

Talbot aims to unify North Country in Senate bid

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REGION — Littleton business owner Rusty Talbot, a familiar name in outdoor recreation, now sets his sights on a

different peak: the state Senate.

Talbot, 46, owner of North Country Climbing Center in Lisbon, officially declared his candidacy for the District 1 Senate

Bethlehem board pursues special election for land acquisition

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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Select Board is gearing up for a pivotal decision as they seek to petition the Grafton County Superior Court for a special election. The purpose? To acquire two parcels of privately owned land for the future site of a public safety facility that would house the fire department and police station.

At the April 1 meeting, the board unanimously voted to petition the Grafton County Superior Court to hold a special election to purchase Map 206, Lot 008, and Map 206, Lot 009. The two parcels encompass four acres on Route 302 and have an asking price of \$300,000.

The decision comes after several months of deliberation and consideration of various options by the board and the public safety building committee. The town's urgency in

acquiring this land underscores the need for adequate facilities to support its emergency services despite concerns about taxpayer burden.

Board Chair Mike Bruno said, "The committee had several meetings since last year, discussing a future site as well as what kind of facility we would be looking at for police and fire. We looked at several sites, and one of the first ones is right on Route 302. It was private property, and it was one of those opportunities that was a wish list item because it wasn't available. But it did go on the market a few months ago. In order for us to do anything and to meet all of our timelines that are set by law, we have to vote as a board to petition Grafton County Superior Court to hold that special election for the purchase."

The process in-
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Rusty Talbot, owner of the North Country Climbing Center in Lisbon and newly announced Democratic candidate for the District 1 Senate seat, focuses on inclusive leadership for the North Country.

seat in late March.

Talbot aims to secure the Democratic nomination and challenge incumbent Republican Carrie Gendreau of Littleton. Unlike Gendreau, whose polarizing remarks have stirred controver-

sy and created community rifts since August 2023, Talbot wants to be a unifying force for the region, focusing on common-ground issues that improve North Country residents' lives.

"I want the North

Country to be represented by someone who is working really hard to promote the interests of all people in the North Country and focus on issues that matter to the whole population," Talbot stated. "There are so

many issues like housing, healthcare, child-care, and education that are not inherently divisive."

As a first-time political candidate, Talbot brings a blend of business acumen and community engagement to his campaign. As the founder of the North Country Climbing Center in 2014, he swiftly ascended in the region's recreation industry, fostering a state-of-the-art facility and diverse programming.

Beyond his business endeavors, Talbot serves as board president of Bethlehem's Colonial Theatre and the Littleton Rotary Charitable Fund, volunteers with the Sugar Hill Fire Department, and captains the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team. He has also contributed to various local organizations, including the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country and the Franconia Notch Re-

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Crusaders looking to make return trip to Division IV championship

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LITTLETON — With only one graduation loss from a team that made it to the Division IV championship game last year, the expectations are high for the Littleton baseball boys as the new season begins.

"With eight starters returning, our goal is to compete for a championship," said coach AJ Bray,

who enters his 11th season at the helm of the Crusaders. "There are a lot of contenders in D4 this year, so we will need to stay focused on team success and not individual success to reach that goal."

The Crusaders return three players who earned First Team All-State honors last year in senior outfielder and catcher Cam Cook, senior shortstop and pitcher Blake Fillion and senior pitch-

er and infielder JP Perez and Bray said that he expects to see good things from that trio again in the new season.

Also returning to the diamond for the Crusaders are seniors second baseman Bode Belyea, junior pitcher and first baseman Reece Cook, senior first baseman Charlie Daine, senior catcher and third baseman Kyle Fuentes, junior

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OAKS ceases operations, redirects funds to community organizations

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LITTLETON — Organized Acts of Kindness for Seniors (OAKS), a North Country nonprofit dedicated to supporting seniors in living independently within their communities, has announced its closure. Founded in 2017 by Bethlehem resident Kay Kerr, OAKS has been a beacon of compassion and service for northern Grafton County seniors in Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Bethlehem, and Littleton.

In Coös County, OAKS served the community of Whitefield. Through its volunteer-driven initiatives, OAKS provided essential assistance to seniors in these areas, including grocery shopping, light house cleaning, transportation to medical appointments or community events, respite care, and companionship.

The closure comes from numerous challenges, notably the difficulty in recruiting volunteers, compounded by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reflecting on the decision, Kerr remarked, "It became very difficult to find more volunteers, like the strong volunteers who were with us the whole time. It was a struggle, I think, as everybody was learning af-



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Former OAKS volunteers reflect on their meaningful service as the organization ceases operations, while its legacy of compassion lives on through donations to similar North Country charities.

ter COVID."

Kerr, the driving force behind OAKS, expressed her sadness over the closure and reflected on the organization's journey and impact.

"Our love and thanks for your association with OAKS," Kerr said in a heartfelt message to donors and supporters. "My heart is sad to be doing this to all of you, but all of a sudden, after many tries, OAKS must close."

Despite the closure, OAKS leaves behind a legacy of service and care. Kerr emphasized

the dedication of volunteers who served as the organization's backbone.

"I want to honor the volunteers who were the backbone of OAKS," she remarked. "It was also so beautiful to meet our wonderful members and to be able to help them in such simple ways that meant so much."

Since its founding, OAKS has touched the lives of countless seniors and volunteers alike. Kerr shared sentiments from volunteers who reflected on their experiences with the organization.

From gratefulness for the learning opportunities to the joy of giving back, volunteers expressed the profound impact OAKS had on their lives.

"OAKS changed my life and made me a better person," one volunteer remarked. Others commented on similar experiences, saying it taught them how they wanted to be treated as they aged and how aging should be celebrated and respected.

Kerr added, "I will always be thankful to our dedicated donors who kept us well-endowed."

Despite OAKS' closure, its commitment to supporting seniors lives on through its remaining funds being donated to similar 501(c)(3) organizations providing caring services to senior North Country residents. These donations ensure that OAKS' legacy continues to support seniors in need and foster a network of assistance across the community.

The three organizations receiving funds from OAKS are the Sugar Hill Willing Workers, Bethlehem Cares, and

North Country Home Health and Hospice. Bethlehem Cares, dedicated to assisting residents facing unexpected financial difficulties, expressed gratitude for OAKS' generous donation.

"This is an amazing gift that will help many Bethlehem residents who desperately need a helping hand and have nowhere else to turn," Bethlehem Cares stated in response to the donation. "For years, OAKS has been a wonderful asset to the community. This donation means its lifeline spirit will continue through Bethlehem Cares."

While OAKS may no longer be operational, its impact will be felt for years. The closure marks the end of a chapter. Still, it also opens the door to new opportunities for individuals and organizations to continue the mission of supporting seniors in their communities.

As Kerr looks forward to the next chapter of her life, she remains grateful for the support and love that OAKS received throughout its journey.

"I'm discovering free time - you enjoy things a little more. I am looking forward to another chapter of my life and trying to be proactive in this new adventure," Kerr stated.

Loading Dock welcomes Devin Gray with OrangePeelMystic

LITTLETON — The Loading Dock welcomes solo electro-acoustic drummer Devin Gray joined by mind bending synth psych duo OrangePeelMystic Saturday, April 13 from 8-10 p.m. All ages, doors at 7:30 p.m., BYOB w/ 21+ ID.

The solo performance from drummer-composer Devin Gray is a wide spectrum offering packed with progressive electro-acoustic sounds "An amazing percussionist, Gray's stunningly detailed playing sounds like a cross between Fritz Hauser and Roy Haynes," raves All About Jazz.

Brooklyn-Berlin based drummer-composer Devin Gray will share a showcase of his solo performances. Years of bandleading and sideman experiences have led to his growth

as a continually forward thinking creative artist. This music is far from a standard solo project, offering a full length adventure of vision from an artist committed to his craft's propulsion.

All throughout the performance you can expect electric twists, twirls, and scrapes, which push the envelope of musical possibilities from a solo drummer setting. Devin's strengths and successes lie equally in the eloquent orchestration of blended electronics balanced with high level improvisational performances. Gray thrives on not stating the obvious and through experimenting with percussive colors and improvised soundscape grooves. He explains some of his musical processes behind the work by stating,



"My music is a result of deliberate experimental decisions which often obscure common musical practices, all the while trying to weave in

spontaneous forms from the fringes.

About inspiration, Gray says "I was obsessed with music at an early age through the

power of non-tonal percussion, and therefore traditional harmonic and melodic structures have always come to my ears as an additional bonus."

Devin Gray's fresh approach to modern drumming has enabled him to play with many of the world's great jazz musicians. He has performed and recorded with innovative musicians of contrasting styles and backgrounds. He will be performing solo drums and electronics.

OrangePeelMystic is an extraterrestrial avant-garde psych pop duo that performs driv-

ing electronic planet Earth anthems. This will be their second time performing at The Loading Dock, we are excited to welcome them back to Littleton.

The Loading Dock is a non-profit creative space dedicated to presenting original art. The venue is located on Mill Street in Littleton, the entrance is next to a loading dock directly behind Topic of the Town and just up the street from Bad Art. The best parking is on Main Street or in the free parking lots on Pleasant Street behind the movie theater.

Woodsville Antique Show continues great tradition

WOODSVILLE — Saturday, April 13 welcomes the annual return of the Woodsville Antique Show at the Woodsville High School in Woodsville, opening at 10 a.m. and running until 3 p.m. The show is promoted, organized, and benefits the Freshman Class of 2027 at Woodsville High School. In the era of mega antique shows produced by veteran promoters, the Woodsville Show maintains its status as one of New England's best hidden gems on the show circuit.

"Dealers are so committed to this little show", notes longtime exhibitor Gary Briggs of Twin Oak Antiques, Lunenburg, Vt. "It's one of the most dealer friendly shows I've ever experienced. The Woodsville High School students may not fully understand the world of antiques, but they understand how to promote a dealer and shopper friendly event."

The 2024 show will feature returning dealers that include Briggs' Twin Oak Antiques, Backroad Antiques (Jean Tudhope, Middlebury, Vermont), Stafford Antiques, George B. Johnson Antiques, B. Hertz Antiques and Grannys' Country Catchall, to name just a few.

The Woodsville Antiques Show is one of the first New England shows to occur after the harsh New England Winter. The dealers who participate in the show save some of their best Winter finds to debut in Woodsville.

Jean Tudhope from Backroad Antiques notes, "I've been doing

shows throughout the region for more years than I care to admit. Woodsville is one of my favorites! The dealers, the customers and the students make for a unique show experience. Students are on hand throughout the day to assist with carrying purchases to people's vehicles. Dealers are so appreciative of the students who make this a special event!"

Tudhope is known for bringing wonderful Adirondack, Camp and Cabin antiques to the show.

Show Coordinator Jared Grace notes, "The landscape of small, well curated antique shows has changed dramatical-

ly over the past decade. Small shows struggle to be significant in the era of big shows. The Woodsville Antique Show continues the tradition of the venerable small shows that have always been the backbone of New England antique shows."

Admission to the show is be donation and a variety of snack and lunch items are for sale throughout the day. Proceeds from the Woodsville Antique Show support the Senior Class graduation celebration. For more information or if interested in exhibiting at the Woodsville Antique Show, please contact Jared Grace at jgrace@sau23.org.

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Littleton board approves \$300,000 for wastewater facility upgrades

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LITTLETON — On March 25, the Littleton Select Board voted unanimously to approve a \$300,000 expenditure for necessary improvements to the town's wastewater treatment facility. The authorization comes as Littleton must meet new environmental standards and address longstanding infrastructure issues.

Doug Damko, former Director of the Littleton Department of Public Works, presented a project update to the board. He highlighted the urgency of the situation.

"We are currently under a timeline under our environmental permit to meet compliance for new constituent levels," Damko explained. "One of those is dealing with copper, which has been one of our more challenging items."

The approved funds will primarily go towards expanding chemical treatment at the plant and implementing various site improvements to enhance operational efficiency. Additionally, the

project includes eliminating a rented temporary office building, relocating staff to the primary control building, and replacing the manual access gate with an automated system.

"This is a smaller package project that didn't really fit into some of the bigger projects," Damko said. "But it's crucial for us to address these issues to ensure compliance with environmental regulations."

The decision to allocate funds from the sewer reserve balance allows the town to maintain and improve its wastewater infrastructure without burdening taxpayers. Damko reassured the board that the expenditure would not directly impact residents.

"We have 9 percent of sewer user fees that build up reserves, and that's what these funds are for," Damko explained. "This project aligns with our highest priority, which is

permit compliance."

The \$300,000 approved for the first-phase project is part of a more significant effort to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant. Littleton voters had previously approved a \$1.93 million second-phase project, funded by federal stimulus money and a state clean water revolving fund loan. The third phase, a \$500,000 project focused on upgrading septage receiving, was delayed and is scheduled for consideration in 2025.

During the meeting, board members supported the proposed improvements, acknowledging the importance of investment in infrastructure to ensure public health and environmental protection.

"I think the \$300,000 is money well spent to get us back into compliance," remarked Select Board Vice-Chair Roger Emerson.

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Historical Museum hosting program on Civilian Conservation Corps

LITTLETON — The Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, was one of our most successful and well-liked federal government programs and ran from 1933 to 1942. This program will discuss the CCC's legacy in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire and Maine. There were 21 CCC camps in the White Mountains, each employing up to 200 men. The US military ran the camps, and the staff of the US Forest Service, New Hampshire State Parks, and even the private forest products industry supervised the enrollees. The Great Depression set-

ting was when one out of four Americans was out of work, and financial collapse was familiar. We will consider the causes of the Great Depression, the role of the Dust Bowl, and the Bonus Army March on the nation's capital. How President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the CCC quickly, put men back to work, and improved our natural resources, parks, and forests will be described. We will discuss an attempt by Eleanor Roosevelt to create an all-female equivalent to the CCC in New Hampshire and elsewhere. We will look back at the CCC's legacy

and learn about life in the CCC and their motto – “We Can Take It.” This presentation has photos of local camps and the men working on projects. We will also have a display of CCC publications and memorabilia. Our speaker is David Govatski from Jefferson. Govatski retired from the US Forest Service after a 33-year career that included six summers working as a Work Project Director at a residential Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) camp in Mount Tabor, Vt. CCC veterans trained him, and he has had a long interest in conservation work and

continues to work as an advisor with a variety of other conservation corps crews. He has visited all 21 former CCC Camps and researched their work. His interest in the Civilian Conservation Corps started as a young boy when he would listen to his uncle, who talked about working with the CCC in Colorado during the Great Depression.

The program takes place on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Littleton Senior Center on Riverglen Drive in Littleton. Admission is free, and there is plenty of free parking and the building is handicapped accessible. Open to history lovers of all ages! POC is Richard Alberini, alberini@roadrunner.com or 603-444-6435. You can stop into the Littleton Area Historical Museum on Wednesdays or Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for more information. We are located in the lower level of the Littleton Opera House at the corner of Main, Union, and Cottage Street by the traffic lights.

Bethlehem Conservation Commission launches Adopt-A-Spot cleanup program

BETHLEHEM — Traditionally, one day each spring, the Bethlehem Conservation Commission has held a roadside clean-up. That will not happen this year, in part because the number of participants has dwindled. So, the commission is hoping to maintain the clean-up with a program called Adopt-A-Spot. Adopt-A-Spot allows individuals, neighbor-

hoods or groups to band together and take pride in cleaning up a Bethlehem street as often as they wish – ideally at least in the spring and fall. It's a simple process. Those interested can sign up with the conservation commission, using the link below. The idea is to make sure that the one section of road doesn't have more than one group covering it.

The trash can be dropped off with regular garbage at the NCES transfer station on Trudeau Road. Unless bottles and cans are sparkling clean, they cannot be recycled and should go in the trash. Here's where to sign up: <https://forms.gle/SnesjoFMqPZh2sjj8>.



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The allure of outer space and eclipses

Humanity's fascination with outer space and celestial events like eclipses stretches back to the dawn of our existence. From ancient civilizations to modern-day space agencies, the allure of the cosmos has captured our imaginations and sparked a colossal sense of wonder and curiosity. But what is it about outer space and eclipses that continues to captivate us?

One of the most undeniable reasons is the utter scale and mystery of the universe. Outer space represents the ultimate frontier, a vast expanse of uncharted territory waiting to be explored. The unfathomable distances between stars and galaxies, the enigmatic nature of black holes, and the possibility of extraterrestrial life all contribute to a sense of awe and intrigue. The exploration of outer space offers us the chance to push the boundaries of our knowledge and understanding, to uncover the secrets of the cosmos, and to answer some of humanity's most weighty questions about our place in the universe.

Eclipses, in particular, hold a special place because they offer a tangible connection to the cosmos. These rare celestial events, where the sun, moon, and Earth align in perfect harmony, produce breathtaking displays of light and shadow that captivate millions of people around the world. Whether it's a solar eclipse, where the moon passes between the sun and Earth, casting a temporary shadow on our planet, or a lunar eclipse, where Earth's shadow falls across the surface of the moon, eclipses remind us of the beauty and grandeur of the universe.

Moreover, eclipses have played a significant role in shaping human history and culture. Ancient civilizations viewed eclipses as omens or portents, often interpreting them as signs from the gods. Today, eclipses continue to inspire awe and wonder, bringing people together to witness these rare cosmic events firsthand. Whether it's through scientific expeditions to observe and study eclipses or community gatherings to marvel at their beauty, eclipses have a way of uniting us in our shared sense of wonder and appreciation for the cosmos.

In addition to their aesthetic appeal, outer space and eclipses also hold immense scientific value. Studying the cosmos allows us to better understand the fundamental laws of nature, from the forces that govern the motion of celestial bodies to the origins of the universe itself. Eclipses provide scientists with unique opportunities to conduct experiments and observations that would be impossible under normal circumstances, offering valuable insights into everything from solar physics to the dynamics of Earth's atmosphere.

Furthermore, our fascination with outer space and eclipses speaks to something deeper within us – a primal instinct to explore, to seek out new frontiers, and to push the boundaries of what is possible.

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COURTESY

Wearing her White Mountain Garden Club apron, “Gardenia” scoffs at a little April snow. Garden tools in hand, she is getting ready to celebrate the club’s Centennial year this season.

Live Free and Dig with the Littleton Garden Club *The Lilac, New Hampshire’s State Flower*

BY PHYLLIS ALEXANDER

Littleton Garden Club

Soon, our winter memories will wane as we enjoy the warmth of spring weather and the May sun. Soon, our state flower, the beloved lilac, will begin to bloom. While many plants are fragrant, none seem to carry the beautiful, heady fragrance of the lilac. You might remember lilacs in your grandmother's garden; lilacs are connected to our memories by our sense of smell and our association with their sweet fragrance.

New Hampshire is known for sugar maple and lilac. I was surprised to learn that even though the purple lilac is our state flower, it is not native to North America. It came from Persia to Austria and traveled westward.

European colonists brought lilacs to North America and planted them at their front doors to welcome visitors. Governor Benning Wentworth planted lilacs in Portsmouth as early as 1750. Lilacs survive temperatures of -40, yet still blossom in the spring. Although they don't hold the longevity prize, lilacs can survive 100 years or longer.

While this hardy plant provides us with beauty and fragrance, growing lilacs can also help support wildlife. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds are attracted to the blossom nectar, and birds find shelter and protection in the dense foliage. Lilacs are also deer-resistant.

The most familiar lilac is the common lilac or Syringa vulgaris. Lilacs flower in a single or double form and come in shades of blue, violet, pink, magenta, purple, and white. Several favorites include "Ellen Willmot," with fragrant panicles of pure white flowers. The single blue "President Lincoln" and the single purple "Ludwig Spaeth" are also famous. All three varieties are highly fragrant and make good specimen plants.

A later blooming lilac, the Japanese Tree Lilac (Syringa reticulata) has large clusters of creamy, white flowers. Japanese lilacs can be trained into a tree form or left to grow as a large shrub. They provide good winter interest with shiny, reddish-brown bark. Unfortunately, this variety does not have the characteristic lilac fragrance.

Another easy-to-grow favorite is the "Bloomerang." It blooms in the spring, rests, and blooms again from mid-summer until fall. It is a vigorous grower that attracts pollinators. Cut off spent flowers, or it won't re-bloom later in the season. It isn't necessary to deadhead other varieties.

When pruning lilacs five years and older, remove one-third of the old branches. Pruning promotes air circulation, discourages mildew, and stimulates flower production. Remove suckers at the base of the plant. Prune lilacs right after blooming because most lilacs bloom on old wood.

As a child, I remember my mother referring to the prized deep purple, fragrant lilacs as "French Lilacs." Most lilacs are known as French Lilacs. Cultivation began in France in 1570. Victor Lemoine (1823-1911) undertook a breeding program with Syringa vulgaris, and his company developed new hybrids unsurpassed in beauty and scent. The popularity of lilacs grew with the cultivation of these French hybrids, and Lemoine hybrids still dominate today.

When I moved into my New Hampshire home over twenty years ago, several large old lilacs from the 1940s existed on the property. I became smitten with a smaller, newer lilac variety called "Miss Kim" (Syringa patula). I planted it as a landscape shrub in a sunny corner. My "Miss Kim" blooms later in the season and offers dainty pink panicles of single blossoms.

Lilacs need six to eight hours of sunlight. Plant in spring and not under trees. If the soil has a heavy clay consistency, mix in some compost. Keep one foot of cleared space. Water the plant well for the first two years. It might take two years or more for your lilac to bloom.

During the winter, supplement the soil with wood ash. In early spring, add bone meal, compost, or a 5-10-5 mix of organic fertilizer. Some varieties are susceptible to powdery mildew. Lilacs are tough plants that thrive well in zones 3 to 8.

Lilacs make beautiful floral arrangements. It's essential to condition the stems before arranging
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Give the gift of life: Be an organ donor

April is National Donate Life Awareness Month, intended to create awareness about the value of organ and tissue donation that can save or enhance lives.

Choosing to be an organ donor may be one of the most selfless choices you can make in your life. It doesn't cost anything, it takes only minutes to register as a donor, and your decision to donate can save multiple lives.

Each organ donor can impact as many as eight

lives: kidneys (two), pancreas, liver, lungs (two), heart, intestines. Hands and face have been recently added. And more than 75 lives may be enhanced from the donation of a donor's eyes and tissue: cornea, skin, heart valves, bone, blood vessels, and connective tissue.

According to the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), thousands

of people are waiting for a lifesaving or life-enhancing transplant. Currently, says HRSA, that number is over 103,200; another person is added to the waiting list every 8 minutes. More than 46,000 transplants were performed in 2023. Unfortunately, the number of organs available falls far short of the number of people waiting for a transplant.

In New Hampshire and most other states, you can sign up to be an

organ and tissue donor when you update or renew your driver's license or non-driver identification. You can also register online at New England Donor Services (NEDS) at www.neds.org.

The country is divided into 11 geographic regions, and except for some kidney and liver transplants, donations usually benefit someone who lives in the donor's area. Seventy-five percent of organs go to local
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Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health celebrates National Occupational Therapy Month

BY ANNA SWANSON
Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health

PLYMOUTH — As we enter April, Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health is proud to recognize National Occupational Therapy Month, shedding light on the invaluable role Occupational Therapists (OTs) play in enhancing the lives of patients within the comfort of their own homes.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a vital component of home health care that aims to help individuals of all ages achieve independence and improve their quality of life through customized interventions. OT services provided in the home setting are particularly significant, offering patients a personalized approach to recovery and empowerment.

OTs provide a wide range of services tailored to meet the unique needs of each patient within the familiarity and convenience of their home environment. These services may include:

1. **Assessment and Evaluation:** OTs conduct comprehensive assessments to understand the patient's abilities, limitations, and goals, enabling them to develop personalized treatment plans.

2. **Adaptive Equipment Recommendations:** OTs recommend and assist in obtaining adaptive equipment and devices that promote independence and safety within the home.

3. **Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Training:** OTs work with patients to improve their ability to perform everyday tasks such as dressing, grooming, bathing, and meal preparation, enhancing their overall independence and quality of life.

4. **Home Safety Assessments:** OTs evaluate the home environment to identify potential hazards and make modifications or recommendations to ensure a safe and accessible living space.

5. **Cognitive Rehabilitation:** OTs provide cognitive rehabilitation techniques to help patients regain and enhance cognitive skills, such as memory, attention, and problem-solving abilities.

By bringing Occupational Therapy directly into the home, patients can experience numerous benefits, including accelerated recovery, increased motivation, and enhanced overall well-being.

"At Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health,



we understand the importance of providing comprehensive and compassionate care to our patients in the comfort of their own homes," said Melissa Smith, Home Health, Hospice & Palliative Director at

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health. "During National Occupational Therapy Month and beyond, we remain committed to empowering our patients to achieve their highest level of independence and function

through our exceptional Occupational Therapy services. Thank you to Nicole Sullivan, OT, Lindsay Hann, OT and Amanda Robinson, CO-TA/L for all that you do for our patients."

For more information about Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy in the home, please contact Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health at 603-536-2232 or visit our website at www.pbhha.org.

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health is a trusted, nonprofit agency proudly serving 32 towns in central and northern New Hampshire since 1967. Expert services include at-home health-care and physical ther-

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Pemi-Baker is located at 101 Boulder Point Dr., Suite 3, Plymouth. To contact us please call: 603-536-2232 or email: info@pbhha.org Like our Facebook Page: [@pemibakerhospicehomehealth](https://www.facebook.com/pemibakerhospicehomehealth).

Noah Cacio named to Champlain College Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Noah Cacio of Lisbon was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Cacio is currently majoring in Computer and Digital Forensics.

Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers

balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate

experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge.

Champlain ranks in multiple categories of U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges," is included in The Princeton Review's 2024 list of "The Best 389 Colleges," was named a 2023-2024 College of Distinction for Education, Business and Career Development; and was awarded one of America's Best Colleges by Money for combining quality and affordability. www.champlain.edu

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people. The New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles works with the New England Organ Bank (NEOB), a federally designated organ procurement organization.

NEOB, in turn, works with NEDS, which coordinates organ and tissue donations in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, the eastern counties of Vermont, and Bermuda. More than 5,000 individuals living in the New England area are waiting for transplants.

Some information to consider as an organ donor:

- All adults are eligible to donate, including the elderly or those who have a health condition. Even if a person has only one organ that can be donated, that is one life saved.
- It's important to tell your family that you have registered as an organ donor, so they won't be surprised when the time comes and will be comfortable carrying out your wishes.
- When you sign up as a donor through your state's registry, you have legally authorized your

donation and your consent cannot be overruled.

- If you change your mind about being an organ donor, you can change your donor status at any time on your state's registry site.

- Signing up as a registered donor does not affect the medical care you receive in the hospital. The doctors treating you are separate from the transplant team and will do everything they can to save your life.

- The organ transplant team uses a set of general criteria in determining a match between donor and recipient: how well the recipient matches the donor's blood and tissue type; how long the person has been on the waiting list and their overall medical condition; and how close the person receiving the transplant lives to the donor.

- Donating your organs doesn't disfigure your body and allows for an open casket funeral.

- There is absolutely no cost to you, your family or your estate to donate your organs. You pay only for your medical care and funeral costs.

- Transplant costs are paid by the recipient, usually through their insurance, including Medicare or Medicaid.

Remember, it doesn't cost anything and takes only a minute or two to register to be an organ donor.

In New Hampshire, register as an organ donor online at www.dmv.nh.gov/node/1061 or in person at any of the offices of the NH Department of Motor Vehicles or online at the New England Donor Services website at neds.org.

Your generosity in donating your organs, eyes, tissue and more has the potential to save many lives and enhance and

improve the quality of life for many more.

Shannon Lynch is the Executive Director of The Morrison Communities, which includes the Morrison Skilled Nursing Facility, Sartwell Place Assisted Living, Morrison Rehabilitation, and Summit by Morrison, a senior living community offering independent living, assisted living, memory care and respite care.

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them. Use a sharp clipper to pick lilacs in the early morning. Plunge stems into room temperature water to hydrate for a few hours, then cut the outer sheath and peel off some of the woody layers. Your beautiful arrangement should last three to four days.

Over the years, the lilac has been associated with good luck in love and

hope for a bright future. To learn more, visit the Annual Lilac Festival at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston on May 12, 2024. For more information, call 617-524-1718. Visit the New Hampshire Governor's Lilacs and Wildflower Commission online at www.nh.gov/lilacs. For more information about the club and our meetings, please visit www.littletonnhgardenclub.org.

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Obituaries

Katherine B. Stoddard, 81

Katherine B. Stoddard, 81, affectionately known as Bunny, died peacefully at home, March 27, 2024. Her daughter, Xondra Smith and beloved dog Gretchen were by her side.

Katherine Baines Stoddard was born April 5, 1942, to Mary and Kenneth Baines of Ridgewood, New Jersey. She graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1960 and Plymouth State College in 1964. Bunny married David E. Stoddard in 1963 and settled in Littleton, NH. She taught school and substituted for the local school systems before going into business. She was manager for several businesses, including the Littleton Diner before purchasing the Clam Hut on Meadow Street in 1986, successfully running the restaurant until 1998.

Bunny was a Girl Scout for 37 years rising to the position of Com-



munity Chairman. She organized yearly camping trips for the local Girl Scout troops and was a mentor and role model for many young women.

She was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church where she served on the Dinner Bell Committee. She was also a member of the Littleton Elks Lodge 1831. Bunny enjoyed playing weekly bridge games with her friends.

Bunny is survived by her daughter, Xondra K. Smith, and husband Kim. Her twin sister, Caryl Matsis, and husband Matthew of Merrimack.

Her nieces and nephews, Alesia Cleary, Helen Matsis, Ken Matsis, Shawn Atkins, and Courtney Lunn, all with whom she was very close to. Her most special survivors are her grandsons who meant the world to her, Jason Smith of Littleton, Jonathan Smith of Littleton, and Joshua Smith and his wife, Courtney who live in Hahira, GA.

Bunny was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Kenneth Baines, her husband of 58 years, David E. Stoddard, and her younger sister, Edith B. Atkins.

A graveside service will be held at Glenwood Cemetery in Littleton, May 17th at 11AM with a Celebration of Life immediately following at All Saints Episcopal Church.

To view Katherine's online tribute, or to send condolences to her family, please visit: <https://csnh.com/obituaries/>.

Letty C. Lewis Gonthier, 83



LANCASTER – Letty C. Lewis Gonthier, 83, died Monday evening, March 25, 2024, at the Lafayette Center, Franconia, NH.

Born on December 11, 1940, Letty was the daughter of Herbert H. “Duffy” Lewis and Christine M. Hawes Lewis. She was a graduate of Lancaster High School where she excelled in basketball. She continued her education at various schools including NHTI where she graduated with honors and a degree in nursing.

Letty loved the outdoors. She was an avid swimmer and was a town pool lifeguard during her high school years. Walking, hiking, kayaking, and cross-country skiing were some of her favorite activities. She

had a beautiful singing voice and participated in her school and church choirs. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving family members include her two daughters, Laurie A. Gonthier Matthews of Whitefield, Amy Lynne Gonthier of Bethlehem; her two grandchildren, Brodie Morancie and wife Katelyn and their daughter Savannah,

Brandon Morancie and wife Reina; her sister, Barbara Verdone; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and sisters Meredith Sherman and Melody Chartier.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, May 29th at 11:00AM in Summer Street Cemetery, Lancaster. Reverend Lyn Winter will officiate.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Bancroft House, PO Box 344, Franconia, NH 03580 or thebancroftthouse.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster NH. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.baileyfh.net.

Susan K. Meader, 83

Sugar Hill, NH- Susan K. Meader, 83, of Sugar Hill, NH, passed away peacefully at her home on March 30, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Susan was born in 1940 in Iowa to Eldon and Mildred (Midge) Dilocker. While growing up on a farm, she developed a love for animals and nature that would grow throughout her life. Susan owned and rode horses for several years. She spent many mornings in Sugar Hill watching the bears eat from the berry bushes, always with a dog by her side.

Susan married Gary Meader in 1959 and they shared a wonderful life together. They raised a family of 5 children and traveled all over the world. One of Susan's favorite adventures was living in South Africa for a few years with the family. Of all the places she

lived, Susan would always say that their home in Sugar Hill was her favorite.

Susan loved spending time with her family. She loved bringing the family together to share meals, play cards, and spend time together. Her family shares many fun memories from their annual lake week at their home on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Susan was preceded in death by her beloved husband of almost 60 years, Gary Meader, her parents, and her sister, Mary Smith. Susan is survived by her children, Michelle (and Charles) Wolf, Scott (and Susan) Meader, James Meader, Craig (and Lori) Meader and Pamela (and Kevin) Perry. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, Emily Wolf (and Timothy) Lyons, Rebecca Wolf DeGroot, Ryan Mead-

er, Jonathan Meader, Alex Meader, Rachel Meader, Kristin Meader, Sarah (and Henry) Perry, and Mark (and Adeline) Perry, as well as her four great granddaughters, Maeve and Shea Lyons, and Ella and Mila DeGroot. Her faithful dog, Daisy, also mourns her passing.

The family will be having a private graveside service. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dartmouth Children's Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

“Grieve not nor speak of me with tears but laugh and talk as though I were beside you. I love you so. It was Heaven here with you.” (from “To Those I Love” by Isla Paschal Richardson).

To view Susan's online tribute, or to send condolences to her family, please visit: <https://phaneuf.net/obituaries>.



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Bryan Smith named next principal of Bethlehem Elementary School

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BETHLEHEM — Local educator Bryan Smith has been appointed as the new principal of Bethlehem Elementary School (BES). In recent years, Smith has been the Behavior Interventionist, Special Education Coordinator, and Science Coordinator at BES. With an extensive background in education and a passion for innovative teaching methods, Smith brings a wealth of experience to his first principalship.

Smith's journey has been marked by dedication and a deep-rooted belief in the transformative power of education. His career spans various roles, including special education teacher, behavior

specialist, and tech coordinator. Such roles have shaped his understanding of the diverse needs of students and educators alike.

"I couldn't think of a better place to work in this role," Smith remarked. "The school's philosophy of project-based learning aligns with my own, and I'm excited to collaborate with the existing team to enhance our approach to education further."

Having taught at BES for several years, Smith is no stranger to the institution's ethos and culture. His commitment to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment has earned him accolades, including the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in

Math and Science Teaching in 2018.

Reflecting on his previous accomplishments, Smith shared, "I firmly believe in empowering students and incorporating their interests into the curriculum. Authentic and project-based learning experiences have always been central to my teaching philosophy."

As he transitions into his new role, Smith is keen to build upon the school's strengths while addressing the challenges ahead. With a student population of 145 and growing, he acknowledges the importance of maintaining a supportive and nurturing environment for all learners.

"We need to continue valuing everybody and



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Bryan Smith, newly appointed principal of Bethlehem Elementary School, brings a passion for student-centered learning to his new role, which begins on July 1.

operating within a reasonable budget," Smith stated. "Financial challenges, coupled with the impact of COVID-19, present significant hurdles that we must navigate together."

One of Smith's priorities is to increase community involvement and restore programs affected

by the pandemic. Initiatives such as the outdoor program and greenhouse project are already underway, fostering student engagement and community partnerships.

"We're working on expanding our gardening club and enhancing our outdoor learning spaces," Smith explained. "These initiatives promote environmental stewardship and provide valuable hands-on learning opportunities for our students."

Despite staffing shortages and funding uncertainties, Smith remains optimistic about the school's future. He emphasized the importance of family involvement and community support in overcoming challenges and achieving shared goals.

"We need to find innovative ways to recruit and retain qualified educators," Smith emphasized. "By strengthening our ties with the community and fostering a sense of belonging, we can create an environment where students and staff thrive."

As he looks ahead to the upcoming school year, Smith is eager to lead BES into a new chapter of growth and success. He will step into his new role on July 1.

"I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and confident in our ability to overcome any challenges that may arise," Smith concluded. "Together, we can ensure that every student receives the support and resources they need to succeed."

Abbie Greenleaf Library congratulates Two Sentence Story winners

FRANCONIA — Congratulations to the Abbie Greenleaf Library Two Sentence Story About the Sky winners, Jenny Monahan and Silas Holder!

We had lots of lovely, thoughtful, funny, silly, well crafted stories but we felt that these were the most evocative of the sky and best exploited the two sentence limit. Please see stories below. And, congratulations again to our winners!

I just jumped out of an airplane at nighttime to go skydiving. I feel the wind going through my hair as if fingers were combing it. — Silas Holder

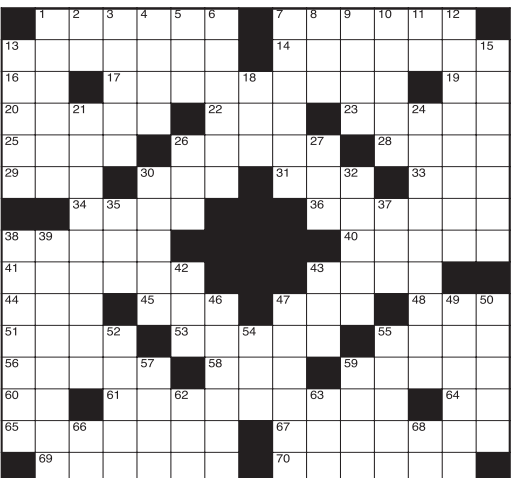
Dear sky: I forgive you
By Jenny Monahan

A red helium balloon my fifth year's fingers failed tried its best to discover your ending and I imagined it surpassing the infinite blueness and floating for eternity in the burnt smelling blackness beyond where you stop and space begins, (if there is such a place between here and there), while tears streamed down freckled cheeks, and Aunt Gina distracted me with offers of popsicles, but I could not stop looking, even though my neck was getting sore, as the cheerful oval, my new best friend, became smaller and smaller and tinier and tinier, until I could not see it anymore, but later wondered (while guiltily accepting the inferior and equally fleeting comfort of a red rocket popsicle), if it would go all the way to heaven and burst a hole through the cloud floor to all the robed souls' gasping surprise, a sudden pop of crimson in an otherwise pearly-white environment; and pondered if it were possible that the red balloon would go on, in some way,

in some other world?

I asked my father after dinner and he thought it possible that there could be a place in the sky for forlorn balloons and suggested we look for it with the telescope he received for his 30th birthday, a white tube on a tripod that we had used to study the gray shadows on the moon some evenings prior; and so we ventured out to the backyard to scan the heavens for a tiny red dot that could be bumping off of stars in the darkness by now, only to see a lot of nothingness and not one hint of a happy red oval, when sensing my disappointment, he finally said to me, "I'm sorry the sky stole your balloon, and I know it was very important to you, but sometimes we can only shake our noble fists at the cosmos and accept what has happened", and so we both balled up fists and let the greedy sky know it had misbehaved when stealing from a little girl, and Dad even threw some rocks up there as far as he could, before we grew tired and accepted that the red balloon had chosen a different path, like our rabbit that ran away last year, and packed up the telescope and went into the warm house to watch Hee-Haw on the couch and dream of the place where the sky keeps all the stolen balloons, and just how fun it would be to play there.

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- 7. Platforms
- 13. Project plan
- 14. French fishing port
- 16. South Dakota
- 17. Oakland's baseball team
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Ornamental stone
- 22. Garland
- 23. Process that produces ammonia
- 25. Mousses
- 26. Music notation "dal _"
- 28. Fail to win
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Not near
- 31. Some cars still need it
- 33. Lizard genus
- 34. An idiot (Brit.)

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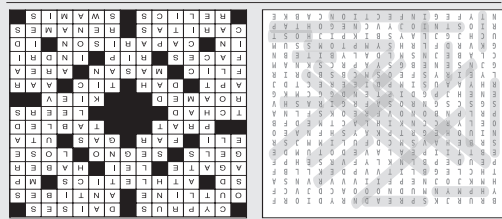
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- 7. Playing the field
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- 9. Something to scratch
- 10. Mexican agave
- 11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 12. Session
- 13. North American people
- 15. Ranches
- 18. Electroencephalograph
- 21. A type of compound
- 24. Avenue
- 26. High schoolers' test
- 27. A type of meal
- 30. Gradually disappeared
- 32. Ancient Frankish law code
- 35. Popular pickup truck
- 37. Buzzing insect
- 38. Deal illegally
- 39. Lying in the same plane
- 42. Obstruct
- 43. Related
- 46. Challenge aggressively
- 47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 49. Bird's nests
- 50. Forays
- 52. _ _ _ B. de Mille, filmmaker
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. One-time name of Vietnam
- 57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 59. Private school in New York
- 62. Political action committee
- 63. A way to fashion
- 66. Email reply
- 68. "The Great Lake State"

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Monte Carlo in the Mountains returns this weekend

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LITTLETON — The Littleton Rotary Club is gearing up for its 59th annual scholarship fundraiser, slated for April 12. With a tradition dating back nearly six decades, the event promises an

evening of excitement and community support for local high school students. Bolstered by the success of last year's gambling theme, event organizers announced the return of Monte Carlo in the Mountains. The



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The craps table is anticipated to remain a popular attraction at the Littleton Rotary Club's annual Monte Carlo in the Mountains scholarship fundraiser, scheduled for April 12 at the Iron Furnace Brewery in Franconia.

event is set to take place at Franconia's Iron Furnace Brewing, marking a departure from previous venues.

Littleton Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. President Rusty Talbot explained the reasoning behind the venue change, noting "We decided to shift the event to Iron Furnace... to bring in a little closer to home for most of the families who receive the scholarships. It made more sense to offer something a little more local and a little less formal. We wanted it to be inclusive so that families and supporters of the applicants could participate."

The fundraiser is known for its festive atmosphere and diverse offerings. Attendees partake in a variety of casino games, including blackjack, poker, and craps, while also enjoying live music, food, and a cash bar. Last year's event raised nearly \$40,000 for high school students in Littleton, Lisbon, Bethlehem, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Monroe, Whitefield, Dalton, Twin Mountain, Landaff, and Lyman.

In addition to residing within the specified service area, students must meet specific criteria to qualify for scholarships from the Littleton Rotary

Club. The primary criteria for selection include financial need, academic performance, and the pursuit of post-secondary education. Specifically, the club considers Pell Grant eligibility, academic excellence, and the student's demonstrated commitment to their education. These criteria aim to ensure that scholarships are awarded to students who show financial need and academic promise, ultimately supporting their educational endeavors.

In addition to supporting students, the Littleton Rotary Club extends its philanthropic efforts to local non-profits and social service organizations.

Talbot highlighted the club's commitment to community enrichment, stating, "In June 2023, the Littleton Rotary Club awarded grants totaling \$4,800 to six non-profits/social service organizations."

The Littleton Rotary Club also extends its support beyond traditional high school seniors through a secondary scholarship program for individuals pursuing

non-traditional post-secondary paths or continuing their college education. This secondary scholarship initiative accommodates a broader range of educational aspirations and career goals. Whether obtaining specialized certifications, furthering professional development, or continuing college education beyond the first year, the club aims to provide financial assistance to deserving individuals.

With anticipation building for the upcoming fundraiser, community members are encouraged to participate and show their support for local students and organizations.

Talbot said, "We're hoping to give out scholarships to all eligible applicants."

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and attendees can expect gaming to commence at 6 p.m. As the night progresses, participants can trade their casino chips for raffle tickets. Event tickets can be purchased online at www.littleton-rotaryfundraiser.com or at the door on the event day.



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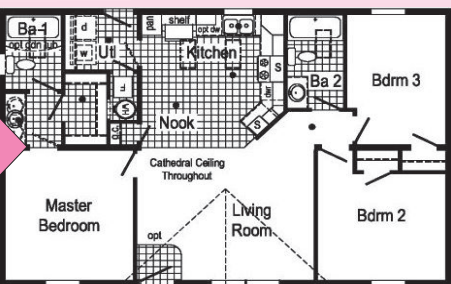
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Weathervane Theatre, Mountain View Grand to present Spring Song Cycle series

WHITEFIELD — Weathervane Theatre and Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa are pleased to present a spring song cycle series later this month. Two productions—"Broadway Road Trip" and "Top of the Charts: Hits Through the Decades"—will be presented in the Crystal Ballroom at the Mountain View Grand the last two weekends of April.

"We presented 'Broadway Road Trip' and 'Top of the Charts' in 2020 as part of our virtual programming," said Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini. "We are so excited to breathe life into these pieces once again and finally perform it in front of an in-person audience!"

This spring song cycle series is the second recent joint venture between Weathervane Theatre and Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa. This past December, the two organizations presented "Who's Holiday!" and "Winter Wonderettes."

"We are thrilled to partner with the Weathervane Theatre once again," said Mountain View Grand Managing Director Lloyd Van Horn. "So many of our guests are fans of the theatre. After the success of our holiday partnership, we are ecstatic to offer this

exclusive and intimate theatrical experience at the Mountain View before Weathervane's 59th season begins."

The shows:
"Broadway Road Trip"
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"Top of The Charts: Hits Through the Decades"
 Covering more than seven decades of the most popular songs of all time, this revue of number-one hits takes you from doo-wop to disco to today. "Shake it Off" and join us for "A Little Less Conversation" and a whole lot of music featuring an unforgettable collection of the biggest hits from Elvis to Taylor Swift! Performances are Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., as well as Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

"Broadway Road Trip" and "Top of the Charts" will feature a roster of Weathervane veterans—Julia



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Weathervane Associate Artistic Director and Broadway veteran Robert H. Fowler in Weathervane's "The World Goes 'Round."

Bogdanoff ("Jersey Boys," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"), Jorge Donoso ("Little Shop of Horrors," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"), Nicole Fluegge ("Kinky Boots," "Winter Wonderettes"), Robert H Fowler ("Guys and Dolls," "Disaster!"), Ira Kramer ("Million Dollar Quartet," "Jesus Christ Superstar"), and Grace Livingston Kramer ("Mamma Mia!" "Winter Wonderettes"). Both shows are directed and choreographed by Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini.

Performances have an approximate run

time of 75 minutes. Tickets start at \$17.50. Dinner and a Show and Show Only tickets are on sale now at weathervanenh.org. Meal and Show tickets include a three-course meal in the Crystal Ballroom before the aperformance. Meal and Show tickets must be purchased no later than Friday, April 12, for "Broadway Road Trip" and Friday, April 19, for "Top of the Charts."

The Weathervane Box Office currently operates on an off-season schedule, with all inquiries receiving a response within 72 hours. To reach the box office, call 603-837-9322 or email (boxoffice@weathervanenh.org). The physical box office is closed until June.

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NEWPORT, Vt.—The NEK Council on Aging (NEKCOA) is pleased to announce that Elijah Capron has been hired as an Options Counselor or working in the Newport office. He replaces Lynne White who is transitioning to serve as a NEKCOA Case Manager for the Newport area. Options Counselors support clients by evaluating needs and providing person-centered and lifestyle options that

inform, encourage, inspire, and support older and disabled adults. Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, shared, “Elijah brings a spirited enthusiasm for helping explore resources and advocacy to ensure that those he encounters are able to meet their goals. We are delighted to have him join our team.” Capron previously served as the Town Health Officer for Derby where he managed and responded to public health concerns and rental property inspections. He also taught a beginner’s construction course for a non-profit company based in the Burlington area. He holds an Associate degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in business from the Community College of Vermont. He lives in Newport and enjoys the outdoors.

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The Project consists of the replacement of two submersible sewage pumps and guiderails in an existing precast concrete pump station, replacement level control, pump control panel, and emergency generator, and new metering manhole and SCADA system. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond for 5% of the Bid amount. Payment and Performance Bonds shall be required for the work.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **HORIZONS ENGINEERING INC., 34 SCHOOL STREET, LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03561, 603-444-4111, CONTACT STEPHEN LAFRANCE, SLAFRANCE@HORIZONSENGINEERING.COM**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 AM AND 4:30 PM**.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office. Digital copies are available on the website www.horizonsengineering.com. Hard copies are also available upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$150 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to **“HORIZONS ENGINEERING INC.”**. Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit printed copies of the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder’s date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Owner: **TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
165 LOST RIVER ROAD
POST OFFICE BOX 156
WOODSTOCK, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03262**

Date: **April 2, 2024**

Kindergarten Registration Bethlehem Elementary School

If you have or know anyone who has a child that will be 5 years old by September 30th, 2024, who is a resident of Bethlehem, please contact Nicole Kerstetter at nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us or (603)869-5842 x.120. Birth certificates and proof of Bethlehem residency will be required for registration.

Kindergarten Registration will be on Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at Bethlehem Elementary School from 11:45 to 1:45 for any incoming Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Bethlehem Elementary School Child Find

The Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) provides for the free and appropriate education of all students with educational disabilities from age 3 to 21 and identification of all children from birth through 21. Children in private schools or currently not enrolled in school are equally eligible. We encourage parents, neighbors, and agencies to refer to us any child whom you feel may have an educational disability. Please call Bethlehem Elementary School and speak to the Preschool Special Education Coordinator, Abbie Vashaw, at (603) 869-5842 x. 210 or email her at avashaw@bethlehem.k12.nh.us to initiate the process.



FREE CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Littleton School District (SAU 84), is excited to announce a FREE childhood screening on Friday, May 10th for children between the ages of birth and 5 years of age residing in Littleton, NH.

This free screening will be held at Lakeway Elementary School. Childhood specialists will be available to screen:

- Speech and Language Skills
- Motor Skills
- Academic Skills
- Hearing and Vision Screening

The Littleton School District hopes that, through this screening, children in need of any type of early childhood educational services can be identified and receive the support they need.

Appointments will be taken starting Monday, April 15th through Friday, April 26th.

You can call Lakeway Elementary School at (603) 444-2831 between the hours of 7:30 am - 3:00 pm and schedule an appointment with the Mildred C. Lakeway Office Staff.

If you have any questions about this FREE childhood screening, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, Preschool Coordinator at (603) 444-2831.



Landaff Blue School

Kindergarten Registration

Landaff Blue School will be holding Kindergarten Registration on April 30th, 2024 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Children must be a Landaff town resident and be 5 years old before October 1st, 2024.

Please call Molly Culver at 603 838-6416 to register your child.

Birth certificates, social security cards, Immunization records, and proof of residency will be requested at a later date.

Preschool Registration

Landaff is seeking all children who will be eligible to attend Preschool For the 2024-2025 school year! Children must be 3 years of age to attend preschool.

Preschool is open to all children in local towns. You do not need to be a Landaff resident to attend. There is half day (8:00am-11:00am) and Full day (8:00am-2:30pm) options.

Please call Molly Culver at 603-838-6416 To register your child.

Birth certificates, social security cards, Immunization records, and proof of residency will be requested at a later date.

LEGALS


LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2nd Circuit - Probate Division - Haverhill 3/15/2024 thru 3/28/2024

APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES

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

Foley, Brendan, late of Bethlehem, NH. Catherine Chipman, PO Box 52, Bethlehem, NH 03574.
#315-2024-ET-00131

Dated: 3/29/2024



DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

SAU 58 Request for Proposal (RFP)

ADA Compliance Construction in the Groveton Elementary Schools Nurses’ Office

Northumberland School District – SAU 58 is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to undertake construction and renovation work to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards in our Nurses’ Office at Groveton Elementary School.

Our organization is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible environment for all employees, visitors, and healthcare professionals.

Project Overview:

The project involves making necessary modifications and improvements to the Nurses’ Office to meet ADA standards. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

Accessible Entrance Doors and Doorways:

- Widen doorways to accommodate wheelchair access
- Install ADA - compliant door hardware

Flooring

- Ensure level and slip-resistant flooring throughout the nurses’ Office

Restroom Facilities:

- Renovate existing restroom facilities to meet ADA requirements
- Install ADA - compliant fixtures and accessories

Lighting:

- Ensure adequate and evenly distributed lighting

Architectural plans outlining all necessary modifications and improvements are available upon request.

Proposal Submission Requirements:

Interested contractors are invited to submit comprehensive proposals addressing the following:

Qualifications:

- Provide a brief overview of the contractor’s experience with ADA compliance construction projects
- Include relevant certifications and licenses

Project Approach:

- Outline proposed approach to achieving ADA compliance in the Nurses’ Office

Detail the timeline for the completion of the project

Cost Estimate:

- Provide a detailed cost estimate, including labor, materials and any other associated expenses

References:

- Include references from previous clients for similar ADA compliance projects
- Insurance and Bonding:
- Provide proof of insurance coverage and bonding

Proposal Submission Deadline: April 17, 2024

All proposals must be received by the above date. Late submissions will not be considered. Please direct all inquiries and submissions to:

Northumberland School District
ATTN: Heather McMann, Business Administrator
15 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
H_mcmann@sau58.org
603-636-1437 x105

Sports

Engineer baseball cruising into new season with optimism

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOODSVILLE — The start of the new season has seemed like less of a learning curve for the Woodsville baseball team and coach Brent Cox sees plenty of improvement in the group of players returning to the diamond. “The only surprise is how well the team has bonded,” Cox said. “A lot of them have improved and put some time in, it did not feel as much as a learning curve coming into the season as it has for a few weeks to start other years. “We are all enjoying ourselves and the progress so far,” the 10th-year head coach noted. “As always, our goal is to win a championship but we know to do that we need to work hard every day and show up to compete every pitch. “Play together and support is our main focus this year,” the Engineer coach added. Mike Hogan returns

to the diamond and will be the team’s ace as he approaches 200 strikeouts for his career. He is also a tough out at the plate and Cox notes his leadership will help bring new players up to speed. Jacob Putnam will be the foundation of the middle infield, though will also see some time on the mound. He put in time during the offseason and looks ready for a larger role in the offense, defense and leadership. Jack Boudreault is a top of the lineup hitter and a leader up the middle in the outfield. He continues to get stronger at the plate every year and this year seems to be no exception. Landon Kingsbury, Jayden Greene and Ryan Walker are also all returning and provide a lot of stability to the roster and have all shown growth coming into the new year. Ethan Kimball, Ben

Taylor, Coby Youngman, Dylan Marshall, Lonnie Lear, Ethan Fenn and Caleb Ilsley are all newcomers fighting for some open spots in the Engineer lineup. “They have all shown they are capable of doing the job, so it will be great to see how they progress through the beginning

part of the spring,” Cox said. “And I think we have a couple of players who could push for player of the year this year and I hope they find a way to push each other and the team to do great things.” The Engineers will have two games each with Gorham, Littleton, Blue Mountain,

Moultonborough and defending Division III champion White Mountains as well as single games with Colebrook, Profile, Lin-Wood, Groveton, Lisbon and Pittsburg-Canaan. The season is scheduled to start today, April 10, at home against Colebrook, and continue on Fri-

day, April 12, at home against Gorham, Monday, April 15, at home against Profile and Wednesday, April 17, at home against Lin-Wood, all subject to field conditions and weather. *Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE
LINCOLN ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA)
NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

*Hybrid meeting available both in person & via Zoom Meeting Platform to allow for town wide participation. A quorum of Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) members must be physically present at the meeting. Although there is space in the large conference room for 8-12 guests in addition to the Board members, the public is welcome to participate remotely using ZOOM. ZBA Meetings can be attended in-person at the Town Hall Building. Recordings of all ZBA meetings can be found at www.youtube.com (Lincoln NH Zoning Board Meeting 04-17-2024). Zoom access is for your convenience; use at your own risk. If any technical difficulties or if ZOOM should go down, the meeting will NOT be rescheduled.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Passcode: 179696
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kblNuPaMIG>
Or dial by your location 1-929-205-6099 US (New York)
(See also town website www.lincolnnh.org for same link, meeting ID and passcode.)

Notice is hereby given a ZBA hearing will be held in Conference Room of Town Hall, 148 Main Street, Lincoln, NH, & via ZOOM concerning a request by Appellant Delia Sullivan d/b/a D & K Properties, LLC, 13 Coolidge Street, Lincoln, NH 03251, for a Variance for her property at 47 School Street (Map 113, Lot 112) concerning Article VI (District and District Regulations), Section B (District Regulations), Paragraph 2 (Land Use Schedule), Paragraph 4 (RESIDENTIAL USES) of the Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO).

Appellant & Property Owner: Delia Sullivan d/b/a D & K Properties, LLC, 13 Coolidge Street, Lincoln, NH 03251

Property: Subject lot is 47 School Street (Map 112, Lot 072). Size: 0.29 acres. Village Residential (VR) District.

Like all except one of the lots along Henry Lane, currently there is a single-family home in the front of the lot (on the northeast half of the lot). There is currently a one story one car garage in the rear half of the lot (on the southwest half of the lot). The two halves of the lot are separated by an alley known as “Henry Lane” which serves as a vehicular access to the lot as well as access to six or seven other lots. The one lot that is an exception is 41 School Street (Map 113, Lot 109) where a second home was constructed on the rear portion of the lot in 1979 prior to adoption of the zoning ordinance in 1986.

LUPO: In the Village Residential (VR) District Detached Accessory Apartments are not permitted.

Also Road Access Status: The subject lot is similar to several other lots within the old original village created by the original mill owner in the last century to temporarily house his employees. There is a row of modest small houses with road frontage along School Street, however, there are no curb cuts off from the Class V Road (School Street), but rather vehicular access to each lot is via an “Alley” known as “Henry Lane” that has a unique status, subject to legal interpretation. The back alley is only 8/10 feet wide. The back alley is not a Class V Road or a Class VI Road or even a private road. The original alleys were created by the mill owner. The front portion of each lot that fronts on Church Street, School Street and Coolidge Street is where the main house was located; portions of the lots that were located on the opposite back side of the alley were intended for outbuildings and “garden lots” for the mill employees to grow their own food. There are four back alleys in the Town of Lincoln with lots that are similarly situated.

Pursuant to legal advice from Town Attorney J. Bernard Waugh, Jr., dated 2001-11-21, BOS voted “to make it clear that there is no intent of the Town to improve the roads beyond their current (2001) passable condition.” On November 26, 2001, in a BOS Meeting, the BOS voted as follows:

(Moved and voted) “That the Town acknowledges and recognizes the so-called “back roads” or “loop roads” behind Church, School and Coolidge Streets as Town highways, by virtue of credible evidence that these roads were used for public travel, including some degree of maintenance by the Town, for at least 20 years prior to 1968, as set forth in RSA 229:1. However, all vehicles and other obstructions, except existing trees and buildings, must be removed from, and must be kept clear of, an area 4 feet along both edges of the existing paved roadway, in order to facilitate snow removal. Furthermore, in accordance with RSA 674:54, III(a), this vote shall not be construed as creating or recognizing any new lots in the absence of subdivision approval, nor shall it be construed as alternating the zoning status of any affected land. Moreover, this vote shall not be construed as obligating the Town to improve or reconstruct these roads. They shall be plowed, but shall continue to receive only such minimal other maintenance as necessary to keep them passable and prevent insufficiencies as defined by RSA 231:90.”

Requests are for the ZBA to grant:

1. **A Variance** to allow a proposed building to include a 2-story building with a three-car garage below to replace the existing one car garage, and add a detached apartment in the second story above the garage in the Village Residential (VR) zoning district where detached accessory apartments are not permitted.

a. The building would be (33' X 30' = 990 SF) (LUPO: maximum accessory apartment size is 1,000 SF).

Legal Issue to be Addressed by Town Counsel as part of the ZBA's consideration: Can Town issue a Land Use Permit to build on a lot with direct access to an Alley from a Class V roadway? Implications due to large number of lots similarly situated.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
BY APPOINTMENT

The Lincoln-Woodstock
Cooperative School District
is planning for the
2024-2025 school year.

If you have, or know anyone in Lincoln or Woodstock that has, a child that will be 5 years old by September 30, 2024, Please contact Sheila Rich at Lin-Wood Elementary School:
Phone: (603) 745-2214 ext. 233 /
Email: srich@lin-wood.org
to schedule an appointment to register the child.

**REGISTRATION DATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten students in Littleton,
who will be five (5) years of age
on or before October 1, 2024 is now open.

Please call the school at 603 444-2831 between 7:00am
and 2:00pm or email kkappler@littletonschools.org
for more information.

You will also need to provide your child's birth certificate,
immunization record, most recent physical exam, proof of
residence, and your driver's license.

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED
ACTIVITY NEAR A WETLAND

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, & Individuals

This is to give notice that New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) and the Town of Woodstock (the Town) have determined that the following proposed action under the FHA Risk Share Mortgage Insurance Funds (Risk Share) under Section 542(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is located in a wetland and NHHFA and the Town will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland, and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Protection of Wetlands. The project known as Peeling Village Housing Development, located at NH Route 112, Lost River Road, North Woodstock, New Hampshire (Tax Map 105 and Lot 20) will consist of residential housing on a currently undeveloped parcel of land comprising approximately 7.9 acres. The project design will include new construction of four residential, multifamily buildings providing 58 units, driveway, parking lots, stormwater management ponds and bioretention area, utility connections, and dumpster pads. Forested wetlands will be impacted by the proposed project and include approximately 9,880 square feet of permanent impacts to wetlands; the majority of impacts are associated with the driveway access off of NH Route 112. The subject property also includes 100-year floodplain but the proposed development is located outside of the floodplain and no permanent impacts are anticipated.

Many natural and cultural resources, including fertile soils, endangered species and archaeological resources can be found in wetlands, making wetlands sensitive to disruption. In addition, wetlands as a natural system can be important during flood conditions, in respect to natural moderation of floods and preservation of water quality, therefore sensitivity of the wetland must be considered during the development.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, P.O. Box 5087, Manchester, NH 03108, Attention: Christine Lavallee or via email at clavallee@nhhfa.org on or before April 25, 2024. A full description of the project may be emailed by contacting Christine Lavallee at NHHFA at clavallee@nhhfa.org. Written comments must be received by the Town for CDBG funding for this project at the following addresses on or before April 25, 2024: Charyl Reardon, Chairman, Board of Selectman, Town of Woodstock, 165 Lost River Road, P.O. Box 156, North Woodstock, NH, 03262. A full description of the project may be provided by emailing Judy Welch at admin@woodstocknh.gov.

Date: April 10, 2024

Woodsville girls set sights on return trip to title tilt

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOODSVILLE — The Woodsville softball team played for the Division IV championship last season and came up short and longtime coach Dana Huntington is hoping that experience will contribute to the success of this year’s squad.

“This is a quality group of players and they are looking forward to the season getting started,” Huntington said. “The goal, as always, is to get to Plymouth and the girls are working hard to get there.

“I am looking forward

to seeing if the experience that was gained last year helps this year,” he continued. “We will be a competitive team that will play hard every game out.”

The Engineers are lucky to be returning their starting battery from a year ago, as senior Mackenzie Griswold returns to the pitching circle and classmate Dory Roy returns behind the plate. Both can also play in the infield as needed. Juniors Jane Roy and Eliza Wagstaff, both capable of playing in the infield or the outfield, will also be key players for the Engi-

neers in the new season.

“Mackenzie, Dory, Jane and Eliza will be the most experienced of the returnees and will lead a group of talented players that have a year or more of varsity experience that should help the team in close games,” Huntington said. “The upperclassmen are players that have worked hard and support teammates very well.”

Also returning the diamond for the Engineers are juniors Faith Griswold in the infield and outfield, Maggie McLellan, Allee Rowe, Paige Royer and Halle-Grace

Robbins in the infield and outfield, senior Lydia Martell in the infield and outfield and sophomore Makayla Walker in the infield.

Among newcomers, freshman Grace Griswold will see time in the circle as well as in the infield and outfield and junior McKenna Locke in the infield, outfield and behind the plate as needed.

The Engineers have a schedule that includes two games each with Gorham, Littleton, Blue Mountain, Moultonborough and White Mountains Regional and

single games with Colebrook, Profile, Lin-Wood, Groveton, Lisbon and Pittsburg-Canaan.

The schedule is slated to begin today, April 10, at home against Colebrook, against Gorham on Friday, April 12, against

Profile on Monday, April 15, and against Lin-Wood on Wednesday, April 17, all subject to field conditions.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Panther softball will be a young group this spring

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LISBON — The Lisbon softball team will be a young group this season, but veteran coach Arthur Boutin is looking for the Panthers to take things one game at a time.

“We are very young and we will take the season one game at a time and hopefully learn from each game and get better as the season goes along,” Boutin said. “Practices have been going very well and the team is getting ready for the season to start.”

Key returning players for the Panthers include senior Mya Drew, juniors Sophie Lafond and Linnea Trudell-Pokropowicz, sophomores Meredith Barnes and Bailey Clark and freshman Molly Metcalf.

For newcomers, the Panthers welcome freshmen Augusta Poole and

Avah Tompkins, eighth graders Amara Daniels, Arya Kimball, Malary Lackie, Cassidy Smith and Miaya Shannon and seventh grader Emma Daniels.

Lisbon will play two games each with Moultonborough, Profile, Groveton, Colebrook and Lin-Wood and single games with Woodsville, Pittsburg-Canaan, Gorham and Littleton.

The season was supposed to start after deadline at Moultonborough, continues today, April 10, at home against Profile, at home against Groveton on Friday, April 12, at home against Colebrook on Monday, April 15, and at Groveton on Wednesday, April 17, all subject to weather and field conditions.

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TALBOT

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gional Chamber of Commerce.

"I view the way that I spend my time as being focused around public service," Talbot remarked. "Whether that's being on the fire department, the captain of the local search and rescue team, or the president of the Colonial Theatre board."

Encouraged by friends and inspired by his dedication to fostering posi-

tive change, Talbot embarked on his Senate bid after thorough contemplation and discussions with his family. His decision was ultimately driven by the desire to see the North Country represented by a unifying force, advocating for the interests of all residents while addressing crucial issues affecting the entire population.

"It wasn't a split-second decision," Talbot stated. "I take the com-

mitment very seriously."

Talbot briefly touched upon his electoral independence. He described himself as an independent thinker and a lifelong undeclared voter, indicating a willingness to transcend traditional party lines. Despite this, he has chosen to align himself with the Democratic ticket for his Senate bid. Talbot's decision to run as a registered Democrat is rooted in his desire to prioritize the

needs of the North Country and provide a strong voice in Concord.

If elected, Talbot envisions a non-partisan approach, focusing on the needs of his constituents and advocating for issues that unite rather than divide. His candidacy symbolizes a departure from traditional politics, offering a fresh perspective and a dedication to representing the voices of all North Country residents.

BASEBALL

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infielder Dylan Gerlack, senior outfielder Grady Hadlock, senior outfielder Morgan Kelly, senior pitcher and infielder Ross Kelly and junior outfielder Chris Smith.

The strong returning core is bolstered by the addition of freshmen

Jackson Cook, Chase Fillion and Aury Perez. Fillion and Perez are pitchers and outfielders and Cook is a catcher and infielder.

The road to the return to the championship game includes a pair of games each with Groveton, Pittsburg-Canaan, Colebrook, Woods-

ville, Gorham and Division III White Mountains along with single games with Lin-Wood, Profile, Moultonborough and Lisbon.

The season is scheduled to begin, weather and field conditions permitting, at Groveton today, April 10, at 4 p.m. and continues at Lin-

Wood on Friday, April 12, at 3 p.m., at home against Pittsburg-Canaan on Friday, April 15, and at home against Profile on Wednesday, April 17, both at 4 p.m.

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volves multiple steps and strict adherence to legal requirements. The town must initiate the petitioning process by the purchase agreement deadline of April 12, with subsequent dates for publication in local newspapers and filing with the Superior Court. A series of public hearings and a secret ballot meeting will follow to ensure transparency and community input.

The Profile bond is entering its final two years.

During the meeting, board members and the public raised concerns about the potential financial implications for taxpayers. Board member Veronica Morris expressed her worries about requesting additional funds from taxpayers.

Morris pointed to the recent approval of school budgets, which included a significant \$239,000 warrant article for the elementary school. This funding was necessary to address a deficit resulting from a clerical error made by an official at SAU 35. As a result, the budget for Bethlehem Elementary School surged to 13.6 percent higher than the previous year.

Although the board has initiated negotiations with the landowner through real estate agents and the town's attorney, no agreement was met by the April 1 board meeting. State law requires that such negotiations occur in non-public sessions.

Board member Nancy Strand emphasized the importance of seeking voter approval for such a significant undertaking.

"It's the voters who are going to decide," she stated. "So that's why we're talking about now, to put this in front of the voters, for the voters to decide."

The board's decision to pursue a special election reflects its commitment to engaging the community in crucial matters that impact the town's future. By presenting the proposal to the voters, the select board aims to ensure that residents have a voice in shaping the town's development. The last day to hold a public hearing is May 3, and the petition to hold a special meeting is required before the board can enter negotiations with the landowner.

If the board fails to reach an agreement with the landowner, there will be no taxpayer burden. During the meeting, board members discussed the possibility of seeking congressionally directed funds and a bond that would likely come after the Profile School bond has been paid down.

Fellow board member April Hibberd underscored the long-term benefits and cost savings of investing in a public safety facility.

She said, "Another aspect is the savings that we will have in the long run when we don't have a building that's probably going to kill one of our people one of these days."

Another location was considered on Elm Street, near the ballfields. However, the cost of delivering suitable roadways and three-phase power to that site was prohibitive.

The board referenced similar facilities in Franconia and Twin Mountain as potential models for the size and layout of the public safety facility they are considering. They noted that while the Twin Mountain facility appeared spacious, they were not aiming for a building of similar magnitude. Instead, they favored the layout of the Franconia facility, which offered functionality within a smaller footprint. However, specific square footage requirements were not discussed in detail during the meeting.

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Softball Crusaders looking for continued improvement

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

LITTLETON — The goal is continued improvement for third-year head coach Andy Kilmer and the Littleton softball team.

“Our goal like every year is to improve on last year’s production,” said Kilmer. “No surprises as of yet, as it is hard to tell until the girls can actually get on the field. Snow is not helping.”

The good news for Kilmer as the Crusaders look to improve on a 4-12 record from a year ago is that nine players are back in the fold.

Taytum Adams will be a utility player, as will Caitlyn McCarson, while Kendall Adams is back in both the infield and outfield and Emerlynn Frias-Frias is back as the team’s pitcher and will also see time at first base.



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Max Lewis (left) and Taytum Adams are the captains of this year’s Littleton softball team.

Molly Donahue will also see time in the circle and at first base, while Max Lewis will be behind the plate and Avah Lucas is back in the outfield, along with Kaylyn Moore. Kier-

ra Therrien will be in the infield and outfield.

Newcomers include utility player Emilee Silva, catcher Mary Donahue, infielder/outfielder Sujeury Perez, in-

field and pitcher Jolene Woodward and outfielder Esmay Frias-Frias.

The Crusaders will play two games each with Groveton, Pittsburg-Canaan, Colebrook, Woodsville, Gorham and Division III White Moun-

tains along with single games with Lin-Wood, Profile, Moultonborough and Lisbon.

The season is scheduled to kick off, field conditions permitting, today, April 10, at Groveton and continues on Friday,

April 12, at Lin-Wood and home against Pittsburg-Canaan on Monday, April 15, and Profile on Wednesday, April 17.

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Patriots looking to continue steady improvement

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BETHLEHEM — Over the last three years under coach Tim Burnell, the Profile baseball team has steadily shown improvement in the win column, going from zero to three to five wins last season. The Patriot coach is hoping this year’s mixture is able to continue that progress as the new season gets under way.

“In each of the last two seasons we’ve missed the tournament by one or two wins and it’s easy enough to look back at the ‘ones that got away’ and see where tightening up some fundamental play will likely be the difference between making it and missing it,” Burnell said. “The top of the lineup looks as though they

will pick up pretty much where they left off last season.

“They younger kids are working hard,” he continued. “The upperclassmen are going to have ample opportunity to display leadership for the younger guys and help to teach them how to adjust to the expectations of the game.”

The Patriots will be led by co-captains Coen Mullins and Danny Burnell. Mullins returns for his junior year as the team’s catcher, though he will also see a larger role this year as a relief pitcher and spot starter. He is also one of the offensive leaders of the team, leading the way in batting average, doubles and runs last season. Burnell led the team in OBP, OPS,

slugging, RBIs, steals and walks last year and he’ll split time between centerfield and shortstop this year. He will also be a key cog in the pitching rotation after leading the team in strikeouts last year, though will be looking to cut down on his walk rate from a year ago.

Senior Dane Presby will also be a key returning piece as the starting first baseman, bringing a dependable glove to the corner infield spot while also looking to see his strength translate into a higher rate of hard hit balls in play.

Burnell also notes that a few freshmen will be playing key roles. Tanner Schmarr played a handful of games with the varsity last year as an eighth

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Wednesday, April 10 LISBON

Baseball vs. Profile; 4
Softball vs. Profile; 4
LITTLETON
Baseball at Groveton; 4
Boys’ Tennis vs. Ke-arsarge; 4
Girls’ Tennis at Berlin 4
Softball at Groveton; 4

PROFILE

Baseball at Lisbon; 4
Boys’ Tennis at Plymouth; 4
Girls’ Tennis vs. Plymouth; 4
Softball at Lisbon; 4

WOODSVILLE

Baseball vs. Colebrook; 4
Softball vs. Colebrook; 4

Friday, April 12 LIN-WOOD

Baseball vs. Littleton; 3
Softball vs. Littleton; 3
LISBON

Baseball vs. Groveton; 4
Softball vs. Groveton; 4
LITTLETON

Baseball at Lin-Wood; 3
Boys’ Tennis at White Mountains; 4
Girls’ Tennis at Plymouth; 4

Softball at Lin-Wood; 3
PROFILE

Boys’ Tennis at Trinity; 4
Girls’ Tennis vs. Moultonborough; 4
Softball vs. Pittsburg-Canaan; 4

WOODSVILLE

Baseball vs. Gorham; 4
Softball vs. Gorham; 4
Monday, April 15 LIN-WOOD

Baseball vs. Groveton; 4
Softball vs. Groveton; 4
LISBON

Baseball vs. Colebrook; 4
Softball vs. Colebrook; 4
LITTLETON

Baseball vs. Pittsburg-Canaan; 4
Girls’ Tennis vs. Inter-Lakes; 4
Softball vs. Pittsburg-Canaan; 4

PROFILE

Baseball at Woodsville; 4
Boys’ Tennis at Gilford; 4
Softball at Woodsville; 4

WOODSVILLE

Baseball vs. Profile; 4
Softball vs. Profile; 4
Tuesday, April 16 LITTLETON

Girls’ Tennis at Gilford; 4
Wednesday, April 17 LIN-WOOD

Baseball at Woodsville; 4
Softball at Woodsville; 4
LISBON

Baseball at Groveton; 4
Softball at Groveton; 4
LITTLETON

Baseball vs. Profile; 4
Boys’ Tennis at Moultonborough; 4
Girls’ Tennis vs. Berlin; 4

Softball vs. Profile; 4
Wednesday, April 17 LIN-WOOD

Baseball at Woodsville; 4
Softball at Woodsville; 4
LISBON

Baseball at Groveton; 4
Softball at Groveton; 4
LITTLETON

Baseball vs. Profile; 4
Boys’ Tennis at Moultonborough; 4
Girls’ Tennis vs. Berlin; 4
Softball vs. Profile; 4

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Baseball at Littleton; 4
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grader and he'll be counted on to pitch some key innings as well as contributing up the middle at either shortstop or centerfield. Carter Clough is projecting to offer some

defensive stability in one of the corner outfield spots as he develops his bat. Brayden Stone is slotting into the rotation as the third starter and will likely get the nod as the team's starting second baseman.

"This team is a mix of experienced upperclassmen, promising newcomers as well as middle schoolers and first-time players," Burnell stated. "This will undoubtedly create some challenges as some playing time is go-

ing to go to some younger players who will have to adjust to the high school level on the fly."

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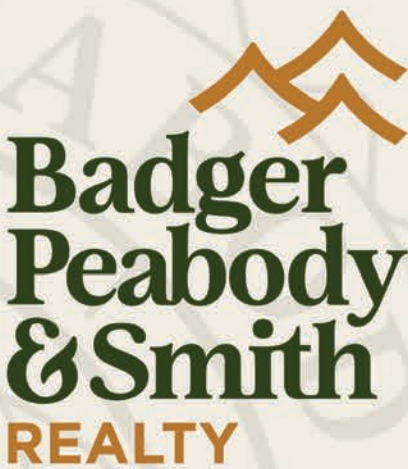
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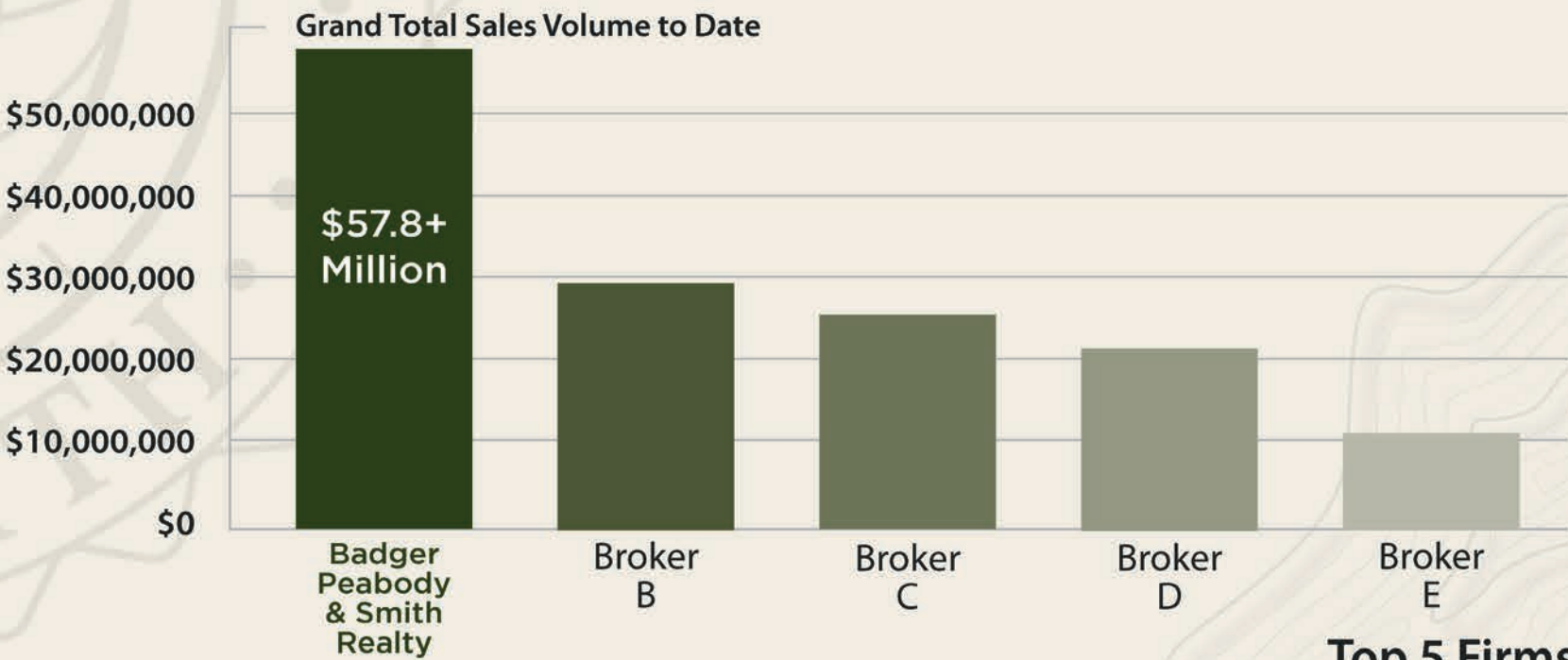
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