www.wbcnh.org

Wentworth Congregational Church
Wentworth Village Road (Common)
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THE REAL REPORT

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alexandria	Fowler River Road	N/A	\$65,933	William E. Robie, Sr.	Robie Fiscal Trust and William E. Robie, Sr.
Ashland	Common Area, Lot 43	N/A	\$250,000	Donald Clark RET	Justin Clark and Allison Wood
Bridgewater	River Road	N/A	\$200,000	Stephen M. Labrique	Steven D. Baker RET
Plymouth	4 Gould Terrace	Single-Family Residence	\$273,000	Joseph P. Miller and Eric A. Bouchard	Cuno Properties LLC
Plymouth	N/A (Lot 10)	N/A	\$50,000	Michael and Sonia Andrade	Wendy Pietroniro
Rumney	520 Depot St.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Nathaniel D. Myles	Jeffrey C. and Catherine Kane
Waterville Valley	3 Chippewa Way, Unit 30	Condominium	\$335,000	Wayne R. and Mary C. Erickson	John G. and Andrea M. Adams

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 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. Transactions provided by The Warren Group, Boston Ma., publishers of The Registry Review and Bankers and Tradesman newspapers, Phone: 1-800-356-8805. Website: www.thewarrengroup.com



RC GREENWOOD

Jack Swanson fires off a shot during his team's quarterfinal win over Belmont-Gilford Saturday night.



RC GREENWOOD

Charlie Cushing sends the puck forward as teammates skate in to pick it up during playoff action Saturday in Laconia.



RC GREENWOOD

Nolan Fullerton looks to shoot during action against Belmont-Gilford in the Division III quarterfinals.

Hockey

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do," added Parent. "We stayed out there a little too long at the end of the third. We didn't get the puck out of the zone. We didn't get the puck out of the zone, and we didn't get the puck deep like we want to, and it bit us in the end."

The Bulldogs though came out flying in the opening period and carried play for stretches but couldn't cash in on golden opportunities. Kearsarge-Plymouth had a couple chances and cashed in with two minutes remaining in the first frame. Swanson got the scoring started, knocking the puck into the net with assists from Lincoln Manson and Charlie Cushing for an early 1-0 edge.

That lead would grow to two goals in the middle period.

Carrying the momentum from the first goal of the contest, Kearsarge-Plymouth controlled the puck better early in the second and would extend its lead to 2-0 on a Shea Curley goal at 8:52 of the second. Swanson picked up an assist on the goal, and it looked like the visitors were in control.

The defending champions refused to go down without a fight though, and finally put their game together late in the middle period with a couple of Kearsarge-Plymouth penalties helping to shift the momentum.

Kearsarge-Plymouth killed a penalty off, but the Bulldogs had grabbed some momentum and cashed in when

Maxwell Ryder banged home a rebound to make it 2-1 with 3:34 left in the second period.

That tally though got the Bulldogs going, and they were flying around the ice looking for the equalizer. The flurry of activity drew another penalty on the Cats, and this time BG cashed in. Evan Guerin found the back of the goal this time, with assists from Jaxson Embree and Adam Ribeiro, to pull the hosts even at 2-2 with 36.4 seconds left in the middle frame.

The break between periods didn't slow down the Bulldogs. The pressure drew another penalty on the Cats, but Garzia came up big to keep the contest knotted at two. During the two-minute penalty, Garzia (23 saves) made five saves includ-

ing a sparking stop on Embree and Guerin to keep the teams knotted at 2-2.

KP though couldn't settle things down after killing the penalty, and the Bulldogs made them pay. With another chance, Embree wouldn't miss as he found the back of the cage to give BG a 3-2 edge with 7:17 left in the contest. Nathan Gerbig picked up an assist on the play.

That's the way it would stay until the Cats broke through late and in overtime.

"I'm really happy

with the way the boys played," coach Garzia said. "We knew it would be a good game. We tied them once and they beat us last time. We did a lot of video work after that game and the kids executed the plan perfectly. In that game we lost 3-1, we gave up three breakaways with their speed coming in on our defense, so we knew we had to shut down Belmont-Gilford in the neutral zone. We were able to do that. We were able to shut them down in the

neutral zone. The three goals we gave up were mistakes we made in the defensive end.

For the Bulldogs, it was a disappointing early exit to another outstanding season on the ice.

"I think they came up and played us harder than the last time we faced each other, but I think this was more to do with us," Parent said. "We didn't capitalize on the chances we had. We just didn't put pucks in the net."

March

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Robotics

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were touching elements. Unfortunately, they lost in the third of a best-of-three situation in the finals to Thetford Academy ending their chances to receive another invitation for Worlds.

The Robotics Team is part of the Technology Student Association Chapter at PRHS. Now that the VEX season is over, the robotics team will turn their attention to competing at the State TSA Spring Conference which will be held on Saturday, April 6 at Kingswood High School. At this conference, they will be able to participate in challenges involving problem-solving, coding, and simplified robotics.

The Robotics team would like to thank the many who helped this year with the program. In December there were over 40 volunteers who assisted with the tournament at PRHS. Parents, students, and representatives from VEX transformed the PRHS gymnasium into the game arena with additional areas for judges, pits for the teams, and concessions. Volunteers also stepped forward to be judges, referees, and concession helpers. The PRHS robotics team would especially like to thank Jim Gleich who was our MC in December, Roger Scroggins for leading our judging panel, John Spear for managing concessions with the DECA program, Tenney Mountain Pizza who delivered pizza to feed over 200, and Pam Martin, Assistant Superintendent, who helped us obtain grants from the NH Department Education Robotics Program that made participation possible.

Churches

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to harm without creating harm - in a thousand tiny moments.

Unitarian Universalism is a caring, open-minded religion that encourages you to seek your own spiritual path. Our Faith draws on many religious traditions, welcoming people with different beliefs. We are a Welcoming Congregation recognizing no distinction of class, nationality, race, gender, or sexual orientation.

For more information and Zoom link visit our Web site: www.star-kingfellowship.org.

Wentworth Congregational

Here is our list of upcoming speakers:

Our services are now at 10 a.m., except for the first Sunday Communion

Service in West Rumney, which is at 9 a.m.

March 10—Rev. Cindy

Petrie (Bible Study after the service)

March 17—Joy Moody

March 24 (Palm Sunday) Rev. Lynn Morrison

March 31 (Easter Sunday) Rev. Cindy Petrie

We have moved downstairs for worship during the winter, so we don't have to heat the upstairs.

We move upstairs on Easter Sunday.

GAFFEY

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Phelps and Ruth A. Phelps. He was then 36 years old. His occupation was listed as "Carpenter." Ten years later, Nathan and Harriet added a six-month old daughter Mary when the census was again taken in 1860. Nathan stated his occupation was "Farmer."

Nathan and Harriet remained in Groton and watched their family grow. Son Charles and daughter Mary both married and had children of their own. Harriet passed away in 1871 and Nathan did not re-marry. He died June 20, 1898 at the age of 83. The burial certificate lists the cause of death as "seizure" indicating a stroke or heart attack. His daughter Ruth, who apparently never married, lies in repose next to her father and mother. She died on November 27, 1874 at the age of twenty-four. The inscription at the bottom of her gravestone reads, "In my Father's house are many mansions." Nathan left behind an estate valued at \$825 in personal property and \$1,800 in real estate.

It is much harder to place a value on Nathan's handiwork along the top of the granite ledge overlooking his hometown. You can almost see the Pratt Cemetery when standing next to his initials. To Nathan, its value lay in the comfort of knowing that for any future wanderers passing by they would simply know that someone with the initials NOP was there in 1836. The many hours and trips to the ledge it took for him to complete the task is a testament to his determination and desire for this small measure of immortality. Perhaps he wanted them to know how much he appreciated this spot and hoped they might feel the same.

For me, the value of finding his inscription long after he carved it lies in having been given the opportunity to have a brief glimpse into a life from an era almost two centuries ago. We live in a place where the past is still present as long as we are willing to open our eyes to see it. And the value of that is impossible to measure.



Mid-State Health Center's Nutrition Services promoting health and longevity

PLYMOUTH—March is National Nutrition Month and Mid-State Health Center's Registered Dietitian, Denise Normandin, founder of Enlighten Nutrition & Wellness, is ready to serve the nutrition and wellbeing needs of our community. Choosing a healthy lifestyle is key to promoting, maintaining and/or regaining health. Therefore, it is important to consider if your lifestyle choices are programming your cells for health vs. disease.

Everyone, no matter their health status, can benefit from eating well and being active to optimize wellbeing. Many factors influence dietary habits and practices, from economic affordability, geological challenges, and governmental policies. On top of these factors, industrially processed food products can negatively affect our general state of health, emergence of diseases and overall lifespan.

One must consider the importance of whole food as the basis of nutritional intake. A whole food is a food that has been processed or re-

fined as little as possible and is free from additives or other artificial substances. Consuming whole foods daily along with drinking water can help fuel your body for health and promote longevity.

Here are a few tips to get you started towards a healthier lifestyle and healthy ageing:

1. Spring is a great time to clean your pantry and refrigerators of unhealthy food and restock with healthier choices to support better eating patterns. It is also an exciting time to try new recipes and designate a specific time during the week for meal prepping.
2. Limit foods and beverages higher in "added" sugars, saturated fat, and sodium, and limit use or avoid risky substances, alcohol and tobacco.
3. Get restful sleep and work on managing stress.
4. Make a date with a friend to do physical activities that you enjoy. Walking is a fantastic way to get started.
5. Just start. Take one step and create small goals that you can build on.

The core elements that make up a healthy eating pattern include:

Fresh Vegetables, Whole Fruits, Whole Grains, Low-fat Dairy, Lean proteins (from plants and animals) and Healthy Fats and Oils.

Now is the time to live well so you can live to the fullest!

Denise is accepting new patients and is a preferred provider of Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT), and lifestyle medicine and is available to meet one-on-one to create a healthy lifestyle plan that works for you. Denise has more than 25 years' experience in health promotion, is a licensed, Registered Dietitian and is a board-certified Lifestyle Medicine Practitioner. She also has advanced certificates in training in weight management.

"My passion is to inspire sustainable, healthy living practices to improve wellbeing and promote longevity," said Normandin. Private insurance and Medicare accepted. Appointments can be made by calling Mid-State Health Center at 603-536-4000, or learn

more by visiting mid-statehealth.org.

About Mid-State Health Center Mid-State Health Center delivers primary care and supportive

services at locations in Bristol, Plymouth, and Lincoln, offering medical services, dental services, behavioral health counseling, imaging, recovery, and care management for the entire

family. The mission of Mid-State Health Center is to provide sound primary health care to the community accessible to all regardless of the ability to pay.

Joe Caristi joins Speare Memorial Hospital as Chief Financial Officer

PLYMOUTH — Joe Caristi has joined Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth as chief financial officer.

Caristi earned his Bachelor's degree in finance from Plymouth State University and his master's degree in healthcare systems engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

His career has provided him with experience in both operations and finance in many healthcare organizations, most recently as system vice president of finance at



Joe Caristi

North Country Healthcare.

Joe has earned his Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (LSSBB) certification, a professional credential earned after completing rigorous training in high-level

process improvement methods, complex project management, and statistical analysis.

Caristi grew up in Bristol, where he currently resides with his family.

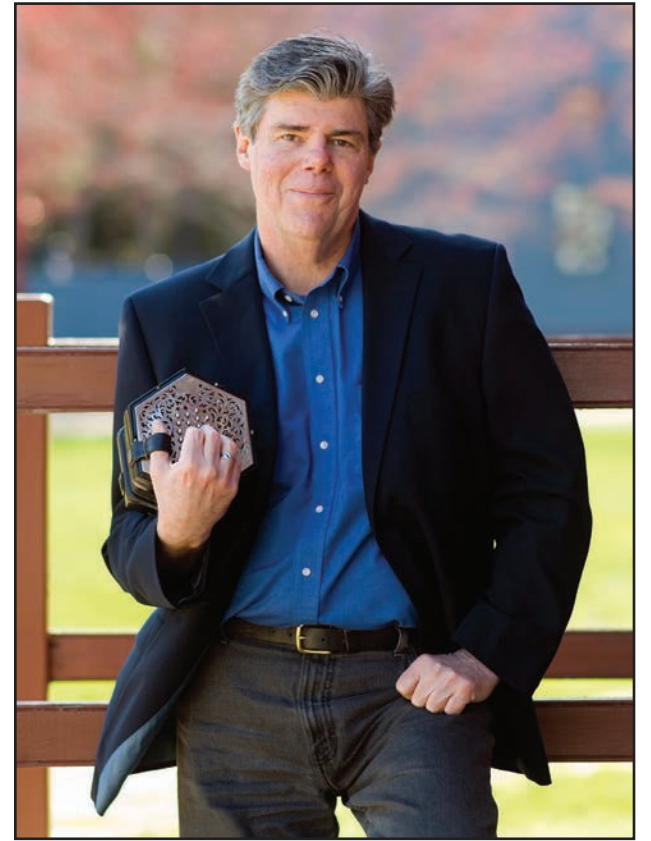
Speare Memorial Hospital is located in Plymouth, serving the many central NH towns surrounding it with compassionate, expert, personalized care and cutting-edge technologies. Learn more at www.spearehospital.com.

Plymouth Historical Society to host program on Logging songs & stories

PLYMOUTH — What was it like to be a logger in early 20th-century New Hampshire? Today, we see huge loads of logs piled on long trucks traveling the local roads. Back then many logs came down the Pemi and other rivers in dangerous drives managed by loggers with uncommon skills and courage. Join us to hear more about those log drivers and loggers through lumber camp songs and stories from acclaimed New Hampshire musician and folklorist Jeff Warner at the Plymouth Historical Society on March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The loggers cut the timber that built and warmed houses and provided the ties for America's ever-expanding railroads. Warner will relate the songs and stories of the people who worked the wintry woods, showing their humor and their grit, and giving us a glimpse into everyday life in long ago logging camps.

Jeff Warner connects



Jeff Warner

21st century audiences with the music and everyday lives of earlier people. He presents musical traditions ranging from lumber camps to whaling ports, fishing villages, and beyond. He accompanies his songs on concertina, banjo, guitar, and several pocket instruments, such as bones and spoons. He is a Folklorist and Community Scholar for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, has toured nationally for the Smithsonian Institution, and has recorded for Flying Fish, Rounder Records, and other labels. He has performed frequently in many New Hampshire towns and schools.

Our program is offered through New Hampshire Humanities, supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program is free and

will be held in the Old Webster Courthouse (Plymouth Historical Museum) at 1 Court St. in Plymouth. Please note the new starting time of 5:30 p.m. Registration is not required. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Schmidt Blaine at mblaine@plymouth.edu.



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Plymouth State students compete in annual Rail Jam Competition

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The Marketing Association of Plymouth State (MAPS) hosted its annual Rail Jam competition at a section of the campus in Holderness on Friday, Feb. 16.

With snow park elements provided by Gunstock Mountain and snow features put in place by members of Plymouth Free Ski club, Plymouth Boardin', Girls Not Acting Right (GNAR) and MAPS, more than 70 student competitors navigated rails and performed tricks. The event drew an estimated 250 spectators, who cheered on the participants while they competed for special prizes and giveaways.

"Rail Jam 2024 was an exciting event that



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The Marketing Association of Plymouth State (MAPS) hosted its annual Rail Jam competition on Friday, Feb. 16. Pictured above is Emma Nardi.

allowed MAPS to apply marketing concepts outside the classroom such as fostering sponsorships and coordinating event and social media

marketing," said Assistant Professor of Marketing and MAPS Faculty Advisor Raj Sachdev, DBA. "We were happy to get the students out of

the classroom and onto the hill for another year of great tricks, fun prizes and new marketing opportunities."

Head student organizer and junior Samuel Bonner, said he was fortunate to have the support of Plymouth Freeski Club, GNAR and Plymouth State Boardin' who helped with Rail Jam.

"Rail Jam is such a

special event. It's a place and time for riders of all walks of life to get together, compete and celebrate the spirit of PSU," said Bonner. "We are looking forward to another great Rail Jam next year."

Nearly \$5,000 in prizes from sponsoring organizations were awarded to top skiers and snowboarders in both men's and women's divisions. Additional prizes were given to athletes for performing certain gravity-defying moves, awarded through raffle prizes or tossed into the crowd as free giveaways.

The winners are as follows:

1st Place Women's Skis: Emma Nardi

1st Place Men's Skis: Silas Swedan

1st Place Women's Snowboard: Margie Black

1st Place Men's Snowboard: Jeff Albanese

The bibs worn by competitors, a tradition started last year, were designed by MAPS Head of Graphic Design, Emma

Wilbur:

A video montage recapping the event can be seen on PSU's YouTube channel. To see more Plymouth State University video's visit, www.YouTube.com/PlymouthStateUniversity.

Event sponsors included Gunstock Parks, K2, YES. Snowboards, NOW, Walk2Campus, Ken Jones Ski Mart, Ski Fanatics and the Army National Guard.

PSU also recently had their 2024 Ski Day at Tenney Mountain Resort. A day in which all classes are cancelled and students are given free passes to a local ski resort to spend the day skiing, snowboarding, tubing, fat-biking and enjoying a cookout at the lodge with live music. A video montage of the day can be seen on PSU's YouTube channel.

To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.

Silent comedy "Steamboat Bill Jr." to screen at Blazing Star Grange

DANBURY — Silent film with live music returns to the Blazing Star Grange this month with "Steamboat Bill Jr." (1928), a classic comedy starring Buster Keaton, one of the era's top performers.

"Steamboat Bill Jr." will be revived for one showing only on Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the historic Blazing Star Grange Hall, 15 North Rd. in Danbury.

The family-friendly show is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

The movie will be preceded at 6 p.m. by a Soup and Bread Supper; the meal is a separate \$5 per person.

The screening will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating scores for silent films.

In "Steamboat Bill Jr.," Buster plays the bumbling son of a riverboat's rough captain. When a rival brings a newer boat to the river, the family is forced to face competition, just as Buster is forced to ride out a cyclone threatening to destroy the community.

Can Buster save the day and win the hand of his girlfriend, who happens to be the daughter of his father's business rival?

The film includes the famous shot of an entire building front collapsing on Keaton, who is miraculously spared by a conveniently placed second-story window.

Keaton, who grew up performing with the family vaudeville act, was known for never smiling on camera, an important element



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Buster Keaton (left) and Ernest Torrence survey the riverfront in "Steamboat Bill Jr.," a classic silent film comedy with live music by Jeff Rapsis to be screened on Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the historic Blazing Star Grange Hall, 15 North Rd. in Danbury. The family friendly show is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

of his comic identity. A trained acrobat who learned at an early age how to take falls, Keaton did all his own stunts on camera in the era before post-production special effects.

Critics continue to hail Keaton's timeless comedy as well as his intuitive filmmaking genius. In 2002, Roger Ebert wrote of Keaton that "in an extraordinary period from 1920 to 1929, he worked without interruption on a series of films that make him, arguably, the greatest actor-director in the history of the movies."

Keaton, who never attended school, did not think of himself as an artist but as an entertainer using the new medium of motion pictures to tell stories and create laughter.

The screening of "Steamboat Bill Jr." will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating music for silent film presentations.

Rapsis will create the accompaniment on the spot, improvising music as the movie unfolds to enhance the action on the screen as well respond to audience re-

actions. He will perform the music on a digital synthesizer capable of producing a wide range of theatre organ and orchestral textures.

"Live music was an integral part of the silent film experience," Rapsis said. "Because most films at the time weren't released with sheet music or scores, studios depended on local musicians to come up with an effective score that was different in every theater. At its best, this approach created an energy and a connection that added a great deal to a film's impact. That's what I try to recreate," Rapsis said.

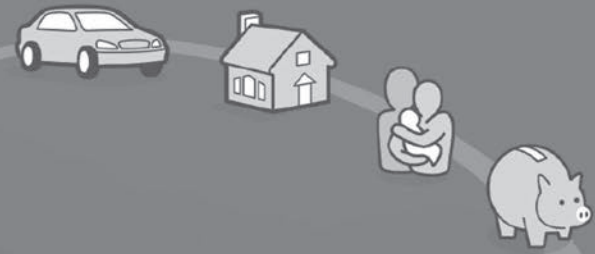
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PSU Nursing launches RN to BSN program

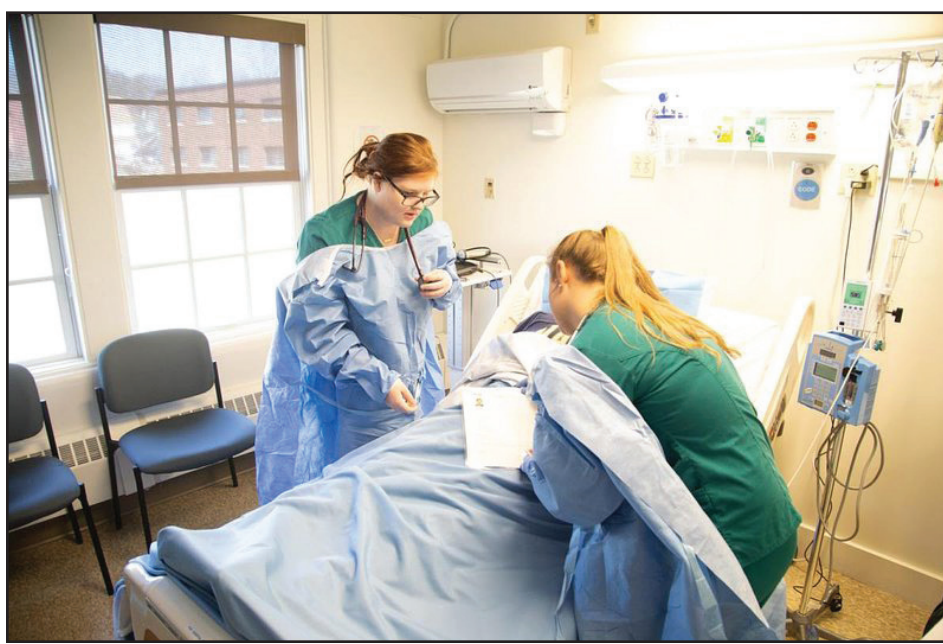
PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University's (PSU) Nursing program is launching a new RN to BSN track in fall 2024. Prospective students who already have an associate degree and are licensed as registered nurses in any state can transfer between 60 to 90 credits toward the 120 total credits required to graduate at PSU with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

"This program will fill an important gap in our educational offering and will meet a growing demand for nurses looking to take the next step in their careers," said PSU Director of Nursing Donna Driscoll, DPN, RN, CEN. "We look forward to seeing how our fully integrated classrooms will benefit from the experience of working nurses, and we believe this program will serve to bolster the much-needed nursing workforce in New Hampshire and

beyond."

While nursing classes will be held in-person at the PSU campus, there will also be an option to attend remotely via Zoom, which will provide flexibility for working nurses and out-of-state students. Certain general education courses are also available as online courses.

Each nursing student at PSU must complete an Integrated Capstone course, which includes clinical hours at a local healthcare institution. In addition to its existing clinical affiliations, PSU will establish ad hoc affiliations with institutions closer to where students live and work to make it possible for all students to receive the necessary credits. RN students will only be required to perform up to 100 hours of clinical study, while traditional students will need to complete 270 hours to fulfill the



Plymouth State University is now offering an RN to BSN option for licensed nurses who wish to earn their bachelor's degree. Pictured: PSU nursing students participating in a clinical simulation at the university's Panther Nursing Simulation Center.

requirements of their capstone course.

This will be the first program of its kind at PSU, wherein traditional and non-traditional students will be seamlessly integrated, enabling young students to learn from fellow students who may already have a great deal

of nursing experience.

Additionally, PSU is unveiling a new Pre-Nursing track for first-year students who do not initially meet the criteria for the Nursing program. This will enable students to take the prerequisite nursing courses while enrolled in the Allied Health Sci-

ences program during their first year with the goal of transferring into the Nursing program the following year. If a Pre-Nursing student successfully transfers into Nursing in their second year, it will not delay their graduation.

PSU's Nursing program has been ranked

the No. 1 nursing program in New Hampshire by Registered-Nursing.org based on the pass rates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) over the past five years. PSU's Nursing program is also ranked top in the country, with a 100% pass rate in the 2022 to 2023 school year. PSU nursing students collectively earned a 100% pass rate in four out of the last five years.

The program is expected to see continued growth. By fall 2025, a new and improved Panther Nursing Simulation Center will have opened, along with additional classrooms, effectively doubling the current center's capacity.

To learn more about Plymouth State University and its Nursing program, visit www.plymouth.edu.



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HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Waterville Valley School District will be holding its annual school district meeting on the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget **on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Waterville Valley Elementary School 11A Noon Peak Road Waterville Valley, NH 03215

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ellsworth School District will be holding its annual school district meeting on the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget **on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Ellsworth Town House 3 Ellsworth Pond Road Ellsworth, NH 03223

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PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING Thursday, March 21, 2024

The Planning Board for the Town of Thornton will hold a Public Meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024** beginning at **6:00 PM** based at the Thornton Town Offices at 16 Merrill Access Road for the purpose of holding public hearings*:

APPLICATION: PUBLIC HEARING - **LCJ Holdings, LLC Amendment to the Land Dedication Agreement.** *The Applicant seeks to make a 7th Amendment to the Land Dedication Agreement with the Town of Thornton.*

*If the Planning Board determines that an applicant has not provided sufficient information to give the Board jurisdiction over the application, the application will be deemed incomplete and Public Comment will not be accepted.

The Town Hall is open to the public and the public is allowed to attend in person or remotely using ZOOM by going to <https://zoom.us/j/8256731802> (or via telephone at 1-646-876-9923) with Meeting ID: 825 673 1802. For further information please visit our web page at www.townofthornton.org

Donna O'Donnell, Planning Board Chair

THE HEBRON SELECTMEN AND BRIDGEWATER-HEBRON-GROTON SPECIAL PURPOSE PLANNING COMMITTEE ***PUBLIC HEARING***

The Hebron Selectmen and the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District Planning Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the adoption of HB 349, which would result in the withdrawal of the Towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton from the Newfound Area School District/SAU #4 as of June 30, 2025, and the creation of a new cooperative school district and SAU, the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District, as of July 1, 2025, and the proposed Articles of Agreement for the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District.

The text of the proposed warrant article is below:

Shall the Town of Hebron adopt the provisions of House Bill 349 (2023) to withdraw from the Newfound Area School District/SAU #4 on June 30, 2025, and effective July 1, 2025, form a separate cooperative school district and single district SAU, called the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District, in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 349 (2023) and where applicable, RSA 195 and RSA 194-C, and further, shall the Town of Hebron adopt the proposed Articles of Agreement for the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District. (Majority vote required).

The text of the proposed Articles of Agreement are attached to this posting and can also be obtained from the Select Board Office and online at: www.hebronnh.gov

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

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PROPOSED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT ARE ATTACHED

The Hebron Select Board hereby notifies you that in accordance with RSA 32:5,I, the public hearing on the Hebron town budget and warrant articles (including the article above) for the fiscal year 2024 will be presented at this time.

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Highway Manager

LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2nd Circuit - Probate Division - Haverhill 2/16/2024 thru 2/29 /2024

APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES

Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciaries have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Grafton County. All persons having claims against these decedents are requested to exhibit them for adjustment and all indebted to make payment.

Balduf, Marcus E., late of Alexandria, NH. Claudia E. Darrow, 460 Welton Falls Road, Alexandria, NH 03222. #315-2021-ET-00024

Conway, Beverly Mae, late of Alexandria, NH. Deirdre B Conway, 197 Fairview Lane, Alexandria, NH 03222. #315-2023-ET-00691

Gale, Helen M., late of Campton, NH. Thomas J Marola, 16 Indigo Way Ny 12831, Wilton, NY 12831. Gina M Marola, Resident Agent, 241 Windmill Rd, Campton, NH 03223. #315-2023-ET-00772

Pihlajavesi, Ari Markus, late of Wentworth, NH. Tuula Pihlajavesi, 668 Atwell Hill Road, Wentworth, NH 03282. #315-2023-ET-00731

Dated: 3/1/2024

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wentworth School District will be holding its annual school district meeting on the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget

on Saturday, March 9, 2024

at 10:30 a.m.

at the

Wentworth Elementary School
1247 Mt. Moosilauke Hwy
Wentworth, NH 03282

Town of Alexandria

Town Elections and Voting on the Warrant

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024
from 11 am to 7 pm**

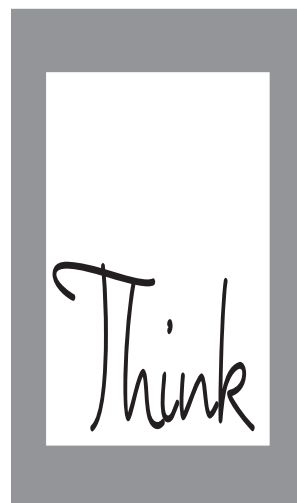
Voting held at the
Alexandria Town Hall
45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

ATTENTION CAMPTON RESIDENTS KINDERGARTEN 2024-2025

If you have a child that will be 5 years of age by September 30, 2024 please visit the homepage of our website to register online. You can also call the school at 603-726-3931.

Mandatory paperwork required for registration are: Immunization Record, Original Birth Certificate and copy of 5-year checkup. These forms can be brought in or mailed to:

Campton Elementary School
1110 NH Rt. 175
Campton, NH 03223
Attn: Melissa Anderson



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Waterville Estates Village District Notice of Annual Meeting

Waterville Estates Village District will be holding its Annual Meeting on March 23, 2024 at 9 AM at 562 Winterbrook Rd., Campton, NH 03223 with a snow date of March 30, 2024 at 9 AM at the same location.

All information regarding warrant articles, budgets, and streaming can be found at <https://www.waterville-estatesnh.gov/annual-meeting-information>.

HERBICIDE USE NOTIFICATION

National Grid plans to apply herbicides along certain rights-of-way in New Hampshire in 2024. In accordance with administrative rules of the State of New Hampshire Pesticide Control Board, no application of herbicides shall be made to rights-of-way, during the months of June through October 15, without first providing notification to Town officials, the public, and residences near the rights-of-way. This announcement serves to provide notification

to the public. The following herbicides will be selectively used to control certain tall-growing vegetation on the rights-of-way: Vastlan (Triclopyr), Milestone (Aminopyralid), Escort XP (Metsulfuron Methyl), Rodeo (Glyphosate), and/or Garlon 4 (Triclopyr). National Grid will conduct maintenance on the following rights-of-way in the associated Towns, beginning June 1, 2024:

Right-of-Way	Towns
1301	Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Lyman, Monroe, Warren, Wentworth
1307	Bedford, Goffstown, Litchfield, Merrimack
1483	Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Lebanon, Plainfield, Walpole
1801	Charlestown
1803	Charlestown, Walpole

Individual landowners whose property abuts the right-of-way, or over whose property the right-of-way passes, may request and receive individual notification thirty days prior to any treatment. A Notification Request Coupon is provided below. To receive individual notification, fill out the Notification Request Coupon and return to the specified address. Coupons must be received by National Grid no later than May 1, 2024. Requests received after this date will not be granted until the next treatment cycle.

In addition to the Personal Notification by mail, as an individual landowner whose property abuts the right-of-way, or over whose property the right-of-way passes, you have the right to request and receive the approximate date, plus or minus 5 days that herbicides will be applied to the right-of-way in your area. Requests should be made to the contact listed below.

Rights-of-way may be identified by locating a metal tag on a pole or structure with the following initials: "NEPCO" or "GSECO" and usually appear with a pole or structure number and the right-of-way number, see list above.

In accordance with State Regulations, it is the duty of each landowner or resident to make National Grid aware of the location of potentially affected private water supplies, and of any other environmentally sensitive areas where herbicide application should be further restricted.

Further information may be requested by contacting, during business hours (Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-4:00PM):
Mariclaire Rigby • National Grid • Telephone (781) 290-8310 • mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

NOTIFICATION REQUEST COUPON

Name _____ Property Location: Town _____ Street _____
Street Address _____ Tel. # (home) _____ Tel. # (work) _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Line and Pole Numbers: _____
Other Landowner Location Information: _____
Sensitive Areas: _____
Landowner or Abutter requests notification of approximate date of application (Yes or No):
Return to: Mariclaire Rigby
National Grid Vegetation Strategy
939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610



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