

Plymouth mourns the loss of a legend

Longtime coach and educator Tom Underwood remembered fondly

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — When anyone in Plymouth thinks of someone who was larger than life, there’s a pretty good chance that they would think of Tom Underwood.

The longtime educator, administrator and coach with a booming voice, big smile and firm handshake, passed away last Wednesday, bringing out tributes from around the community and around the state, as people remembered a man who touched more lives in his 72 years than most get the chance to do.

Underwood is survived by his wife, Deb-



Tom Underwood accepts a signed bat at his final home game as Plymouth baseball’s head coach from that year’s captains, Chris Comeau, Jacob Scheinman and Aaron Evans.

bie, along with his sons, Tom Jr. and Kyle and his daughter, Tara.

“He is going to be missed by a lot of people, he has done so much,” said Plymouth Athletic Director Todd Austin, who served as Underwood’s freshman and JV baseball coach for about seven years. “He was tough as hell, but he had a big heart.

“I know there were kids, if they needed something and couldn’t afford it, he’d go out and get it for them,” Austin noted. “He was always giving back to the kids.”

Mike Boyle, who played for Underwood during his youth baseball days and at the high SEE UNDERWOOD PAGE A19

Ashland selectmen sign off on town warrant

BY DAVID RUELL
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ASHLAND — At their Jan. 24 meeting, the Ashland selectmen approved the purchase of a mini-excavator and the warrant for the annual town meeting. They also dealt with the Fourth of July celebration, and other issues. (The meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 23, but was postponed because of the snowstorm.)

The longest conversation of the meeting was on the request of Public Works Director Craig Moore to purchase a used mini-excavator for \$62,500. Ashland, like other municipalities in New Hampshire, has received a grant to be used for bridges, for either actual work on bridges or the purchase of equipment to maintain bridges. As Town

Manager Fred Welch explained, Ashland is one of just three towns in the state that does not have a bridge that is on the state’s lists of bridges needing repairs or replacement. Moore proposed using the grant, along with contributions from the Electric Department and the Water and Sewer Department, to purchase the mini-excavator. There would therefore be no tax impact. The Public Works Department would use the mini excavator to maintain the swales for bridges, as well as for culverts and other highway work. The Electric Department would use it for underground electric cables, which are increasingly popular, while the Water & Sewer Department would use it for water and sewer

lines. It would supplement the town’s backhoe, which is sometimes too big for the places work has to be done. Moore felt that he could not justify buying a brand new machine, which would cost more than \$100,000. A trailer would be needed to haul the mini-excavator to its job sites. A used trailer will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000, but again the cost would be shared by the three departments. Selectmen Andy Fitch expressed concerns about the age and condition of the mini-excavator. But, the Town Mechanic and other staff who inspected the machine found it in good shape. In the end, the purchase was approved by the Selectmen on a 3 to 2 vote.

The selectmen approved the warrant for the 2023 Town Meeting. Welch explained that the petitioned article to increase the veterans tax credit by \$500 from \$250 to \$750 per veteran will cost the town \$34,000 in revenue as there are currently 68 veterans getting the credit. The article will also have to be reworded to make

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In 2022, members and friends of the Newfound Area Charitable Fund assisted the N.H. Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry distribution program, and on Feb. 11, they look forward to bringing the mobile pantry back to the community once again.

Run Your Buns Off proceeds bring Mobile Food Pantry back to region

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — The Newfound Area Charitable Fund, a 501(c)3

organization, which holds the annual Labor Day weekend Run Your Buns Off race, is pleased to an-

nounce that through money raised in their 2022 run/walk event, they will once again be bringing the N.H. Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry to the Newfound Region this month.

Since 2010 walkers and runners from all over have gathered at Basic Ingredients, a bakery and gift shop on the Bristol-Bridgewater town line, to participate in the event. Run Your Buns Off is a 4.2 mile trek through Bridgewater, enabling participants to burn off enough calories so they can enjoy one of the famous sticky buns made by Garlyn Manganiello and her crew at Basic Ingredients when they cross the finish line.

Right from its start, donations from the event prompted both Manganiello and SEE FOOD PANTRY PAGE A10

Turkey Trot proceeds benefit Campton-Thornton FD

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

CAMPTON — For the fourth year in a row, Campton-Thornton Firemen’s Association was the recipient of a generous donation from the Dam Brewhouse Turkey Trot and Chief Dan Defosses was pleased to announce that as a result, they were able to recently purchase a new high-performance CPR mannequin for training purposes. Thanks to prior donations from the annual event, the department has also been able to acquire rope rescue equipment, carabineers and harnesses, while through a 50-50 grant the



Members of Campton-Thornton Fire Department and their Firemen’s Association were pleased to receive a \$3,000 check from Dam Brewhouse and their associates as a result of their annual Turkey Trot. The donation is the fourth they have received from the event, and was used this year to purchase a new high-performance CPR mannequin for training purposes.

association was able to use the funds toward the purchase of an ATV skid unit for back country rescues.

“With the cost of everything going up, it would be much harder for us to get these things without that extra assistance. These are definitely community-minded people there (at Dam Brew House) and we really appreciate all they and the residents do for us,” Defosses said.

With some money still leftover from the Turkey Trot donations, he added that the association will look into acquiring even more

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Bears of the Week

Newfound Memorial Middle School's Bear of the Week Student & Staff Winners for the week of Dec. 9 are student, Gracie Vogel and para educator Marth Kimball. They have been recognized for their representation of the NMMS Core Values. These members of our NMMS community continually show us what Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Integrity are all about! Thank you to Franklin Savings Bank in Bristol and the Newfound Lake Inn in Bridgewater for sponsoring this week's winners!



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What is a family limited partnership?
An FLP is an entity owned by two or more family members, created to hold the accounts, properties, or businesses that are owned by one or more of the family members. An FLP has at least one general partner who is responsible for the management of the partnership, has unlimited liability, and is compensated by the partnership for their work according to the partnership agreement. An FLP also has one or more limited partners who are permitted to vote on the partnership agreement and are not authorized to manage the partnership. The limited partners receive the income and profits of the partnership and have no liability. Often, one or both parents are general partners because they contribute accounts, properties, or a business they own to the FLP and want to retain control of them as they transfer them to the next generation. To facilitate this transition, the children are given limited partnership interests while the parents retain general partnership interests.

What are the benefits of using an FLP?
This estate planning strategy is useful for the following reasons:
• An FLP can help protect accounts,

properties, and businesses in the entity from your and your family's creditors, because those items are not owned by you and your family as individuals but instead are owned by the entity. If a creditor obtains a judgment against you or your family for a claim not related to the FLP, it can be difficult for the creditor to access anything that the FLP owns to satisfy that claim.
• Because of its lack of control and restrictions on selling a partnership interest, the value of the limited partnership interest that you give to a family member can be discounted, allowing you to maximize your annual gift tax exclusion and lifetime estate and gift tax exemptions.
• Transfer of partnership control can occur slowly, minimizing transfer taxes, allowing you to maintain control, and giving your family a share of the income and profits. Your family can take time to become more familiar with the business. Meanwhile, they will not be exposed to the partnership's liabilities.
• If you own real property in a different state, transferring ownership of the property to the FLP allows your loved ones to avoid an ancillary probate proceeding at your death because the entity will own the property, not you.

What are the downsides of using an FLP?
While there are several benefits to using an FLP, there are a few disadvantages that must be considered:
• An FLP must have at least one general partner that will have unlimited liability for the partnership's debts and obligations.
• An FLP is a business entity, so the formalities of operating a business must be observed, including holding regular meetings, keeping track of minutes, and paying the general partner appropriate compensation.
• If you want to give a limited partnership interest to a minor, additional planning may be needed to make sure that the interest is held either by a trust for the minor's benefit or in a Uniform Transfer to Minors Act account.
• The creation and management of an FLP is a sophisticated planning strategy that requires experienced professionals and continued management by involved parties.

Could this be the best solution for you?
If you have a business or investment portfolio that you want to plan for, and pass on to the next generation while protecting your life savings, minimizing taxes, and maintaining control for as long as you want, a FLP might be good for you..

Science Pub Live: Communicating conservation through art

HOLDERNESS — Co-sponsored by three partner organizations, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Squam Lakes Association, and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the goal of Science Pub is to engage the community in thoughtful conversation about the world around us. The 2023 Winter Science Pub series focuses on communicating conservation through art.
Art has a strong influence on environmental issues. It facilitates understanding and helps motivate people to act. As the Climate Crisis continues to escalate, contemporary artists are developing unique and compelling ways to get the message out and get people involved. This series will introduce four accomplished area artists who using their talent to do just that.
Our series begins with Associate Professor of Art and Coordinator of the Drawing, Painting and Printmaking programs at Plymouth State University, Kimberly Ritchie. Her current work revolves around an in-depth study of environmental issues from air pollution affecting lichen, global climate change affecting sea level rise and our dependence on plastic and its effects on the world's oceans. Kimberly is trying to bring the beauty, mystery, and conservation of the land back into our daily focus through the image-making process.
Date: Tuesday, Feb. 21
Time: Seating starts at 5:30 p.m., presentation begins at 6 p.m.
Title: Environmental Issues in Art
Science Pubs are back to in-person presentations at Walter's Basin and Basshole Lounge on Route 3 in Holderness. You can enjoy a cocktail or dinner while engaging with your community and local experts and if you're not careful, you just might learn something.
Pre-registration is required, and space is limited to 30 guests. Register at:
<https://nhnature.org/programs/calendar.php>
Mark your calendars for the whole series:
Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Kimberly Ritchie "Environmental Issues in Art"
Tuesday, March 7 – Raisa Kochmaruk (Hubbard Brook) "Common Roots of Arts and Science"
Tuesday, March 21 – Jenn Houle (Fitchburg State University) "Plant Paint Cross-Pollinate"
Tuesday, April 18 – Christine Destrempes "Art for Water"
Read more about the artists at foreversquam.org/events.

University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List for the Fall 2022 Semester

DURHAM — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2022 semester.
Joseph D'Ambruso of Ashland, earning Honors
Mckenna Wilson of Bristol, earning Highest Honors
Matthew Libby of Bristol, earning Highest Honors
Maura Geldermann of Bristol, earning High Honors
Natalie Stottlar of Alexandria, earning High Honors
Gretchen McGowan of Alexandria, earning Highest Honors
Cheyenne Reilly of Alexandria, earning High Honors
Bridgett Dunn of Alexandria, earning Honors
Caroline Marchand of Alexandria, earning Honors
Ryder Downes of Alexandria, earning High Honors
Madison Gould of Bristol, earning Highest Honors
Sam Zarakovich of Campton, earning Honors
Molly Panos of Campton, earning High Honors
Christiana Barber of Holderness, earning High Honors
Kate Ogden of Holderness, earning Highest Honors
Graham Pogue of Holderness, earning Honors
Nathaniel Hixon of Holderness, earning Highest Honors
Rosa Bailey of Plymouth, earning Highest Honors
Isabel Cole of Plymouth, earning Highest Honors
Cameron Blanchard of Plymouth, earning Highest Honors
Anna Aprilliano of Plymouth, earning Highest Honors
Dakota Bertholet of Rumney, earning Highest Honors
Emily Smith of Warren, earning Honors

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Brainspotting is an fixed eye position technique. By finding and holding one relevant fixed eye position, or brainspot, in relation to the felt sense of an issue, you access the deeper parts of the limbic system and self-regulatory parts of the brain where patterns are stored from old events, traumas, and injuries. This helps release stored patterns from your body & "rewire" the nervous system. Sessions are in person or via Zoom.

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Dancing days and gearing up for growth

Exciting news & events at Tapply-Thompson Community Center

BRISTOL — As the snow piles up around us, it's time to ditch the shovel, kick off the heavy boots and get drawn into one of our Valentine's Day programs. As we gear up for an amazing 2023, we can't wait to share all

the new news that has been happening at the Center.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the TTCC will be hosting a Noontime Valentine's themed Luncheon for Seniors, where there will be door prizes, Bingo, and more, all for just

two dollars per person. Sponsored by the Bristol Rotary Club, please reserve your seats by calling TTCC at (603) 744-2713 as this fun and scrumptious meal is a perfect way to lose those mid-winter blues.

On Friday, Feb.

10, we will be holding our annual Father and Daughter Valentines Dance, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$20 per couple, and just \$5 for each additional child. There will be corsages for all the girls, great music and refreshments and

door prizes though the night. Prizes will also be awarded to our dance contest standouts and our how-low-can-you-go limbo participants. Register online at ttccrec.org or call with any questions, as all ages are welcome.

With over four dozen program offerings, there is always something going on at the Center, as we have started to see that we are outgrowing our current facility. With the popularity of Pickleball and all our other programs and to help accommodate our members accessibility, we have planned renovation work to expand our gymnasium and to install an elevator, which will access all three floors. We have architectural drafts drawn up for other renovations and are ready to tackle this project head on as we gear up for this amazing growth.

Another future project is a plan for a new building complex on 171 Main St. in Bristol, right next to the middle school, as we have secured the property and are working to bring a larger activities area for students that will be in walking distance of the school and the Center. We will always stay in our beloved building, but have seen the need for expansion, as we continue to serve people of all ages within our communities. If you would like to help out or donate to our expansion efforts, please contact the TTCC and for a full run-down of TTCC programs, visit us online at ttccrec.org. Thank you all for a wonderful 2022 as we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

BY DONNA RHODES
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PLYMOUTH — There were some tense moments in Plymouth beginning at 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, when the Plymouth Fire-Rescue Department was notified of a gas leak at 5 Railroad Square in downtown Plymouth.

Companies arriving on scene discovered that a snowplow operation, dealing with a recent snowfall, had disrupted the line to a 1,000-gallon propane tank situated below the Main St. level and serving a large eatery in downtown Plymouth.

"It was thought that the initial threat was (damage) to the tank

below the driveway that was being plowed," Plymouth Deputy Chief Kevin Pierce explained.

Upon arrival, first responders found that the tank itself was not damaged but a pipe leading to it had been sheared off, leaking propane gas into the air. Evidently, Pierce said, a plow driver was pushing the snow in a driveway on S. Main St., which then broke through a fence, landing on a piece of property down below on Railroad Square and breaking the pipe away from the tank.

After quickly accessing the situation, Pierce said a first alarm was requested through Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association because the

gas being released was found to be leaking into adjacent buildings, elevating the potential of danger in the immediate area. Among the initial concerns for PFRD was the close proximity of The Flying Monkey theater, along with a few other buildings along Railroad Square.

Thankfully, propane is a heavy gas, and it formed a dense, low cloud rather than vaporizing and spreading further throughout the neighborhood. Within 20 minutes of their arrival crews from PFRD were able to shut off the tank and utilize water from their hoses to disperse the gas. Pierce said they were then able to can-

cel the First Alarm and Campton-Thornton Fire Rescue's engine, along with an ambulance from Stewart EMS, were redirected to the Plymouth station to provide coverage while the Plymouth crews continued to monitor the area and nearby buildings.

Due to the leak, Lucky Dog Restaurant lost heat in an adjoining part of the business, but it was found that no gas had entered the restaurant and staff members were able to make accommodations for customers during the remainder of the evening.

Within an hour fire officials confirmed that the area was safe once again. The following day

Pierce said the gas company was able to repair the broken pipe and restore full heating service to the entire restaurant.

In his press release, Deputy Chief Pierson said, "This should serve as a reminder that when a tank is installed, the tank and gas line should be protected from receiving damage above and around. (In this case), the building owner and the surrounding businesses are very fortunate that no other issue arose from this dangerous situation."

Also assisting the fire department during the emergency situation were members of the Plymouth Police Department.

HOLDERNESS RECREATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Family Paint Nights with Judi Mercer

Join us for Two Nights of fun family creativity to paint a Romero Britto inspired Valentines canvas in February and a Paint Your Pet night in March. Grab a family member or friend or simply yourself and come out for a great night of painting and conversation. You do NOT need a partner for this class. Singles welcome! Feb. 10, 6—7:30 p.m. or March 11, 6—7:30 p.m. Who: Adults and children all ages Where: Holderness Town Hall

Cost: \$30 first person, \$25 each additional family member. Please register and pay by Feb. 6 & March 6

currently have in our repertoire. Easy meals to start with when eating plant forward, are ones that you don't need cheese/meat substitutes for, so that you (and your family) won't feel like there's something missing. In these workshops, we will work together to create two recipes to add to your weekly meal rotation.

Feb. 8, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Pasta: During the winter months we lean into savory, warming to our soul, nutritional meals. Pasta is wonderful vessel for a variety of sauces. In this class you will prepare and create easy plant-based sauces using minimal ingredients. Sauces to include a plant-based alfredo sauce and a caramelized onion sauce. Gluten free and regular pasta options for participant consumption. Where: Holderness Fire Safety Building, Cost: \$45 per person.

Feb. 15, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Veggie based soups: Winter comfort foods! I love a hearty warm bowl of soup to

wrap my hands around and fuel my body. In this workshop you will learn how to utilize fresh and pantry products to create nutritious plant-based meals. Participants will make two soups full of flavor to consume as you learn the benefits of adding herbs and spices to your day. Where: Holderness Fire Safety Building, Cost: \$45 per person.

Art Workshops with Cathy Clifford

Clifford was featured on WMUR's Chronicle in 2019. She has been teaching for more than 25 years, and she loves to share her creativity with others.

"I started teaching in my twenties to small groups of children. I continued creating and teaching different types of art up until a few years ago. I discovered resin art while making jewelry. I made pendants, belt buckles and small pieces. I decided to create on a larger scale in frames and windows. Today I love that you can take

memories, tokens from trips and reuse to make something beautiful," says Clifford, who lives in New Hampshire with her husband and has two children and one grandson.

Fiber Basket Class—March 25, 9 a.m.-noon. This is a 3 hr class. All supplies included. This will be an opportunity to learn to make an amazing fiber basket for you or as a gift for someone else. Cost: \$85

3D Resin Art- March 30th 5-7:30pm. This is a two and a half hour class. You have two choices. The wave 11 x 14 Cost: (\$75)

Or the full mermaid 18 x 24 Cost: (\$135) Visit www.holderness-nh.gov to view the example pieces.

All supplies included. Create a one-of-a-kind piece that you will cherish for many years.

Classes are held at Holderness Town Hall unless noted otherwise.

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The lost world of 1920s privilege, ponies and polo captured in MGM's “The Smart Set”

Romantic comedy featuring silent-era superstar William Haines to be screened with live music on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Flying Monkey

PLYMOUTH — Get ready to ride in a romantic comedy set in the rarefied world of 1920s championship polo. That's the setting of “The Smart Set,” a rarely screened film released near the end of Hollywood's silent era—and the end of the Roaring '20s as well. “The Smart Set,” starring William Haines and Alice Day, will be shown with live music on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth. General admission is \$10 per person, general seating. Live musical scoring will be provided by silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis.



COURTESY (Left) A scene from “The Smart Set,” a silent romantic comedy starring William Haines and Alice Day, to be screened with live music on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, call (603) 536-2551 or visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com.

a certain energy and immediacy and excitement to the experience.” “The Smart Set,” a silent romantic comedy starring William Haines and Alice Day, will be screened with live music on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 Main St., Plymouth. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, call (603) 536-2551 or visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com. For more about the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

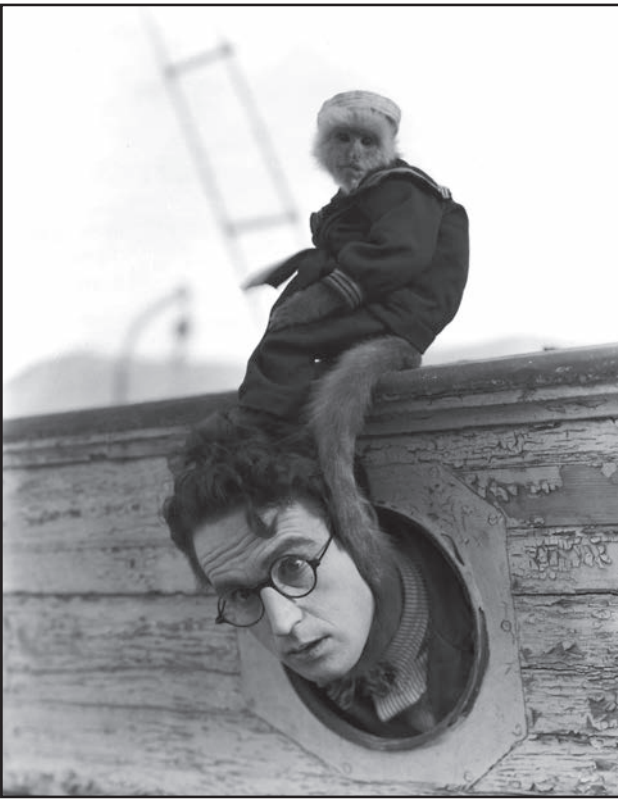
“talking” pictures. A year after “The Smart Set” hit theaters, the stock market crash of October 1929 ushered in the Great Depression, wiping out much of the polo-playing wealthy class. ““The Smart Set” is a real chestnut from a lost age of privilege, ponies, and polo that flourished in the Roaring '20s,” said

Jeff Rapsis, the silent film musician who will accompany the screening at the Flying Monkey. “Taking in a silent romantic comedy with live music is a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day,” Rapsis said. For the music, Rapsis improvises in real time, while the film is running, using a digital synthesizer that allow him to recreate the “movie score” texture of a full orchestra. “Improvising a score live is a bit of a high-wire act, but it allows me to follow and support the film a lot more effectively than if I was buried in sheet music,” Rapsis said. “Instead, I'm free to follow the film right in the moment. Each time it's different, which lends

Silent comedy masterpiece “The Kid Brother” to screen with live music in Campton

In “The Smart Set,” Arrogant aristocrat Tommy Van Buren (William Haines) calls himself “America's gift to polo,” while his female fans think he's the most gorgeous creature on four legs. The one exception is plucky Polly (Alice Day), who first responds to Tommy's amorous advances by using her car to run him off the road. Polly has yet more reasons to loathe Tommy when he replaces her father on the polo squad—although after an evening's dalliance, even she yields to the champ's charms. But when Tommy's alcohol-fueled antics get him tossed from the team, he'll have to stop horsing around to win the big match against England—and Polly's heart. “The Smart Set” was released by MGM in 1928, the final year of full-scale production of silent films in Hollywood. Spurred by the success of Warner Bros.' “The Jazz Singer,” studios and theaters were rapidly converting to

CAMPTON — He was the most popular film star of the 1920s, routinely outpacing comic rivals Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton at the box office. He was Harold Lloyd, the boy next door who could wind up hanging from the hands of a clock high atop a skyscraper. Audiences loved Lloyd's mix of visual comedy and thrilling adventures, making him one of the most recognized icons of early Hollywood. See for yourself when “The Kid Brother” (1927), a feature-length film regarded as Lloyd's masterpiece, is screened by the Campton Historical Society on Saturday, Feb. 4. The event, which is free and open to all, takes place at Old Campton Town Hall, 529 Route 175, Campton. It starts with a pot luck dinner at 5 p.m., with the film program to begin at 6 p.m. Those attending the pot luck dinner are asked to bring one of the following: soup, bread,



COURTESY Harold Lloyd encounters a monkey in “The Kid Brother” (1927), a classic silent comedy to be screened with live music on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at Old Campton Town Hall, 529 Route 175, Campton. The film will be preceded at 5 p.m. by a pot luck supper. The event is free and open to the public, with donations accepted to support the Campton Historical Society. For more information, visit www.camptonhistorical.org.

actually stand up and cheer,” wrote critic Steven D. Greydanus of The Decent Films Guide. “As a first introduction to silent film, I would pick ‘The Kid Brother’ over the best of Chaplin or Keaton every time.” “Unlike Chaplin's Little Tramp, who was as much defined by his bizarre eccentricities as his bowler and cane, Lloyd's character, with his trademark spectacles, was an instantly likable, sympathetic boy-next-door type, a figure as winsome and approachable as Jimmy Stewart or Tom Hanks,” Greydanus wrote. The film co-stars Jobyna Ralston, Walter James, Eddie Boland, and Constantine Romanoff. Harold Lloyd, along with Chaplin and Keaton, stands as one of the three masters of silent comedy. Though Lloyd's reputation later faded due to unavailability of his movies, the recent re-release of most of his major films on home media has spurred a reawakening of interest in his work and a renewed interest in theatrical screenings. “Seeing a Harold Lloyd film with live music and an audience

is one of the great experiences of the cinema of any era,” said Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film musician who will accompany the film. “Films such as ‘The Kid Brother’ were designed for a specific environment. If you can put those conditions together again, you can get a sense of why people first fell in love with the movies,” Rapsis said. “The Kid Brother” will be screened with live music on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at Old Campton Town Hall, 529 Route 175, Campton. The film will follow a pot luck supper that starts at 5 p.m. Those attending the pot luck dinner are asked to bring one of the following: soup, bread, salad, main dish, dessert or beverage. Music during the pot luck supper will be provided by the Fiddlehead Field Kids Orchestra. The event is free and open to all, with donations accepted to support the Campton Historical Society. For more information, visit www.camptonhistorical.org. For more about the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester. The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's

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PSU to host lecture on modern American civil rights activism

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University (PSU) Saul O Sidore Lecture Series will host the third lecture in its year long examination of social justice issues in our society on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 p.m., when Lori James-Townes presents, “The Civil Rights Fighters of Our Time.” The free lecture will be held in the Smith Recital Hall at the Silver Center for the Arts on the PSU campus.

In this lecture, James-Townes will discuss whether American society is structured to fail its most vulnerable individuals, why communities of color are disproportionately represented among the nation’s poorest communities, the ways social justice must be about not only addressing structural disadvantages but also structural advantages and how the consti-



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tutional right to counsel means more than just legal representation by a public defender.

James-Townes is the executive director of the National Association for Public Defense (NAPD)

and is the principal owner of Expand-NOW, a consulting firm specializing in speaking, coaching, and teaching. She has held teaching positions at Towson University, Morgan

State University and the University of Maryland School of Social Work. During her time at NAPD she has led the creation and planning of NAPD’s women’s conference and she co-led NAPD’s first ever National Virtual Conference for Gideon Week.

Saul O Sidore Lecture Series
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Saul O Sidore, the lecture series brings a variety of speakers to PSU to address critical issues and events in politics, society and culture, topics that reflect Sidore’s progressive interests. The 2022-2023 series focuses on building justice in our communities and our world, today and beyond. Lectures explore the broad spectrum of justice issues facing us today and how we can modify society toward a

more just future.
The Saul O Sidore Lecture series is open to the public, but reservations are recommended. Unless otherwise noted, lectures take place in the Smith Recital Hall in the Silver Center for the Arts, 114 Main St., Plymouth. A reception will follow the lecture. For more information and to register to attend, visit www.campus.plymouth.edu/sidore/.

NLRA presents “State of the Lake”

BRISTOL — In 2022, Newfounders from near and far turned to Newfound Lake in all seasons for work, recreation, and everything in between. Positive memories with a healthy lake depend on the entire watershed, so how is Newfound faring? Join Newfound Lake Region Association Conservation Program Manager Paul Pellissier and Executive Director Rebecca Hanson on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Minot-Sleeper Library for a look at the health of the Newfound Watershed and the NLRA’s initiatives for 2023. Learn about impacts to watershed health, get the details from NLRA’s water quality collection data, and ask the lake experts your questions!

With continuing development and recreational use of the Newfound area and changing weather patterns, Newfound’s future resilience to threats is impacted by the steps we take now. NLRA’s monitoring work and watershed-wide approach highlight recent trends, areas of concern, and actions that can make a difference.

Says Paul Pellissier, “Lake monitoring allows us to document the current health of Newfound Lake, understand the causes of change that



we are seeing, and also guides future management of this shared resource.”

The NLRA’s mission is to protect Newfound Lake and its watershed. The Association – through education, programs and collaboration – promotes conservation and preservation of the region’s natural, social, and economic resources. With the vision of

a cleaner, clearer Newfound Lake within the next decade, NLRA is working to improve environmental health, expand land conservation, increase community support, grow watershed stewardship, and boost capacity to deliver their mission. Learn more about employment, volunteer opportunities, and more ways to get involved at NewfoundLake.org.

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — A total of 2,069 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s (WPI) fall 2022 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were named to the Dean's List for fall 2022:

- Ben Kresge of Holderness, majoring in Computer Science (BS), class of 2024
- Holly Mason of Plymouth, majoring in Industrial Engineering (BS), class of 2023

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

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Monitoring your teen's activities: What parents and families need to know

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

The teen years are a time of rapid growth, exploration, and risk taking. Taking risks provides young people the opportunity to test their skills and abilities and discover who they are. However, some risks—such as smoking, using drugs, drinking and driving, and having unprotected sex—can have harmful and long-lasting effects on a teen's health and well-being.

Parents are a powerful influence in the lives of their teens. When parents make a habit of knowing about their teens—what they are doing, who they are with, and where they are and setting clear expectations for behavior with regular check-ins to be sure these expectations are being met—they can reduce their teens' risks for injury, pregnancy, and drug, alcohol, and cigarette use. These parents are monitoring their teens' activities and behavior.

Parental monitoring includes 1) the expectations parents have for their teen's behavior; 2) the actions parents take to keep track of their teen; and 3) the ways parents respond when their teen breaks the rules.

You are using parental monitoring when you ask your teen where they will be, who they will be with, and when they will be home. You are also monitoring when you check in with your teen by phone, get to know his or her friends and their parents, talk with your teen about how he or she spends time or whether he or she is making safe choices and set and enforce rules for your teen's behavior.

Monitoring should start in early childhood and continue throughout the teen years, evolving as children grow and mature. As children develop into teenagers, adults might view them as more independent and less in need of monitoring. But consistent monitoring throughout the teen years is critical—a teen's desire for independence can bring opportunities for unhealthy or unsafe behaviors.

Research shows that teens whose parents use effective monitoring practices are less likely to make poor decisions, such as having sex at an early age, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, being physically aggressive, or skipping school. Clear communication about your expectations is especially important. Research shows that teens who believe their parents disapprove of risky behaviors are less likely to choose those behaviors.

Parental monitoring works best when parents have good, open, and caring relationships with their teens. Teens are more willing to talk to their parents if they think their parents can be trusted, have useful advice to offer, and are open and available to listen and talk. Teens who are satisfied with their relationships with their parents tend to be more willing to follow the rules.

As a parent, you face many competing demands. Work or other activities can keep you away from home and limit monitoring of your teen. To help bridge this gap, you can use e-mails, text messages, and phone calls to check in with your teen. You can also seek the support of other family members, friends, and school staff to help monitor your teen's activities and behavior. Teens who have a variety of adults supervising and monitoring their activities may be even less likely to engage in unhealthy and unsafe behaviors.

You can promote a caring relationship with your teen by listening, asking questions, asking for opinions, offering support and praise, and staying involved in your teen's life. For more information about parental monitoring and preventing risky behaviors, visit our website at cadyinc.org.

If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at (934-8905) for help. You can also connect with Plymouth Area Recovery Connection (PARC), our local recovery center, located at Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth at info@parcnh.org or 238-3555.

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



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Friends of the Gordon-Nash Library support children's programming

Theo Denoncour (right), treasurer of the Friends of the Gordon-Nash Library, presents a check to Jerrica Blackey, Library Director. This generous donation is designated for the children's program directed by Christine Hunewell (left), Children's Librarian. Children's programming includes a Thursday story time, a themed Summer Reading Program, a monthly Lego class, a monthly drop-in craft time on Saturday as well as an outreach to Newfound Area Schools. The Gordon-Nash Library, now operated by The New Hampton School, is open to the public six days a week from Monday to Saturday. Among its many services, the Library provides audio books, museum passes and free access to the ancestry library. All are welcome, young, old and children of all ages.

Even in the darkest of times, one person can make a difference

On a sprawling plantation in Maryland, Harriet Tubman took her first breath into a life of servitude, surrounded by fields of cotton, tobacco, and sorrow.

At age five, Harriet was bought by a cruel trapper who forced her to work in the icy rivers, setting muskrat traps. Soon she was too sick to work and was brought back and made to be a caretaker for the plantation owner's baby; any cries from the baby would result in a brutal whipping for Harriet.

One day, while the plantation owner and his wife were in a heated argument, Harriet spotted a bowl of sugar, something she had never tasted before. Sneaking a pinch of the sweet treat, she was seen by the Master's wife. Harriet bolted out of the house and hid in a pig pen for five hungry days rather than face another whipping. With no food or refuge, she returned and was beaten brutally.

Harriet's faith was a defining force in her life that guided her every step of the way. Rumors of escaped enslaved people reaching freedom in the North captivated Harriet. She prayed for a life beyond the constraints of slavery.

Despite her hardships, she found love for a free man named John Tubman. She often confided in John about her dream of escaping, but he threatened to report her if she ever tried.

Harriet said, "I had reasoned it out in my mind;

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there were two things I had a right to, Liberty or Death, and if I couldn't have one, I would have the other."

One day, a Quaker woman approached her as she worked in the fields. The Quakers were a religious society known for their commitment to anti-slavery beliefs. The lady told Harriet that she could come to her house if she ever wanted to escape.

It was the first time Harriet had met someone part of the whispered-about Underground Railroad, a network of safe houses and secret routes used by escaped slaves to reach freedom.

Escaping at night when her husband was asleep, Harriet arrived at the Quaker woman's house, where she was given food and taught to navigate using the north star, as she would always travel by night.

As she made her way towards her freedom, Harriet was taken from one safe house to another, each one offering her food and shelter along the way.

Delighted to be a free woman in Philadelphia, her mind eventually turned to family. One day news reached Harriet that her sister Mary, her children, and other relatives were to be sold at the auction house, and she was determined to rescue them.

Harriet again traveled by night, returning to the county where she once lived in slavery. With determination in her heart, she devised a plan with Mary's husband, a free man, to help her free Mary and her children. He showed up at the auction house with a forged letter, claiming the plantation had a buyer for Harriet's family, and they were to return home immediately.

The guard hesitated, his hands hovering over his rifle as he read the letter. Mary's husband held his breath for an eternity, wondering if the ploy would work. It did, and Harriet wasted no time, whisking them away to freedom. She was now a conductor on The Underground Railroad.

Harriet faced new dangers with the passage of laws allowing captured escaped slaves to be returned to their owners, even when found in the North.

Determined, she saved for a house in Canada, where she planned to bring escaped slaves. Harriet embarked on multiple rescue missions from Canada.

It wasn't long before Harriet was a legend amongst enslaved people; they sang gospel songs in the fields about her. They called her Moses, sent to set her people free.

A reward was placed on her head, and she was sometimes forced to disguise herself as a man as she traveled from plantation to plantation to rescue any who desired freedom. She made 19 trips and rescued over seventy enslaved people.

Her legacy serves as a reminder that even in the darkest times, one person can make a difference, and that we all have the power to overcome fear and stand up to tyranny in all of its forms.



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JOSHUA SPAULDING
Dylan Welch tears through a giant slalom gate at Waterville Valley last Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Kate Ricotta skied to the win in the giant slalom at Waterville Valley on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Caedon Manseau races in the giant slalom last week at Waterville Valley.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Madeline Levin skis through the giant slalom course at Waterville Valley on Friday.

Welch leads Bobcats boys to win at Waterville Valley

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — The Plymouth alpine ski team hosted Lebanon, Hopkinton, Gilford, Newfound and

John Stark in a full day of racing at Waterville Valley on Friday, Jan. 27. The Bobcat boys finished first overall while the Plymouth girls skied

to second place behind Hopkinton. For the Bobcat boys in the morning giant slalom, Dylan Welch took top honors, winning with a combined time of

49.05 seconds. Caedon Manseau was second overall in a time of 51.19 seconds and Nathan Lorrey finished in fourth with a time of 51.87 seconds.

Tyler Dekutoski finished out the scoring for Plymouth with a time of 55.77 for 10th place overall. Jacob Benton was 14th in 59.39 seconds, Harper Preston was 18th in 1:01.07, Sebastian Eisenbarth was 25th in 1:02.82, Evan Tyler finished in 1:05.12 for 27th place, Elliot Sargent was 28th in 1:05.21 and Buck Currell was 31st overall in 1:07.66.

Mackenzie Welch rounded out the scoring for the Bobcats, finishing in 58.71 seconds for eighth place overall. Ella Weiser was 10th in 58.8 seconds, Vivian McGarr skied to 23rd place in 1:08.58, Maggie Pitman was 29th in 1:10.27, Hazel Bassingthwaite was 34th in 1:14.77 and Zoey Sikorovsky was 36th with a time of 1:19.78.

Bobcat jumpers take second in home meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth ski jumping team welcomed competitors from Kennett, Merrimack Valley, Lebanon, White Mountains and Concord to the Gene Ross Memorial Ski Jump on Friday, Jan. 27. The Bobcats put up some solid results, finishing in second place overall behind Kennett with 372 points to 385 for the Eagles.

Leo Ebner led the way for Plymouth, as he finished in fifth place with 91.5 points on the day. He had top scores of 45.5 and 46 points and had top jumps of 19.5 and 20 meters.

Nathan Lorrey was next for the Bobcats, finishing in seventh place with 90.5 points and top scores of 45 and 45.5 points and top distances of 19 and 19.5 meters and Kerry Toll, the defending girls' state champion, also finished with 90.5 points to tie her teammate for seventh place. She had top scores of 44.5 and 46 points and top distances of 18.5 and 19.5 meters.

Hailey Garnsey was the finals scorer for the Bobcats, finishing with 82.5 points for 11th place,



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Leo Ebner led the Plymouth ski jumpers at their home meet on Friday night.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Kerry Toll leaps through the night sky in action on Friday night.

with best scores of 41 and 41.5 points and top distances of 23.5 and 24 meters. Delaney Comtois finished in 20th place with 74.56 points, with top scores of 36.5 and 38.06 points and top distances of 15 and 17 meters and Vivian McGarr was 22nd with 71.5 points on best scores of 35 and 36.5 meters and top distances

of 14.5 and 15.5 meters. The Bobcats are slated to return to action for the pre-state meet at Kennett High School's jump on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Bobcat Nordic girls ski to Coaches Series win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — The Plymouth Nordic girls skied to the win in the first New Hampshire Nordic Coaches Association Series on Saturday at Waterville Valley.

All four of Plymouth's scorers in the classical race finished in the top 21, led by a fourth place finish from Addison Englund with a time of 17:01.

Elli Englund skied to sixth place in 17:10 and Ella Ronci was the third scorer with a time of 17:15 for eighth place.

Leah Ines rounded out the scoring for Plymouth with a 21st place finish in a time of 19:03.

Heron Hannon was 27th in 19:28, Reagan Sutherland was 39th in 20:44, Kelsey Maine skied to 59th place in 22:12, Anna Boyer was 69th in 23:24, Johanna Wakefield placed 92nd

in 24:46 and Erica Currier finished in 28:10 for 126th place overall.

The Plymouth boys were led by Leo Ebner, who finished in 11th place in 15:35.

Nicholas Ring skied to 16th place in a time of 16:02 and Tate Hayman finished in 69th place with a time of 19:15.

Mason Glew finished out the scoring for the Bobcats with a time of 20:24 for 92nd place overall.

Declan Ullricson was 114th in a time of 21:33 and Gordon Love was 126th overall in a time of 22:30.

Skiers from both Holderness Central and Plymouth Elementary competed in the middle school race.

For the girls, Elena Laroche of Holderness was second in 20:21, Sylvie Elliott of Holderness was third in 20:56, Corva Hannon of Holderness was sixth in 21:40,

Madeline Ronci of Holderness was seventh in 22:29, Mabel Casey of Holderness placed ninth in 23:09, Hannah Casey of Holderness was 12th in 23:40 and Lena Fish of Holderness was 16th in 24:47. Grace Galvin of Plymouth was 23rd in 26:25, Molly Flynn of Holderness was 39th in 29:16, Autumn Lane of Plymouth finished 42nd in 30:06, Emelia Wakefield of Plymouth placed 50th in 31:36 and Riley Mask of Plymouth was 55th in 32:05.

For the boys, Fim Whitworth of Holderness was fourth in 19:11, teammate Bridger Ekstrom was fifth in 21:05 and teammate Henry

Yust was sixth in 21:22. Oran Conway of Holderness was 14th in 23:09, Woody Emmons of Holderness was 18th in 24:09, Graham Sevigney of Holderness was 20th in 24:11, Plymouth's Andrew Crane-Gough was 42nd in a time of 27:58 and teammate Lucian Scagliarini was 47th in 29:24.

Plymouth is scheduled to ski again at Proctor Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Waterville Valley School Board will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 school district budget on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Waterville Valley Elementary School 11A Noon Peak Road Waterville Valley, NH 03215



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The premium surcharge — known as the income related monthly adjustment amount, or IRMAA — is assessed on premiums for Medicare Parts B and D, and generally is based on an individual's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of two years ago. So, the IRMAA for 2023 would be based on one's MAGI from 2021.

For someone who's married and files taxes jointly, and whose MAGI for 2021 was \$194,000 or less, the Part B premium for 2023 will be \$164.90 per month, and the Part D premium will be whatever amount is charged by their Medicare plan. But if their 2021 MAGI was between \$194,000 and \$246,000, they'll pay \$230.80 (a surcharge of \$65.90) for

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Part B and an additional \$12.20 for Part D. And the IRMAA rises at different income levels, reaching a maximum of \$560.50 (a surcharge of \$395.60) for Part B and an additional \$76.40 for Part D for a MAGI of \$750,000 or more.

If you're unprepared for the IRMAA, it can be an unpleasant surprise. So, if you've still got a few years until you enroll in Medicare, you may want to look for ways to control your MAGI and possibly limit the surcharge.

Here are a few suggestions:

Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA). If you have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA), your contributions will reduce your taxable income, helping you on the IRMAA issue. Furthermore, any investment growth within your HSA is tax free, as are withdrawals for qualified medical expenses, which can include Medicare premiums, deductibles and copays.

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Contribute to a Roth IRA. Roth IRA withdrawals are tax free, provided you don't start taking them until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. These tax-free withdrawals can enable you to avoid taking taxable withdrawals from other accounts, which may help you avoid an increase in your IRMAA.

Consider a Roth IRA conversion. You could convert some, or perhaps all, the assets of a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. But you'll need to consider the impact of taxes — any deductible contributions to your traditional IRA and the earnings generated by these contributions will be fully taxable the year of the conversion, so you'll want to have funds outside your IRA available to pay these taxes. Also, timing is important — to be on the safe side, you might want to complete the Roth conversion three or more years before you enroll in Medi-


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care, so the conversion and the likely increase in your MAGI won't increase the IRMAA.

Manage your withdrawal rate — Taking large withdrawals from your retirement accounts can bump up your MAGI bracket and your IRMAA. So, as you near retirement, you'll want to establish a sustainable withdrawal rate — one that provides you the income you need but without going overboard.

While these moves could potentially help you control the Medicare surcharge, they still must make sense for your overall financial strategy. It's obviously desirable to keep the surcharge as low as you can — but it's even more important to take the steps necessary to reach your financial goals.

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News from our Local Correspondents

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Town and School Deliberative Sessions

The Ashland Town and School Deliberative Sessions will be held in the next few days, both in the Ashland School Cafeteria. The Town Session begins at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 4, the School District Session at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 7. This is your opportunity to learn about, discuss and perhaps amend the articles in the town and School District warrants. (See summaries of the warrant articles below.)

Filing Period

The filing period for candidates for Town and School District offices closes at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3, in the Town Hall.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

For the first time, the Ashland Town Library will take part in Take Your Child To The Library Day, celebrated at thousands of libraries around the world on the first Saturday in February. The Town Library will be open from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Feb. 4. Bring your child to the Library for fun activities and free books (donated by the Friends of the Ashland Town Library).

Cat Behavior Program

The Ashland Town Library and the Pease Public Library are jointly sponsoring the Zoom program “Decoding the Mysteries of Cats” by Stephen Quandt at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Quandt is a certified Feline Behavior and Training Specialist, with twenty years of experience. He will talk about such issues as the cycle of hunting and resting, the mother-kitten relationship, hunger and appetite. This free public program can be accessed through the websites of the two libraries. The Friends of the Ashland Town Library are funding the Ashland portion of the program.

Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of the

Ashland Town Library will meet at 6 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Library.

Valentine’s Day Story Time

The Ashland Town Library will hold a Valentine’s Day Story Time at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, with stories and a Valentine craft project. Registration is recommended.

Firefighters Raffle

Don’t forget the Ashland Firefighters Association raffle of a \$500 Visa gift card to raise funds for a training facility for the Ashland Fire Department. The \$5 tickets can be purchased from any member of the Association. The winning ticket will be drawn on Feb. 15.

Stenciled Tea Towel Workshop

The Ashland Town Library will hold a Stenciled Tea Towel Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Library. All supplies are included in this free program. Registration is necessary as space is limited.

Ashland School District Warrant

The School District warrant contains just four articles. Article 1 is the election of two school board members. Article 2 sets the salaries for various school district officials. Article 3 would appropriate \$4,296,865 for the operating budget of the 2023-2024 school year. Article 4 asks if the school district wishes to exercise its right of first refusal for the old elementary school property which Tri-County CAP would sell to the Town for the use of the Town Library, and appropriates \$400,000 to be raised by taxes for that purchase. This vote is apparently required by the deed from the School District to Tri-County CAP which allows the District to buy back the property at whatever price TCCAP has negotiated with a buyer. Both the School Board and the Budget Committee are recommending that the voters vote no on the article. A no vote would clear the way for the town’s purchase of the building and its conversion to the Town Li-

brary.

Ashland Town Warrant

The Ashland Town Meeting Warrant has no less than 34 articles, which can only be summarized here. The full text is posted on the town Web site, ashland-nh.org. Article 1 is for the election of officers, Article 2 amends the Zoning Ordinance to comply with new requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Articles 3 through 6 will set

the operating budgets of the Town and the three utilities. Article 7 is for the cost items in the town employees’ collective bargaining agreement, while Article 8 would allow another vote on a revised version of Article 7 if it fails. Article 9 establishes a contingency fund for the year. Articles 10 and 11 would expand the scope of the Veterans Tax Credit, while Article 33 would increase the amount of that Tax Credit. Article 12 would buy a new ambulance to replace the 1998 vehicle. Articles 13, 14 and 16 through 19 would appropriate money to various capital reserve funds. Article 15 would put police detail earnings into a revolving fund for police vehicles and equipment. Article 20 asks if the Selectmen should investigate the construction of a waste to energy plant. Article 21 asks if the

selectmen should investigate the construction and operation of broadband in the Town. Articles 22 through 28 and 32 ask for donations to non-profits serving the community. Article 29 would support renewable energy in Ashland, while Article 30 supports a Carbon Fee and Dividend program in the state. Article 31 asks for the rescinding of the article approved last year to purchase the old elementary school building for the Town Library. Finally, Article 34 again asks

for the discontinuance of Parkway, the short road between Mill and Depot Streets.

Bristol

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I am reminded that the ice on most of our lakes is late arriving and it demands extra caution for all who would venture out. Please heed the warnings of NH Fish and Game who keep a sharp eye on ice forming on our lakes and ponds and ask that you all use extreme caution when contemplating going on the ice for any reason. A dog had to be rescued just last week!

The Deliberative Session of the Newfound School District will be held at NRHS on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m.

Don’t forget that Poetry Night is every first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Poetry Nights are free and open to all ages. Recurring events at the Minot-Sleeper Library include: Knot Only Knitters on Mondays from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Mah Jongg on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m., and Quilt Club on Fridays at 1 p.m.

Baseball Winter Workouts will begin on Thursdays, from Feb. 2 through April 13. TTCC Baseball has rented out the Lakes Region Cages again for an exciting opportunity for upcoming Major and Minor League players (ages nine to 12 as of May 1). This is free training for any players interested in working on their game in the off-season. Coaches are needed. If you are interested, please contact the TTCC (744-2713). Space is limited to 15 players per time slot (Group 1- 6-7 p.m. and Group 2 - 7-8 p.m. To sign up, register online at www.ttcrc.org. Transportation is the responsibility of parent/guardian of players.

TTCC February Cash Calendars are on sale now at the TTCC to benefit the TTCC youth programs. The calendars are \$5 each. The February one will have \$1,700 in prizes, with the final day being a \$500 prize. Each day a winner is drawn and will win the amount listed for that day. Winners names are posted on the TTCC website daily during February at www.ttcrc.org. To purchase

a calendar, stop by the TTCC at 30 North Main St. in Bristol. Calendars will also be sold by the TTCC Youth Basketball Teams. High sellers win prizes and the highest selling team will have a pizza party at the end of their season.

A Valentine Luncheon for Seniors will be hosted by TTCC and sponsored by the Bristol Rotary Club on Thursday, Feb. 9 at noon at the TTCC for \$2 per person. Takeout will be available. This Valentine themed luncheon is for Newfound Area Seniors. Door prizes and Bingo will be offered. Call the TTCC at 744-2713 to reserve a spot by Feb. 7.

A Father-Daughter Valentine Dance will be held at the TTCC on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for \$20/couple (\$5 each additional child). All ages are welcome. The evening will feature: music and refreshments, corsages for all the girls, prizes for dance contest and limbo plus door prizes throughout the evening. Register online at ttccrec.org. Call if any questions.

The TTCC is holding a Coat Drive from now through Feb. 11. Drop off a gently used coat at the TTCC. They would appreciate sizes 5T - Adult XXL. Donate a brand new coat and be entered to win a Date Night Basket! The winner will be announced on Feb. 13.

The Joyful Noise Ukulele Band from the Bristol United Church of Christ has two performances scheduled in February: Saturday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Minot-Sleeper Library singing ‘love songs.’ Audience participation will be encouraged. On Valentine’s Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, they will entertain folks at the Senior Luncheon held in Fellowship Hall at the church at 11 a.m.

A Blood Drive will be held at the Bristol Community Marian Center Hall at 17 West Shore Rd. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from noon to 5 p.m. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the town website: townofbristolnh.gov.

There are two job openings at the Bristol Town Office: Administrative Assistant, a full-time position, and Transfer Station Lead Attendant. For information regarding these openings and their qualifications, etc., consult the town website under job opportunities. www.bristolnh.gov.

The Bristol Budget Committee has been working to prepare a town budget for consideration at the Town Meeting on March 18. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in meeting room A at the Town Hall. At this hearing,

the proposed budget will be presented and comments and questions welcomed from the public. All Bristol residents are invited.

Volunteers are encouraged to consider joining the Budget Committee. This is an elected position. If you are interested in more information, come to any committee meeting or contact any committee member. The filing period for all elected town positions will be Jan. 25 through Feb. 3 with the Town Clerk during office hours at the Town Hall.

I guess we are in for a real cold spell later this week and that reminds us that winter is ‘just around the corner’ despite the reasonably ‘warm’ weather up until now. Of course, the close to a foot of snow a week or so ago was a pretty strong wake up call! Please dress warm and cozy when venturing out and help others who may need it during the cold snap.

Campton-Thornton

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Pot-Luck, Popcorn and a Movie

On Saturday Feb. 4, the Campton Historical Society and Campton Public Library presents a silent movies accompanied by Jeff Rapsis and potluck dinner accompanied by the Fiddlehead Field Kids Orchestra. The pot luck dinner is from 5-6 p.m. Please bring one of the following: soup, bread, salad, main dish, dessert or beverage. The movie will begin around 6 p.m. “The Kid Brother” (1927) – Silent-comedy legend Harold Lloyd goes west in this irresistible blend of action, romance, and slapstick invention. The bespectacled everyman is at his inimitable best as Harold Hickory, the gentle son of a prominent lawman who lives in the shadow of his rough-and-tumble brothers. When a traveling medicine show rolls into town, it brings with it excitement, the possibility of love, and a chance for Harold to prove his mettle. Deftly balancing Lloyd’s brilliant sight gags and thrilling set pieces—including an epic, knock-down, drag-out fight aboard an abandoned ship—with one of the actor-filmmaker’s most fully realized, root-for-the-underdog narratives, The Kid Brother is a hilarious and heartwarming high-water mark of early screen comedy. Jeff Rapsis will be taking his place to accompany this feature. Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based musician and composer, will use a digital synthesizer to recreate the texture of the full orchestra, complete with pounding drums and clashing cymbals, all produced in real time. The Campton Historical Society is SEE TOWNS PAGE A9

PETS OF THE WEEK



Jenni

I’m Jenni and I bet you want my number, or the one for the shelter to come adopt me! I am most comfortable around the people I know and would probably do best with adults only. There is potential for me to share a home with a male dog, of course we’d have to meet first. A low traffic home able to help me build my confidence with new people would be best!



Buck

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Carolyn ‘Kay’ Hill Desmarais, 83

Carolyn ‘Kay’ Hill Desmarais, age 83 - gracious, independent, strong willed and loved her family deeply.

Carolyn Hill Desmarais passed away on January 9, 2023, in Concord, NH. Her caring and generous heart were present throughout her 83 years of life.

Kay was born on November 29, 1939, in Flushing, New York to Earle and Margaret (Carlson) Hill. She was the oldest of four children, Barbara, Susan, and Jeff. She graduated from Bingham (ME) High School in 1958 and Nasson College, in Springvale, ME in 1960.

She married her husband, James W. Desmarais on June 25, 1960, and they lived in Hillsboro, NH for 11 years. In 1973 they moved to Plymouth, NH where they would spend the next 48 years raising their 2 boys Michael & Mark and rooting the family in the community.

In addition to work-



ing for Speare Memorial Hospital for 28 years, Kay was one of the founders of the Pemigewasset Choral Society and was an active member for almost 20 years. Kay was an avid reader, musician, athlete, and enjoyed supporting cultural and sporting events. Kay loved the Plymouth community and valued all the friendships that were developed through the public schools, university, and hospital.

Kay enjoyed summers at Moody Beach in Wells, ME, retirement winters in Cocoa Beach Florida, and traveling with Jim

to numerous destinations around the country. Most of all Kay loved spending time with her husband of 62 years, her children and extended family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Jim and her 2 boys, Michael, and Mark, and her granddaughter Caroline Desmarais. She is also survived by her sisters: Barbara McKittrick, and Susan Melcher Clayton, and her brother Jeff Hill. Additionally, Kay held a special place in her heart for all her nieces and nephews who all adored ‘Aunt Kay’ immensely.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Kay at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 8th at the Grapone Center, Room Salon BC, 70 Constitution Avenue in Concord, NH 03301.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kay’s name to the Pease Public Library, 1 Russell Street, Plymouth, N.H. 03264

Thomas S. (Steve) Whitman, Jr.



Thomas S. (Steve) Whitman, Jr. of Alexandria, NH and Black Point, Niantic, CT passed away on January 16 surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford, CT in 1940 Steve was the son of Thomas S. and Grace (Carver) Whitman. After a brief stint at Michigan State, where partying was a better activity than studies, Steve enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Saratoga during the Cuban Missile Crisis/Vietnam era. After his discharge he graduated from Babson College and began a 30-year career at The Hartford where he was the Office Manager in Richmond, Detroit, and Rochester before returning to Hartford in a variety of capacities. During the opening of The Hartford’s Memphis Regional Office in 1967, fate would bring together he and his future bride. They

were together for 55 years, having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past September. Steve served as the commodore of Smith Cove Yacht Club for multiple years as well as serving in other officer and board roles. In Alexandria conservation was a top priority and he served on various commissions and boards.

Steve is survived by his wife Nancy (Skinner) Whitman, his son Thomas S. (Ty) Whitman III and his wife Elizabeth Mur-

phy of Niantic, CT; his daughter Alison Whitman Jones, her husband Brian, and son, Wyatt Winslow Jones of Gibsonville, NC. Additionally, Steve is survived by his sister, Ann (Whitman) Hackl and husband George of Center Tuftonboro, NH, four beloved nieces Elizabeth, Diane, Yvonne, and Katherine, and their children.

A memorial service will be held at the Alexandria Town Hall on Sunday, February 19 at 2PM. A memorial service will also be held in Niantic, CT at a date to be determined. Updates may be found at www.emmonsfuneralhome.com. Private burial will be at the Tristian Copp cemetery at the home of his sister in the spring.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to: The Alexandria Conservation Commission, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222.

Towns

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located at the Old Town Hall 529 NH Route 175 north of Blair. Bring the family, this event is free.

Campton Library news

In collaboration with Mid-State Health’s Rise Recovery Services, we will be hosting a Recovery and Narcan Awareness educational event on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. This important and timely informational session, led by Scott Leighton, a Recovery Support Professional, will teach you how you can use Narcan to reverse an opioid overdose and save a life. Scott will explain how and when to use Narcan and answer any questions you may have about local recovery services and Resources. No registration required, this event is free and open to all.

We now have Tranquility Totes available for loan. These kits contain books, activities, and toys for children to provide support for managing anxiety and other difficult emotions. We also are pleased to offer a Brain Booster Bag with books, puzzles, games, and activities for brain health and to spark memories and conversation. This kit would be helpful for caregivers of adults with cognitive decline or anyone who wants to strengthen brain health. Don’t forget we now have passes to the New England Aquarium in Boston! They allow 4 people access to the aquarium for half price. Check the calendar section of our website, camptonnhllibrary.com, for all the details on our upcoming events and programs.

Antique Track Driven Machine Show

Save the date Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Antique Track Driven Machine Show sponsored by the Central New Hampshire Snowmobile Club. Have the opportunity

to go for a ride on some of the tractors brought by enthusiast of many early model tracked machines. The Boy Scouts will be on hand cooking and grilling food. This event is accessible for snowmobile or car at 73 Laundromat Rd. in Thornton. Bring the whole family!

Danbury

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Last minute reminders

This Friday, Feb. 3, is Rebecca Rule at the south Danbury Church at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Danbury Winter Market celebrates the national holiday of Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast at the market, 9 a.m. to noon, on Feb.4. Veterans receive \$20 in market bucks to shop and SNAP/EBT benefits are matched. The market is held at the Blazing Star Grange Hall, 15 North Rd. in Danbury.

The Blazing Star Grange invites all to their Cabin Fever Believer and open house on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be kid’s activities, door prizes, exhibits, and lunch. It’s all free!

Hebron

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SAU 4 First Deliberative Session Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.

SAU 4 School District will be holding the First Deliberative Session starting at 10 a.m. in the NRHS auditorium, if needed the Session will be rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Holderness

Fran Taylor 968-3846

Don’t forget Pizza and a Movie, plus games upstairs on Friday at 5 p.m. This month’s film is “Paws of Fury - the Legend of Hank.”

The Friends of the Library’s Valentine’s Day Tea Party at 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 is sold out, so they’ve arranged a second seating at 12:30 p.m. Reserve tickets \$10/family. Formal tea party attire is encouraged.

Are you considering running for a town/school office? Last day for filing is tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 3. Ellen will be available until 5 p.m.

If you’re new in the area don’t forget to register to vote. Just visit the Town Clerk at the Town Hall. Be sure to have a photo ID and some proof of residency like a phone bill. If you’re renting, ask your landlord for a statement of residency.

Rec Department is offering a Plant Based Starter Meal Series beginning on February 8 with a program on Pasta with plant based Alfredo sauce and a caramelized onion sauce. Will take place at the Fire/Safety Building from 2:30-4:30 pm. This will be followed by a Feb. 15 class on Soups. Family Paint Night on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. will have a Valentine theme. Takes place on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Fees and registration located on the Recreation Web site.

The Holderness Central School Math-a-letes competed in their first Math-a-lon last week here at HCS. The team is made up of hard working fifth and sixth grad-

ers. The HCS Math Team competes against local Lakes Region Schools.

The strong categories for the team were Fractions and Geometry. Aurora, Taylor and Oliver had perfect scores in these events! New team member Olivia scored well in her individual events. Edu, Guilla, Oliver, and Aurora had a strong showing in the Team Problems Event. The 5th/6th Math Team will continue to practice challenging problems and compete again in March. Keep up the hard work, Math-a-letes!

Science Pub at Walter’s is back! First up, on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m. will be ‘Environmental Issues in Art’ with Kimberly A. Ritchie, Associate Professor of Art at PSU.

New, this spring, limit of 30 with pre-registration required. For more information, go to Squamlandtrust.org/ event.

We see some folks are daring to go out on the ice for ice fishing. Be very careful especially near any inlets.

Holderness school’s new Nordic trail system opened for the first time right before the holidays. Community membership is available by joining the Holderness Nordic Club. Email hol-

dernessnordic@gmail.com for more information.

Warren/Wentworth

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Greetings everyone. Hope you are all having a good week.

I am not a fan of this cold, frigid weather that is predicted for later this week! But, it is winter, so we’ll have to grin and bear it!

WARREN NEWS—The Asquamchumauke Valley Snowmobile Club

will hold its Second Annual Vintage Ride and Show on the Warren Common on Sunday, Feb. 19. Line up is at 8 a.m., Guided Ride at 9 a.m. and Show on the Common at noon. This is part of the Warren Winter Festival.

WENTWORTH NEWS—The Webster Memorial Library’s Book Group will meet on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss “The Last Green Valley” by Mark Sullivan. Books are available at the Library. Have a good week, and always remember to count your blessings!

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TOWN OF THORNTON



PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2023

The Planning Board for the Town of Thornton will hold a Public Meeting on **Thursday, February 16, 2023** 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 – Subdivision; NH Route 49 [Map 234, Lot 15] Jeffrey Morey. *Subdivide Map 234, Lot 15 into two (2), 1.1 acre lots.*

* 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

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THE REAL REPORT
RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Table with 6 columns: Town, Address, Type, Price, Seller, Buyer. It lists recent real estate transactions in various towns including Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Hebron, Plymouth, Thornton, and Waterville Valley.

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.

Ashland
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it legal. The deliberative session will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, to discuss and perhaps amend the warrant articles. The actual votes on the articles will be at the local election on March 14.

Kendall Hughes, chair of the Fourth of July Committee, announced the two people who will be honored this year by the Committee. The Mary Ruell Citizen of Ashland award will be given this year to Stephen Heath, former science teacher and vice-principal of the Ashland Elementary School and now the Ashland Fire Chief. Daniel "Bird" Uhlman

has been selected as the Grand Marshall of the Parade. The theme of the celebration will be "America The Beautiful". The basic schedule of events will include a kickball game, a family movie, a corn hole tour-

nament and a foot race on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2; Touch a Truck, field events and entertainment and the fireworks on Monday, July 3; and the pancake breakfast and the parade on Tuesday, July

Turkey Trot
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equipment in the future to help meet the needs of the busy department. John Anderson and Sarah Dreshaj, owners of Dam Brewhouse on Rte.175 in Camp-ton, said this year they were happy to have assistance for their 5K event from race direc-

Food Pantry
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event co-founder Audrey Goudie to create the Newfound Area Charitable Fund. The nonprofit group then began supporting numerous other local nonprofits, area scholarship funds and school athletic teams with special goals they wished to meet. This past year's race benefitted Little Antlers Learning Center in Plymouth with a \$5,000 contribution for an outdoor play

4. In other business, the Selectmen approved the Investment Policy for 2023 (unchanged from 2022), a Transfer Station Operating Plan developed by DPW Director Moore, and the \$2100 tax

tor Andrew Hostetler of Fresh Tracks, while Erica LaBelle, who helped Anderson and Dreshaj organize their first Turkey Trot, was also back to assist in the fundraiser. For 2022, Dam Brewhouse teamed up with the Owl's Nest Resort in Thornton as well. The golf resort was the turn around point for the race back to the

area, provided \$1,000 toward the purchase of a sign for the new CADY (Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth) location in Bristol and, for the third year in a row, they are sponsoring the Mobile Food Pantry for another trip to the Newfound area.

"We just love that organization. They're wonderful to work with," said Manganiello. She said the directors of NACF realize there is a real need to assist families and

map maintenance contract for 2023. They also approved \$5668 in year-end encumbrances for unpaid 2022 bills (\$5,600 for snowplow repairs and \$68 for insurance). They discussed the dedication of the Town Re-

brew house, while their restaurant also provided water, food and some prizes for participants at the end of their trek. Dreshaj said the first year of the Turkey Trot saw only 15 people participating in the walk/run event, but since 2019 it has grown to 150 participants. That helped grow their donation to their local

seniors of the area in meeting their nutritional needs, so sponsoring the Mobile Food Pantry has become an important part of their fundraising efforts over the past few years, a tradition they hope to continue.

"It really is one of the reasons we hold the race. Each year we plan it, we hold it and we present checks to organizations we identify each year, which is fantastic, but with the food pantry we also get to actually partic-

port, but delayed action on it. They would appreciate suggestions from the public for people who deserve this honor. They were agreeable to Ever-source using the transfer station road to reach the sites of new utility

fire/rescue personnel, too. Besides the \$3,000 participants raised for CTFD in 2022, donations of coats in all sizes were accepted this year. Thanks to the generosity of the community, that collection resulted in 100lbs. of coats, which Hostetler and Dreshaj then sent to Ukraine. All remaining coats were then

ipate as volunteers when they come here," said Manganiello. "It's an extra level of being able to see what happens with the money we raise and we love that!"

Sponsorship of the food truck will mean that the 2022 race will have brought as much as \$15,000 or more back into the area to benefit local residents. NACF is pleased to announce that the mobile food pantry will be at Newfound Memorial Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 11, from

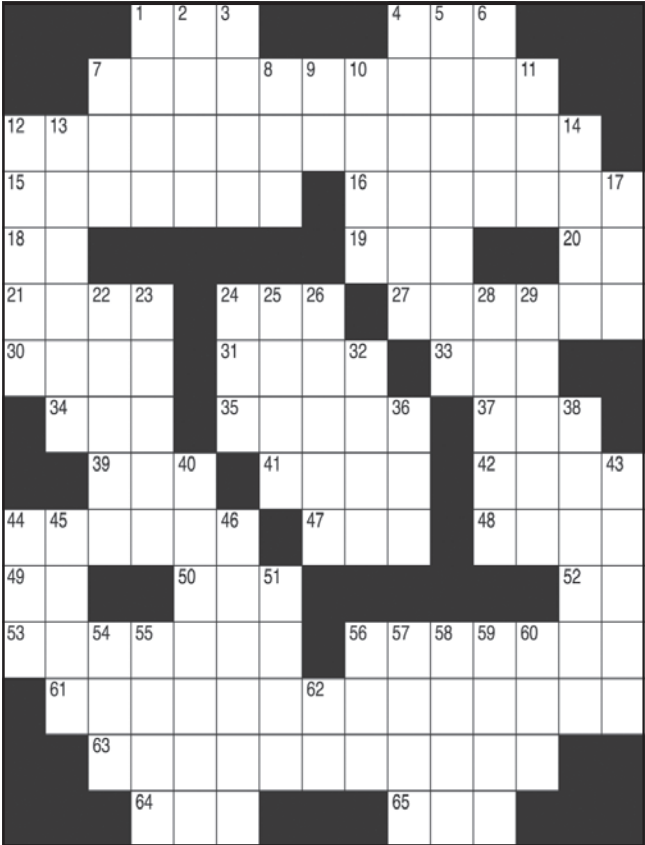
poles for the electric lines. Selectmen Alan Cilley praised the Highway Department for "a very good job" during the last two snowstorms. The selectmen ended their meeting with a non-public session.

distributed to local residents in need of some added warmth this winter. "The Turkey Trot just keeps getting bigger and better every year and we're pleased that we can help support the first responders and residents of our community," Dreshaj said.

noon until 2 p.m., or as long as supplies last. The distributions will take place in a drive-thru format with people remaining in their vehicles as volunteers bring the food to them. No proof-of-residency is necessary as it will be open to anyone who could use some food for their own home pantry this winter but those in need of the extra assistance are advised to arrive early as there is typically a large turnout and inventory is limited.

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ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing place
- 4. Plant by scattering
- 7. A type of explorer
- 12. Unique traits
- 15. Lady
- 16. Dismayed
- 18. Railway
- 19. Type of whale
- 20. Sodium
- 21. Manning and Lilly are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Entrapped
- 30. Influential punk artist
- 31. Hebrew calendar month
- 33. Car mechanics group
- 34. Undesirable rodent

- 35. Minneapolis suburb
- 37. Witch
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. British School
- 44. Country on west coast of Africa
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Information
- 49. __ route
- 50. Jim Nantz's network
- 52. Something to register (abbr.)
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. One who's learning on the job
- 61. Stevenson adventure novel
- 63. Taking careful notice
- 64. CNN's founder
- 65. Speak badly of

DOWN

- 1. A person with unusual powers of foresight
- 2. Single sheet of glass
- 3. Portrays a character
- 4. Expresses happiness
- 5. Acquires
- 6. "The Martian" author
- 7. Degree
- 8. 60-minute intervals
- 9. A detective's pal
- 10. Group of nations (abbr.)
- 11. Popular Georgia rockers
- 12. Fencing swords
- 13. Basement
- 14. Samoan monetary unit
- 17. Male parent
- 22. Finnish lake
- 23. A smooth fabric
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Expressed pleasure
- 29. Lasso
- 32. Hindu model of ideal man
- 36. Move your head in approval
- 38. Ill-__: gained illegally
- 40. Die
- 43. Accused publicly
- 44. Precious stone
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Behaved in a way that degraded
- 51. Derogatory term
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Liability
- 56. Popular beverage
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT WORD SEARCH
V C E U B U K J W D N J M G I U B Q T P
E K H I R E T N Y V R C W Q N P O B N U
M O R W C E T U M M O C O Y T G J Q V L
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U H W A J S E C R U O S E R C I H Y N E
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT WORD SEARCH
COMMUTE, COMPUTER, COWORKER, DEGREE, EMPLOYEE, HEADQUARTERS, HIRE, HOURS, INTERVIEW, JOB, MEETING, OFFICE, PAYCHECK, POSITION, PROGRESS, RAISE, RESOURCES, ROLE, SUPERVISOR, TIMECLOCK, TRAINING, WORK

This Week's Answers
Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

Campton Congregational

Sunday, Feb. 5
9:30 a.m. Rev. Jeff Robie will lead us in Worship.
10 a.m. Children's S e r m o n / S u n d a y School.
Following Worship we gather for coffee and fellowship.

Tuesday, Feb. 7
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
Noon BYO Lunch
1 p.m. Ladies Guild
6 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Pastor Jeff's sermon this Sunday is titled "The Mission." "We're re-thinking what it means to be a local church. To help us do this, we've been looking at the various images of the Church found in Scripture." Please join us this Sunday as we look at the image of the Church as God's mission in the world.
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 and Bible studies are all available on Zoom. 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.

Christian Science Society, Plymouth

As part of our renovation there will be work done on the sanctuary floor next week and the week following. We will still be holding our Sunday service at 10 a.m., and our Wednesday meetings at 6 p.m., but on Feb. 8 and 12, the Wednesday meetings will be on Zoom only, and on Sunday, Feb. 12, the service will also be zoom. Then we will have lovely refinished floors and a new center carpet!
Please visit our website at www.cs-plymouth-nh.org if you would like to join in these zoom services!
The Bible lesson sermon for this Sunday, Feb. 5, is "Spirit" and includes John's words "The spirit itself

beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."
We have a Sunday school which takes place during the church service where children and young people learn Bible-based lessons which help them in all areas of their lives – at school, with friends, and at home and in community.
At our Wednesday meeting e there are short readings from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook. There's also 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. We love to have visitors.
At jsh-online.com you'll find a wealth of articles and audio offerings which are new each week, including ones for children and teens. This week's Sentinel publication includes a helpful article "Tackling Inequality."
You can read helpful articles from the weekly and monthly periodicals in our reading room in the church building .We're open on Mondays, except for legal holidays, from noon to 2 p.m. You can browse, read, bor-

row all books and resources, and there are free magazines to take home. The Reading Room will be closed for floor refinishing from Feb. 6-18.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Daily Mass is on Mondays and Fridays at 8 a.m. at St. Matthew Church in Plymouth and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Bristol. Check the bulletin for more details. Daily Mass will not be canceled due to inclement weather at St. Matthew in Plymouth, but if the Newfound School district does not have school or has a two hour delay, there will be no Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Bristol. You can also check WMUR, our Facebook page Holy Trinity News and Info, and our Instagram page, HolyTrinity NH.
On Sunday, Feb. 5, Marc Guillemette from CMC will be joining us at the Marian Center in Bristol after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Grace to discuss Advanced Directives and End of Life Issues. He will also explain how to fill out your own Advanced Directives.

Please join us for this most important discussion. Coffee and donuts will be served.
Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, Feb. 22. There will be a Mass at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Bristol, then there will be a Liturgy of the Word Service with Distribution of Ashes at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at St. Matthew Church in Plymouth. There will also be a 6:30 p.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes at St. Matthew Church.
On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Catholic Daughters will host their Cabin Fever Supper at the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew in Plymouth. The dinner will take place in Pope Francis Hall, adjacent to the church.

On Friday, Feb. 24, the Bristol Knights of Columbus will host their famous Fish Fry at the Marian Center in Bristol, across from Our Lady of Grace Chapel from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, and \$50 for a family of four.
The Parish will be getting together to study The Mass by Bishop Barron during the season of Lent. More information will follow with groups, days and times.
Movie Night happens

every second Friday of the month at St. Matthew Church in Plymouth at 7 p.m. The Next Movie Night is Friday, Feb. 10. Popcorn is provided and we are watching The Chosen. Come and join us!
The Parish Potluck Luncheons happen monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Matthew Church. The next Potluck will be Sunday, Feb. 19. Please bring a dish to share!

Wentworth Congregational

Please join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship. We are currently worshipping downstairs, to save on the fuel upstairs.
At this time we are hosting a rotation of speakers each Sunday. Here is our list of speakers:
Feb. 5—Communion at W. Rumney, 9 a.m.
Feb. 12—Joy Moody—following the service we will have a "soup-er bowl" luncheon, in honor of Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and Lincoln's Birthday.
Feb. 19—Ruth Martz
Feb. 26—Lynn Morrison
Blessings to all!



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Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Kids "Patch the Pirate" Club (from September - May)
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JOSHUA SPAULDING
Elle MacDonald won the slalom and giant slalom at Waterville Valley on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Beckett VanLenten paced the Newfound boys in last Friday's race at Waterville Valley.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Addie Alpers burns through a giant slalom gate last week at Waterville Valley.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Cameron Ehmann races for Newfound during action at Waterville Valley last week.

MacDonald sweeps the day at Waterville Valley

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — The Newfound alpine team headed north on Interstate 93 for a meet at Waterville Valley Resort on Friday, Jan. 27. The Bears were joined by host Plymouth, along with Lebanon, Hopkinton, John Stark and Gilford.

The highlight of the day for the Bears was the skiing of Elle MacDonald, who skied to the win in both the morning giant slalom and the afternoon slalom.

In the giant slalom, MacDonald put up a time of 56.57 for her two runs to take the win.

Ceili Irving was next, finishing in 1:01.84 for

14th place and Addie Alpers skied to 18th place in 1:04.67.

Mika Austin rounded out the scoring for the Bears with a 26th place finish in a time of 1:09.3 and Lily Karkheck finished in 30th place with a time of 1:11.56.

MacDonald recorded a time of 1:17.83 for the two runs of slalom to claim the overall win.

Irving was 13th overall in a time of 1:40.73 and Alpers skied to 17th place with her time of 1:46.98.

Karkheck was the final scorer with a time of 1:57.48 for 23rd place and Austin rounded out the field of Bears in 2:00.33 for 27th place.

For the Bear boys

in the giant slalom, Beckett VanLenten led the way with a time of 1:00.31 for 17th place overall.

Jack Ehmann skied to 21st place overall in 1:01.91 and Cameron Ehmann was 24th in a time of 1:02.64.

Trevor Sanschagrin rounded out the scoring for Newfound with a 30th place finish in a time of 1:06.36 and Broderick Edwards rounded out the field of Bears with a 34th place finish in 1:09.41.

VanLenten again led

the way in the slalom, finishing in 15th place in a time of 1:32.74.

Edwards skied to 17th place overall in a time of 1:34.63 and Cameron Ehmann was 21st overall in 1:40.04.

Sanschagrin again rounded out the scoring

with a time of 2:10.49 for 30th place.

Newfound's next scheduled meet is at Gunstock on Feb. 10.

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DAN ATTORI — CONCORD MONITOR
Emmit Nossaman battles his way to the championship at 195 pounds in Saturday's Capital City Classic.



DAN ATTORI — CONCORD MONITOR
Matt Cleary picked up the championship at 170 pounds at the Capital City Classic on Saturday.

Cleary, Nossaman win Capital City Classic titles

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth wrestling team traveled to Concord on Saturday after having a scheduled meet earlier in the week postponed by weather.

At the Capital City Classic on Saturday in Concord, the Bobcats finished in seventh place overall, with Bishop Hendricken out of Rhode Island and Central Catholic out of Massachusetts taking the top two spots. Concord was third, Noble, Maine was fourth followed by Keene and Bedford.

The Bobcats pulled out a couple of wins on the day, as Matt Cleary went 5-0 on the day at 170 pounds, pinning his first four opponents before getting a 9-5 win over Caleb Sclama of Bishop Hendricken in the finals to claim the title.

Emmit Nossaman also pinned his four opponents on his way to the finals at 195 pounds and then came through with a hard-fought 9-4 win over Hollis Jones of Bow in a physical and emotional title tilt.

Andrew Comeau was the other Bobcat to reach the podium, as he finished in fifth place in the 145-pound weight bracket.

Also picking up wins on the day were Robert Phipps at 113 pounds (2-2), Luc Diamond at 126 pounds (2-2), Gianni Ciotti at 132 pounds (1-0), Ben Valenti at 160 pounds (3-2), Cole Ahern (1-2), Caden Sanborn at 182 pounds (2-2) and Brad Reedy at heavyweight (1-2).

The Bobcats had some bad news, as Ciotti, a team captain and leader, suffered a broken hand in a win over Bishop Hendricken and will miss a good deal of time.

The Bobcats will be hosting the annual Plymouth Invitational on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and will host ConVal and Kingswood on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m.

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Ahern chips in with points for PSU women's track polls

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University men's and women's indoor track and field teams were both represented in the regional polls when the U.S Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) released its first Regional Track and Field Rating Index (TFRI) this week.

The Plymouth State men currently rank ninth in the East Region with 90.95 points, while the women sit in 19th with 27.85.

The Panthers have had several notable performances in the early stages of the season. On the men's side, senior Jacob Rigoli (Essex, Vt.) is currently second in the nation in the weight throw with a mark of 19.42 meters. Classmate Mike Olson (Sutton, Mass.) accrued a chunk of points with a 1:57.11 in the 800-meters at the Middlebury Snowflake Invitational two weeks ago, while PSU's 4x400-meter relay team of Olson, sophomore Christian Oglesby (Penacook), junior Jyaire Hatcher (Uniondale, N.Y.) and senior Colin Moar (Annandale, Va.) posted a 3:27.39 at the same meet. Moar also picked up significant points for his performance in the 800-meter run last weekend.

On the women's side junior Athena Comeau (Rutland, Mass.) is responsible for the vast majority of the team points with her dynamic performance in the 60-meter dash at the Panther Invitational last weekend, where her time of 7.90 won the event and is tied for the top time in the region. Sophomore Julia Ahern (Plymouth) picked up points after clearing 1.50 meters in the high jump at the Middlebury Snowflake Invitational, while junior Emily Philbrook (Penacook) did the same with a time of 20:00.76 in the 5,000-meter run last weekend.

The TFRI computer rankings were first introduced during the 2011 season. Mathematical formulae based on current national descending-order lists in all events are used to compile a team's ranking.

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Busy week for Newfound hoop girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — Coach Kammi Williams knew it would be a tough week for her Newfound girls' basketball team, as the Bears had back-to-back games scheduled against tough squads from Prospect Mountain and Kearsarge to end the week.

"Mascoma was a must-win for us and if we could steal one of the two upset wins, that would be fantastic," Williams said. "We got our must-win, but we dropped the other two, both games we were down by three in the last minute. We were so close."

The week began with a trip to Canaan where the Bears came home with a 46-41 win over a physical Mascoma team.

"I always tell the girls any game won on the road is a good win, even if it's ugly," Williams said. "It was one of those wins."

The Bears came out slow but managed to hold on to a 15-14 lead at the halftime break. Malina Bohlmann came out hot from the three-point line in the third quarter and the Bears were able to control the rest of the game from there.

"Mascoma plays a very physical defense and has some strong inside players," Williams said. "We have trouble matching up with team's 'big' players."

She noted that her team's big three, Bohlmann, Rylee Barney and Matti Douville, showed up

in a big way. Bohlmann matched her season high with 26 points, while Barney took the ball to the rim without fear and picked up 13 points and Douville added seven.

The Bears played host to Prospect Mountain on Friday, Jan. 27, bidding for the upset but eventually coming up short, 48-42.

"This was a game of runs and you knew it was going to come down to the final shot and that it did," Williams stated.

Prospect got out to an early lead, but the Bears made a big run in the final minute of the second quarter, scoring five points in 30 seconds to go into the halftime break down by just a pair, 23-21.

"As our confidence grew that we believed we could win this game, we kept pace as the game went back and forth with each team making runs at the other's hoop," Williams said. "It was a great game to watch."

Down by three with 20 seconds to go, the Bears got a steal and a look at a shot, but it didn't go in and the Timber Wolves made the foul shots down the stretch to close out the win.

Bohlmann led the way with 14 points and Barney added 13. Douville added seven and three other players also found the scoresheet, Cora Sanschagrin, Bailey Dow and Evie Bastarache.

On Saturday, the Bears took on Kearsarge and dropped a 52-43 decision despite a strong second half.

"The score doesn't reflect the game," Williams said. "We had to play the foul game to stop the clock and just couldn't make that one shot."

After an even first quarter that saw the Cougars up by one, 11-10, the Bears got outgunned in the second quarter and trailed 30-19 at the halftime break. Williams said she knew 30 points in the half was too much.

"We just got out-rebounded offensively and defensively," the Bear coach said. "We gave them way too many second and third chances on their offensive end. You cannot give a good team that many chances and expect to win."

The Bears came out and beat the Cougars 9-8 in the third quarter and about two minutes into the fourth, the visitors went into the stall game. The Bears tried to jump passes, and with a lot of fouls to give, came up with a few steals and were able to cut the lead to three points with one minute to go. However, the Bears had to start fouling to get the ball back and couldn't make the big shot.

Bohlmann finished with 13 points, Barney added 12 and Douville finished with 10.

Newfound will be at White Mountains on Friday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. and will host Inter-Lakes at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

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Holderness School skiers compete in Coaches Series race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Members of the Holderness School's Nordic team competed with the rest of the high school racers from

around New Hampshire at the New Hampshire Nordic Coaches Series race at Waterville Valley on Saturday.

For the boys, Jack Diemar led the way with a seventh place finish in

a time of 15:13, with Eli Cook skiing to 76th place in a time of 19:33 and Will Liu in 165th place with a time of 32:12.

For the Holderness girls, Reid Donovan led the way with a time of

19:00 for 20th place, with Anika Laroche in 26th place with a time of 19:22. Lillian Holland was 37th in 20:43 and Sarah Angevine finished in 45th place in 21:10 to finish out the scoring. Jessica

Shi was 79th in 24:16, Addie Goundrey was 84th in 24:21 and Aila Thompson was 145th in a time of 32:24.

The second Coaches Series race will take place on Feb. 11 in

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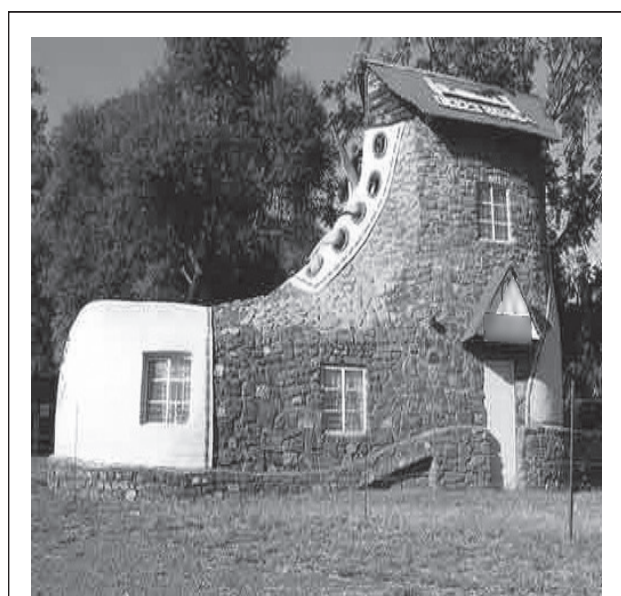
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Bobcat wrestlers pick up four more wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — It was another solid week for the Plymouth wrestlers, as they beat a couple of Division III teams to start the week and then went 2-1 against Division I opponents on Saturday. At Mascoma on Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Bobcats beat the hosts by a 68-6 score and Kearsarge by a 72-12 score. Against the Royals, Robert Phipps at 113

pounds, Alex Ruff at 120 pounds, Anthony Torres at 126 pounds, Gianni Ciotti at 138 points, Ben Valenti at 160 pounds, Matt Cleary at 170 pounds and Emmitt Nossaman at 195 pounds all won by pin. Luc Diamond at 132 pounds, Jacob Heath at 145 pounds, Andrew Comeau at 152 pounds and Caden Sanborn all won by decision and Kam McCord at 106 pounds and Brad Reedy at heavy-weight both won by

forfeit. Against the Cougars, Plymouth got 10 forfeit wins, as Kearsarge had just four wrestlers available. Cole Ahern at 128 pounds and Nossaman at 195 pounds both won by pin. On Saturday, the Bobcats traveled to Concord and took on the hosts along with fellow Division I squads Pinkerton and Nashua South. Against the Astros, Plymouth got a 52-24

win. Phipps, Comeau, Valenti, Sanborn and Reedy all won by pin, while Cleary won by major decision and Therron Depuy and Diamond both picked up forfeit wins. Facing Nashua South, Plymouth got the 60-23 win. Ciotti, Heath, Comeau, Cleary and Nossaman all won by pin, while McCord, Torres, Ruff, Diamond and Reedy all got wins by forfeit. The match of the day came against Con-

cord. The Crimson Tide entered the match at 14-1 and the Bobcats entered at 13-0-1, with the hosts coming away with a 42-33 win. Ciotti, Valenti, Cleary and Nossaman all won by pin for the Bobcats, while Comeau won by decision and Phipps won by forfeit. “Another good week for the Bobcats,” said coach Randy Cleary. “Good win over a solid Mascoma team coached by former

Bobcat Rick Simula and a chance to wrestle head-to-head up a couple of divisions, going 2-1 on Saturday.” The Bobcats will be back in Concord on Saturday, Jan. 28, for the Capital City Classic, then will be at Lebanon on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. *Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

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PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)

The Pemi-Baker Regional School Board will hold its deliberative session under RSA 40:13 (similar to the annual school district meeting except articles can be amended but not voted on until the ballot vote on March 14) on the proposed 2023-2024 school district budget on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Regional High School 86 Old Ward Bridge Road Plymouth, NH 03264

Notice that a public meeting for comments will be held to review Whole Village Family Resource Center’s plan to file an application for Federal Assistance for the parking lot repair and replacement project with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan and/or Grant program. The public meeting will be held on **February 13, 2023 at 4pm** at Whole Village Family Resource Center located at 258 Highland Street in Plymouth, NH.

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Public Hearing Notices
Monday, February 13, 2023
Plymouth Town Hall

Public Hearing #1: 5:15 pm

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ellsworth School Board will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 school district budget on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Town House 3 Ellsworth Pond Road Ellsworth, NH 03223

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
PLYMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF DELIBERATIVE SESSION
RUMNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dated: 1/20/2023

Award-winning poet kicks Off PSU’s Eagle Pond Authors Series

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) will host the first reading of its 2023 Eagle Pond Authors Series on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. Allison Joseph will read from her most recent poetry collections, “Lexicon,” winner of the Poetry by the Sea Best Book Award for 2021, and “Confessions of a Barefaced Woman,” winner of the Feathered Quill Book Award and finalist for the NAACP Image Award in Poetry.

Within the Lexicon poems, Joseph deftly shifts between violence and euphoria, hostility and comedy, and dreariness and fun, all with tear jerking sincerity. In “Confessions of a Barefaced Woman,” she explores the lives of



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women of various ages, races, and backgrounds. the Granite State’s arts and cultural landscape.

Joseph directs the MFA program in creative writing at Southern Illinois University. She is poetry editor of Crab Orchard Review, publisher of No Chair Press and director of Writers In Common, a writing conference for writers of all ages and experience levels.

The Eagle Pond Authors Series was founded in 1998 by former United States Poet Laureate Donald Hall and then Director of the Silver Center for the Arts Diane Alexander Jeffrey. The series is sponsored by generous donors, brings nationally known poets to central New Hampshire and is a memorable and meaningful part of

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Girls' Hoops at White Mountains; 6:30
PLYMOUTH
Alpine Skiing at Cranmore; 10
Girls' Hoops at Hanover; 6:30
Gymnastics at Salem (A2); 7

Saturday, Feb. 4
PLYMOUTH
Hockey vs. Sanborn (Proctor); 7
Wrestling Home Tourney; 9

Tuesday, Feb. 7
NEWFOUND
Boys' Hoops at Inter-Lakes; 6
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PLYMOUTH
Girls' Hoops at Manchester West; 6:30
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Wednesday, Feb. 8
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EOE

Offense struggles as Cats fall to Kennett

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

CONWAY — The Saturday night matchup on the Ham Arena ice in Conway proved to be a pretty good battle between the host Kennett Eagles and the Kearsarge-Plymouth Cats.

The Eagles scored twice in the second period and then held tight as the Cats rallied with one in the third period and held on for the 2-1 win.

“We struggle to score goals and their goalie is outstanding one of the best in the division,” said Kennett coach Mike Lane. “So that 2-1 game in the third made it pretty tight, but we expect to play tight games all season long.”

“In that first period, they controlled the puck, we weren’t really getting pressure, they were beating us to the pucks,” said Kearsarge-Plymouth coach Justin Garzia. “We got outplayed in the first two periods.”

Kennett had some early chances, with Jack Robinson and Noah Keefe connecting on an early bid and Noah Deyak sending a shot wide. Robbie Murphy missed connecting with a centering pass and Sam Seavey had a shot stopped by K-P goalie Owen Garzia. Brennan Johnson came back with a shot at the other end that was blocked and Deyak and Connor Wiggin came back with chances for Kennett.

Chris Rubbe and Nolan Fullerton had chances for the Cats that were stopped by Kennett goalie Zach Moore while Deyak had a centering pass that missed the mark at the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kearsarge-Plymouth goalie Owen Garzia looks for a sightline as Kennett's (l to r) Sam Seavey, Jack Robinson and Noah Keefe do their best to clog the paint in front of him in action on Saturday.

other end and also sent a shot wide of the net.

Murphy made a good defensive stop on a chance from Magnus Nordhausen and Charlie Cushing sent a shot wide for the Cats. Wiggin made a solid defensive stop for Kennett while Cole Rozum did the same at the other end of the ice. Nolan Proulx had a late chance for the Eagles, but the game went to the first intermission with no score.

Austin Silvia had a shot blocked for Kennett to start the second period and Proulx and David Silvia had chances denied by Garzia. Murphy also had a shot deflected by the K-P defense. Lincoln Manson came back with a shot for the Cats that Moore stopped and Seavey had a bid that Garzia stopped.

The Eagles got on the board with 9:11 to go in the period as Murphy fired a shot top-shelf for the 1-0 lead. Kearsarge-Plymouth came back with chances from Fullerton and Manson, but they couldn't get the puck past Moore.

Kennett went on the power play with 8:39 to go and Seavey had a

shot denied by Garzia, as did Murphy. Rubbe had a good clear for the Cats as well, but with 7:16 to go, the Eagles doubled their lead. Murphy fired a shot on net that Garzia stopped, but David Silvia was there to put the rebound in and the Kennett lead was 2-0.

Manson had a chance, but Murphy had some good defense to keep the puck from getting on net, while Gabe Shaw had a shot for the Eagles that was stopped by Garzia. Wiggin and Seavey just missed the net with bids and Manson and Fullerton teamed up on a chance at the other end. The period finished off with the Eagles holding



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cole Rozum battles along the boards at the Ham Arena on Saturday night.

the 2-0 lead.

It didn't take too long into the third period before the Cats got on the board. With 11:13 to go, Gunnar Benedict sent a shot on net that Moore saved, but the rebound bounced off a Kennett defender and into the net to cut the lead to 2-1.

Seavey came back with a chance for Kennett and Manson and Benedict teamed up for a chance that Moore stopped. Johnson had a shot denied by the Kennett keeper as well and Cushing, Benedict and Johnson continued the K-P attack with a number of chances in a row that just missed the mark or were stopped by Moore.

Kennett went on the

power play with 5:35 to go and Murphy had a bid denied on Kennett's best chance of the power play. Deyak and David Silvia had late chances for the Eagles and Johnson had a late chance for Kearsarge-Plymouth, but nothing found the net and Kennett had the 2-1 win.

“Structurally we played a real good first period, but we didn't have anything to show for it, we didn't put enough pucks on net,” said Lane. “But we made adjustments to the power play and it helped. Sawyer (Hussey) did a really nice job on the power play.

“We played well down the stretch,” Lane continued. “We feel

we are better than our record, we've been in every game, but now we're back to .500 and I'm happy for the kids, they played well.”

“We went in (after the second period) and said we have to put it behind us and forget about it,” Garzia said of the tough first couple periods. “We gave them a fight in the third.

“Coming to the Ham is never easy, it doesn't matter the level of play,” the K-P coach continued. “But we need to put more pucks in the net, it's hard to win the game with 11 shots.”

Kennett will be in action on Saturday, Jan. 28, at home against Lebanon-Stevens at 6 p.m., will be hosting John Stark-Hopkinton on Monday, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m. and will be at Berlin-Gorham on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

Kearsarge-Plymouth is slated to be at Kingswood on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. and at Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 8:10 p.m.

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Holderness resident Ben Kresge named to WPI Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Ben Kresge, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Computer Science (BS), was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2022 semester.

A total of 2,069 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2022 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students

work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Rec-

ognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral

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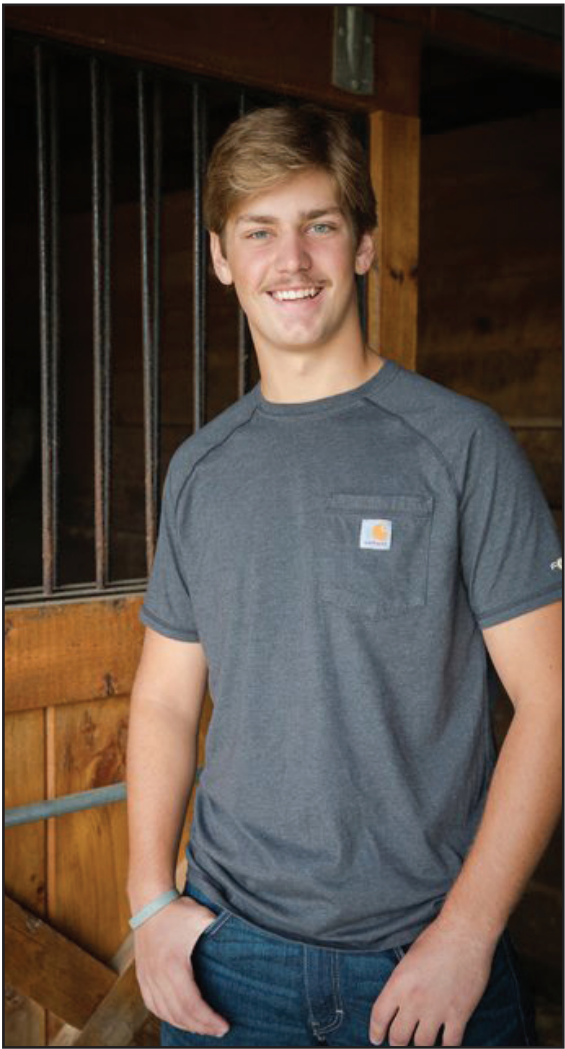
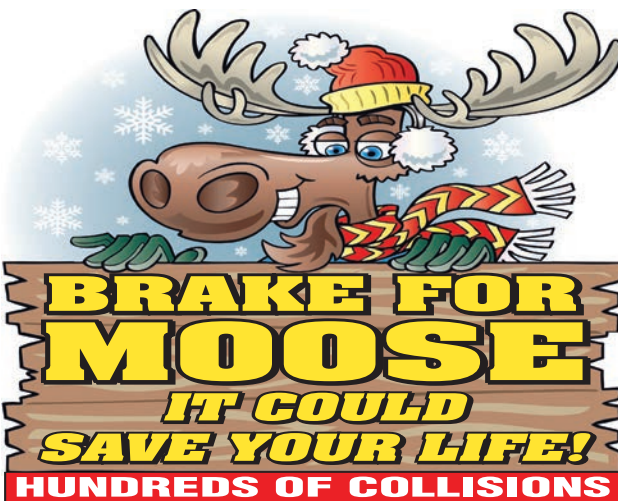
Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students have been named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2022 semester:

* McKenzie E. Rowbotham, a senior theatre / music major from Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Regional High School.

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. Our closely connected community delivers internationally respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country's best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.



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Pemi Valley DAR announces Good Citizen Award winner

Pemigewasset Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is pleased to announce the winner of the 2022 DAR Good Citizens Contest for our local area. The Good Citizens Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Congratulations to Caden Sanborn from Plymouth Regional High School, this year's winner. Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution is open to any woman over 18 who can prove direct lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution. For information, please contact Paula Woodward, woodwardpm1@gmail.com.

Caitlyn Bourret of Thornton named to dean's list at Salve Regina University

NEWPORT, R.I. – Caitlyn Bourret of Thornton, a junior marketing major at Salve Regina University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Bourret, a Plymouth Regional High School graduate, is a member of Salve Regina's chapter of the American Marketing Association, a professional organization for students interested in furthering their study and practice of marketing and/or business studies. Salve's AMA provides marketing resources and education by offering professional development activities and networking opportunities. National competitions and local community service projects enhance members' skills and knowledge, but also promote ethical decision-making and responsible citizenship.

Bourret is the daughter of Charles and Dawn Bourret of Thornton.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a minimum semester grade point average of 3.6 while completing at least 12 graded credits.

Underwood

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school level before returning to Plymouth to coach under his former coach and eventually took over the varsity baseball position when Underwood retired in 2015, spoke highly of his former coach.

“The impact he’s had throughout the course of my life, coaching wise or professionally, is remarkable,” Boyle said. “He was my middle school math teacher and I’ve followed in his footsteps as a math teacher.

“There’s been a lot of parallels,” he added, pointing out that his relationship with Underwood goes back even further than high school, as Underwood was his youth baseball coach and Boyle also worked at Underwood’s Diamond Star Camps when he was younger.

“He was such a part of the community,” said Plymouth football coach Chris Sanborn, who points out that Underwood gave him his first coaching job working with the junior high football program back when he was a student at Plymouth State in 1994. “I just spent two hours with him on Tuesday night at a youth baseball meeting. He was still so involved in everything.

“He was really great for my development, because he let me make mistakes,” Sanborn said. “I learned a lot from that.”

One of the newer coaches on the Plymouth staff, Gavin Brickley played for Underwood and returned to his alma mater to coach, heading up the golf team and also coaching JV baseball and basketball. He said he’ll always remember how much Underwood cared.

“One thing that stood out to me was how much he cared about all the kids, students and athletes,” Brickley said. “The amount of time he took away from his life to make sure kids had the opportunities, that really stood out.”

Brickley noted that as he ventured into coaching, there was one big thing he took from his former baseball coach, something he has used over the last few years.

“One thing I took from Tom was coaching kids different ways,” Brickley said. “He knew not every kid was the same and he had to deal with kids differently and coach them differently to see them succeed in their role.”

“You could see the respect everyone he’s come across has had for him,” Boyle noted. “The impact he’s had with this baseball community, not just here, but statewide, is impressive.”

“He helped out wherever he was needed,” said Austin, noting that Underwood and longtime friend Larry



Coach Tom Underwood greets assistant coach and eventual successor Mike Boyle for one final time on his home field during introductions at Underwood’s final home game in 2015.

Gibson were coaching junior high softball the last few years after his retirement from the varsity baseball position. “He truly cared about all the kids in the SAU, he’d do anything for any of them.”

Underwood is best known for 43 years on the baseball bench for Plymouth, where he won 518 games, one of only three coaches in the state to win more than 500 games, along with Bill Dod and the late Bob Burns. He won six state championships and was in the title game another seven times. However, he also coached junior high football for more than 40 years, was the school’s first cross country coach and also coached JV basketball and middle school wrestling during his longtime career.

In addition to teaching math at the middle school level, he also served as the athletic director at Plymouth Elementary.

“He lived baseball, but there was no better middle school football coach than Tom Underwood,” Sanborn said. “He was so good with those kids.”

Sanborn remembers the difference between Underwood as a middle school football coach and as a high school baseball coach.

“On the baseball field you’re a crazy lunatic,” Sanborn remembers telling him, to which the veteran coach responded that he was “just passionate.”

“He could go from youth football to varsity baseball and just flip a switch,” Sanborn said. “He could be gruff and some people didn’t like him for it, but after a while they’d realize that they were glad he was hard on them. It’s OK to be pushed hard and expect perfection.”

Brickley recalls that Underwood’s caring didn’t stop when kids left Plymouth, as he remembers his former coach and his wife, Deb, reaching out to him after he went on to college, just to check in and see how he was doing.

“They didn’t have to do that,” Brickley said, remembering also getting rides from Under-

wood so he could play youth sports when he first came to the community. “He’d do anything for his players.

“His passion, his desire and his ability to coach kids differently is what I took away from Tom,” Brickley said. “It’s a really devastating loss for SAU 4 and the whole community.

“I can’t say enough good things about Tom and the impact he’s had on my life,” Brickley added.

As a longtime competitor, Kingswood baseball coach Chip Skelley always remembers his battles with Underwood.

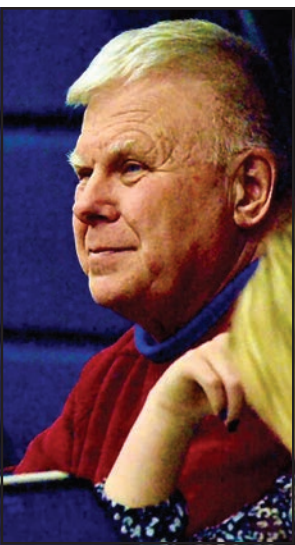
“One thing I learned from Tom is to ‘always expect the unexpected,’” Skelley said. “He told me you had to think through everything so you were ready for anything that might happen.

“But you wanted to coach against Tom be-

cause you would have to bring your A game or he’d find a way to beat you,” the Knight coach continued. “He would do whatever it takes.”

Sanborn noted that through the 1980s, baseball was king in Plymouth thanks to Underwood, noting that during his junior year, many of the players on the team had been coached by Underwood since they were on 8U teams, as he had a hand in so many different baseball teams and leagues.

Austin recalls a trip to Massachusetts for some administrator certification training and somehow amidst all the required work, Underwood found time to drive two hours to Keene to watch his son, Kyle, play baseball and then drive back again and then found time to go to Fenway Park to watch the Cape Cod League All-



Tom Underwood was still a fixture at Plymouth basketball games, keeping the book for the boys’ basketball team on a regular basis.

Star game.

“He loved the game so much, whenever he could, he would find a baseball game,” Austin said. “It didn’t matter, he was going to get there.”

When Underwood retired after the 2015 season, he continued to come to Plymouth baseball games and Sanborn recalls that he always talked up Boyle and the program, making sure to tell everyone what a great job he felt his successor was doing.

“It was a huge honor to have his and his family’s blessing to take over the high school job when he decided to hang them up,” Boyle said. “I have some big shoes to fill and I’m not sure I ever could.”

Skelley recalls with a laugh the ways he used to try to aggravate Underwood a little bit when he was in the opposite dugout. He would

change up his cheer after each pitch, maybe calling a player by his first name one time and his last name another, prompting the Plymouth legend to yell for his players to “change the signs” because he was sure Skelley had figured them out and was passing the message along to his players via the cheer.

“We had a lot of good times and a lot of baseball conversations,” Skelley said.

And while he may best be known as a coach, Underwood also earned a lot of praise as a math teacher, with Sanborn noting that his wife regularly said how much of an impact he had on her as a teacher in junior high school.

“His passion was baseball, but his greater passion was helping as many kids as he could and people as he could,” Boyle said. “You could see that as a teacher, administrator and a coach, he just had so much to give.

“Forty-three years of coaching high school baseball, but so much longer than that helping others,” Boyle added.

There will be a celebration of life for the longtime coach and educator on May 13, following the Plymouth baseball team’s game with Kingswood. Game time is 11 a.m.

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