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With plenty of red, white, and blue behind them, Lancaster's selectmen had a busy two hours at town meeting on the evening of March 11. The trio spoke with voters prior to the 7:30 start time, then made motions and speeches as warrant articles were discussed. Pictured are, from left to right, Leo Enos, Leon Rideout, and David Stickney.

Despite 75% state aid, WMRSD voters nix \$18 million CTE project

BY EDITH TUCKER
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WHITEFIELD — The White Mountains Regional School District school board didn't close the sale. Almost the same number of voters said "yes" to the proposed \$18 million Career and Technical Education (CTE) project on March 11 as in last year's effort, but the number of "no" votes swelled by 267 over a similar effort on March 12, 2013.

Despite a guarantee of a whopping 75 percent in state aid that would have reduced the District's direct cost to some \$4.5 million, a majority of voters in all five SAU 36 towns voted "no" against the proposed 70,000-square-foot CTE addition at WMRHS: Lancaster, 360 to 391; and Whitefield, 209 to 233; Jefferson, 118 to 134; Carroll, 125 to

141; and Dalton, 113 to 136. Only 47.19 percent of the 2,017 voters said "yes" at the polls this year.

On March 11, 925 voters cast "yes" votes, and 1,035, "no," plus 57 blanks, making a total of 2,017 ballots. Under SB2, passage of a bond issue requires a 3/5ths super-majority of 60 percent.

This year's count fell short by nearly 13 percent; blanks do not count when percentages are computed.

Last year a warrant article for the same purpose received 54.76 percent of the "yes" votes after the March 19 recount, only slightly more than five percent short of passage.

The 2013 recount was tallied with 932 "yes" and 770 "no," plus 48 blanks, making a total of 1,750

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Voters in a spending mood

BY DARIN WIPPERMAN
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LANCASTER— All business at the March 11 town meeting was completed in less than two hours. Voters agreed to every spending proposal, except the only article not defended by a speaker on the floor.

The evening kicked off

when town moderator Jay Riff discussed the ground rules. He noted the importance of civil discourse. "We're all townspeople. We are all neighbors," he said, "Hopefully we are all friends."

A close vote occurred early in the night. Article Three requested \$135,000 for eight different reserve funds, with the money to

be raised through taxation. Joyce McGee rose to request an amendment which would have taken the money from the town's fund balance.

McGee said Lancaster's fund balance retention is about 18 percent of town appropriations, higher than the state's recommended level. Even if the \$135,000 for Article Three

came from fund balance, McGee said, Lancaster would retain about ten percent in fund balance, within the state's suggested level.

McGee said the town would be better off using fund balance, which she deemed "monies that have already been raised," rather than use new taxes for the reserve funds. The \$135,000, she concluded, would mean the town's tax rate would be roughly unchanged, rather than rise 41 cents.

Town Manager Ed Samson confirmed that the town was retaining around 18 percent in its fund balance. He opposed McGee's amendment, however, saying the town has been using some fund balance. Additionally, he said the town's effort to realistically budget projected revenues might permit the use of fund balance later in the year to buy down the tax rate.

"I discourage the change in funding," Samson said, to sum up his opposition to McGee's amendment.

Chris Parker spoke in favor of McGee's idea. "If we can level fund our budget, this is a good start," Parker said in support of using fund balance, rather than new taxes, for the reserve funds.

As discussion wrapped up, Riff called for a show of shiny pink cards. The amendment failed on a vote of 41 in favor, with 48 opposed. The original article then passed by a comfortable margin.

After the Article Three debate, other matters proceeded at a swift pace. Each item on the warrant passed with limited debate, except for Article 22. Tri-County Community Action's request for \$4,600 to support its Community Contact Division was soundly defeated. Some residents expressed disgust that the organization would ask for town tax dollars without bothering to have someone show up to speak in favor of the expenditure.

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Whitefield votes yes for new municipal building

BY EILEEN ALEXANDER

WHITEFIELD — A lively one-and-a-quarter hour discussion preceded the ballot vote on Whitefield's \$1.27 million proposal to build a new Municipal Services Building to house the Town Offices, Police Department, Fire Rescue and Recreation departments. The article, which needed a two-thirds majority, passed overwhelmingly 105 to 34, but many people left for home at the conclusion of Town Meeting before the votes had been counted, and had to wait until Wednesday morning to hear the results.

More than a dozen residents took to the micro-

phone, and some more than once, to express their opinions on building a new town hall on land that the town owns on Route 116 next to the Fire Station. The town has been without a Town Hall building since water, rot and mold were discovered in the old Town Hall in 2008, which was torn down last year. The town currently rents space for the Town Offices and Police Department in the former Astle building on King's Square.

Much of the discussion revolved around two issues, with some residents getting behind a proposal made by Sam Gooden and his son to increase the size

of the bond in order to build a full-size basketball court within the municipal complex, while others offered their support for keeping the town hall downtown, within the Common area.

Although the bond article passed, the project is still contingent on receiving \$180,000 in grant money from various sources. If all the pieces fall into place, final designs for the project are due to be completed this spring, with construction to begin in June and occupancy in June of 2015.

The town's operating budget of \$2,668,908 was approved with virtually

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PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Rep. Herb Richardson, left, of Lancaster welcomed former U. S. Senator Scott Brown and his wife, Gail Huff, a longtime TV reporter for ABC-affiliates, to his home on Sunday afternoon in Lancaster's Page Hill Mobile Home Park Cooperative.

Former Sen. Scott Brown visits Rep. Herb Richardson at home

BY EDITH TUCKER
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LANCASTER — Former U.S. Senator Scott Brown, a Republican of Massachusetts, who won the seat formerly occupied by the late U.S. Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy in a special election and is now seriously considering a run against Senator Jeanne Shaheen, a Democrat, visited the home of Rep. Herb Richardson, a Republican of Lancaster, and his wife Rita on Saturday afternoon.

Brown and his wife, Gail Huff, formerly a TV reporter, headed north after the 2014 Northeast Republican Leadership Conference ended in Nashua and spent Saturday night at the Town and Country Motor Inn in

Shelburne.

Brown, who officially became a resident of Rye in Dec. 2013, announced on Friday that he had

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PHOTO BY LYNN LAPARDI

This week's winner comes to us from Lynn Lapardi, her dog looking back from a spectacular view of Berlin from Mount Forist, in Berlin. The winner will be announced next week.

Phoebe B. Jensen (nee Carlson)



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BETHLEHEM— Phoebe B. Jensen (nee Carlson), 94, a World War II veteran who served in Europe, died March 8.

Mrs. Jensen had been visiting Bethlehem for seven decades and built a house in 1998.

Born on September 14, 1919 in Quincy, Mass., she was the daughter of Captain Frederick G. E. Carlson, who rose from enlisted man to retire as a Captain in the U.S. Navy and served in World War I and World War II.

When she was four years old, her mother Hilda Amalie, nee Landergren, died of tuberculosis at the age of 27.

Since her father was away in the Navy she was raised, for the most part, by her grandparents who lived in Easton, Mass. Her grandmother was killed in the hurricane of 1938.

She worked her way through college as a waitress and graduated from Boston University's Sargent College in 1944 with a B.S. in physical education and a major in physical therapy. She loved to swim.

After hearing recruiters say physical therapists were desperately needed to help wounded soldiers recover, she immediately enlisted in the Army's medical corps.

She admitted to ap-

proaching her basic training with some un-military-like mirth. Once, during an exercise in basic training in which trainees were to don gas masks, she stuck her head out of a tent and shouted: "Gas who?"

In March 1945, she was one of almost 11,000 soldiers who boarded the Queen Mary in New York City to sail for Europe. The Queen Mary had been converted into a troop ship, which made it a prime target for German submarines. Shortly after sailing, the ship had to turn around following a report of a German U-Boat waiting outside the harbor.

She served with the occupation forces, working with wounded soldiers in Regensburg, Germany, and once treated General Dwight D. Eisenhower for a shoulder ailment. She also attended the opening days of the war-crime trials in Nuremberg before returning to the United States,

where she was stationed at a military hospital in Florida.

There she met Wallace N. Jensen, a doctor and captain in the Army. They married in 1947 and received a congratulatory note from General Eisenhower.

During the polio epidemic in the early 1950's physical therapists were in great demand and she worked with polio patients, while also caring for two small children and her grandfather.

She was known for her extraordinary generosity, sense of humor and amazing patience. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Wallace, a professor of medicine.

She raised two wonderful dogs and three passable offspring.

She is survived by two sons, a daughter and five exceptional grandchildren.

Her son, Christopher, and his wife, Cheryl, live in Bethlehem. Both are reporters. They shared a house with Phoebe.

Her daughter, Johanna Jensen McInerney, lives in New York City and works at The Metropolitan Opera.

Her son, Jonathan, a gastroenterologist, lives in Longmont, Colo., with his wife, Judith.

Three of her grandchildren, Christopher, Caitlin and Andrew McInerney live in New York City; grandchildren, Jonathan and Johanna Jensen, live in Colo.

She is also survived by Marilyn Johnson, of Bethlehem, a friend since 1943 and cherished member of the family.

The Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements. For more information, please visit our website at www.pillsburyphaneuf.com.

Stratford, Bloomfield and Brunswick through the years

STRATFORD—Cohos Historical Society, is holding open discussion. Share how these towns have changed as the years go by. Audience Participation. We are meeting March 28 (the last Friday in March) at 6 p.m. at Fuller Town Hall-lower level, In Stratford.

We will also make a list of history related subjects that is of interest to you or some information you are willing to share as a speaker for future meetings.

Any questions? Please call 922-8337

Carroll E. Ingerson



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JEFFERSON— Carroll E. Ingerson, 86, died Tuesday afternoon March 12, 2014 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Mr. Ingerson was a lifetime resident of Jefferson. He was born there on July 12, 1927 the son of Albert and Helen (Page) Ingerson. He graduated from Lancaster Academy and for 22 years worked for the Ingerson Dairy. He then worked 23 years for Timberland Machine and several years at Santa's Village.

Carroll was a spiritual man and for many years taught adult Sunday School. He also assisted area churches by conducting Sunday services to cover for pastors who were away or for churches

between pastors. For the town of Jefferson he served as a selectman for 32 years.

His greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family members include his wife of 64 years Gladys L. (Boudle) Ingerson of Jefferson; two children Brenda Manuel and Lloyd Ingerson both of Jef-

ferson; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters Stella Paschal of Jefferson, Marilyn Wetmore of Brandon, Vt.; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Elliott Ingerson.

Visiting hours will be held Friday evening March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster. A funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Reverend Jay Dexter, pastor of the New Life Assembly of God in Bethlehem will officiate. Burial will be in the Spring in Summer Street Cemetery, Lancaster.

Please go to www.bailleyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence.

Simone A. Cloutier



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STARK—Simone A. Cloutier, 89, of Stark passed away peacefully at her home on March 7, 2014 surrounded by her husband Albert and their children.

She was born Simone Lanciaux on January 7, 1925 in Dixville, Quebec. She was the seventh child of Emile and Eulalie (Lettourneau) Lanciaux.

On July 3, 1948 she married Albert Cloutier. They made their home in New Hampshire in 1951. They raised their five children together in a very loving home, while she assisted Albert with the family business.

Simone was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family. Albert and Simone wintered in Florida for twenty-six years. Simone has joined her husband on many fishing and camping trips to Canada. She enjoyed getting together with family and friends and loved to play cards; gardening and cooking.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 66 years;

Albert Cloutier of Stark; her five children Johanne Kingston and husband Kevin of Lebanon; Norman Cloutier and wife Marlene of Columbia; Albert Cloutier, Jr. and wife Darlene of Stark; Jeanne Gervais and husband Reno of Island Pond, Vt.; and Linda Caron and husband Ron of Groveton. She also leaves behind eleven grandchildren Jacques Cloutier and wife Nicole; David Cloutier and wife Melissa; Erika Vasher and husband Shaun; Christen Cloutier and wife Jillian; Angela Morgan and husband Josh; Adrien Cloutier and fiancée Casey Penrod; Eric Caron and companion Jackie Catcher; Miran-

da Michaud and husband Mike; Amy Caron and companion Mark Valliere and Brett Gervais Melissa Lyons and husband Cass; seven great-grandchildren Cayden Cloutier; Thayer Cloutier; Tanner Michaud; Cheyenne Cloutier; Felicity Vacher; Philippe Cloutier and Braxton Lyons. She also leaves behind three sisters Rachel Chatel; Georgette Lanciault and Juliette Lanciault.

She was predeceased by five brothers and one sister.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home in Groveton. Mass of Christian Burial was on Thursday at the St. Francis Xavier Church in Groveton with Fr. Daniel Deveau, pastor officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Simone's name to a charity of one's choice.

To send the family your condolences via the online register book, one may go to, www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com

CORRECTION

In last week's Democrat the article on Jude Gesel's hopes of attracting a 2nd-floor tenant at 70 Main Street, the Rita, the name of one of his five children who attend the Lancaster School, was inadvertently omitted.

FIVE QUESTIONS

1. What pitcher has the most World Series victories?
2. Where in the USA was there a total eclipse in 1991?
3. What's Canada's largest inland sea?
4. What are there 88 of in the night sky, according to the international Astronomical Union?
5. What movie gave Julie Andrews the chance to portray a man?

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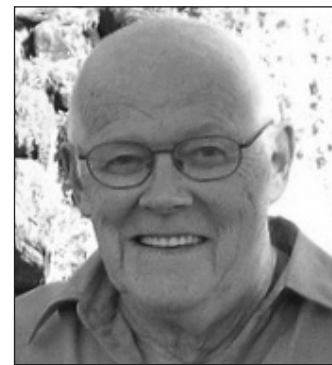
MULBERRY, Fla.— Leonard L. "Sonny" Gould, age 80, of Mulberry, Fla., died March 11, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

Born in Colebrook on Feb. 27, 1934, he was the son of Leonard and Ethel (Eastman) Gould. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, Sonny became a partner with his father-in-law on their dairy farm. He won several awards during his 20 years as a successful farmer, including a cow that set an all-time state record for milk production in a single year.

In 1978, Sonny and his wife Jean built a new Ag-way store in Gilford, which they operated together until selling the business to their partner and son in 1986. In semi-retirement, he launched yet another successful business, which became one of the larger landscaping companies in central NH.

Upon his full retirement,

Leonard L. Gould



Leonard L. Gould

Sonny and his wife Bettie enjoyed living in the warm weather of Fla. Known for his hard work in any endeavor, in his heart he was always a dairy farmer first.

Sonny was active in his community, serving many organizations, including the Congregational Church, FFA, Grange, Jaycees, 4H, town planning and school boards, PTA, and NH state agriculture boards.

Family members include his wife of 20 years, Bettie (Farnham) Gould of Mulberry; a daughter, Dawn (Gould) Brooks and husband Ronald of Gil-manton Iron Works, NH; a

son, Jeffrey C. Gould and wife Tracey of Mulberry; step-daughter, Tracy Remington of Concord; step-son, Richard Anthony and wife Erica of Pittsfield; six grandchildren and six step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gould is predeceased by his first wife of 37 years, Jean (Corbett) Gould; his sister, Alice (Gould) Crawford; three great-grandchildren.

Memorial calling hours in the North Country will be on Friday, March 28, 2014, from 5-7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sat., March 29, at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating. A graveside service and committal with military honors will be later in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Gould may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Dr., Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkins-newman.com.

Funeral arrangements in NH are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

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PHOTO BY JON BENTON

Firefighters struggle to contain the fire in the building that housed Lancaster Auto Sales, on Route 3, last Wednesday. The building was once the home to Dalton Mountain Motor Sales and before that was where the press was located for the Coös County Democrat.

It's too soon to tell if Lancaster Auto Sales can rebuild

BY EDITH TUCKER

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LANCASTER — Lancaster Auto Sales owner-operator Dan Fournier, whose 14,000-square-foot building at 475 Main Street (Route 3 North) was gutted in a fire called in just before 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning, March 12, by numerous residents and passersby said on Saturday that it is too soon for him to tell whether or not he will be able to rebuild the charred structure.

The building was once the home to Dalton Mountain Motor Sales and before that was where the press was located for the Coös County Democrat.

Insurance adjusters are on site, Fournier said in a telephone interview, but

toting up the losses could take some time and matching it to his coverage.

Meanwhile his employees are waiting to see what will happen. "They're a very loyal bunch," he explained.

The three tenants who occupied second-floor apartments lost everything they had in them, Fournier said. Two were in the building at the time of the fire and safely exited the building, but one was not on hand.

Although one firefighter apparently fell through a floor, no one was injured in the fire.

"I'm very grateful to all the volunteer firefighters who turned out to fight this fire, to town employees and officials who had been so

helpful, and for the good wishes of our customers," Fournier said, noting that his business serves a 60-mile radius. "Everyone's been just great!"

Groveton, Stratford, Lunenburg, Dalton, Whitefield, Jefferson, Twin Mountain, Bethlehem, and Littleton provided mutual aid, reported Lancaster assistant fire chief Steven Jones.

"The fire took approximately two hours to bring under control due to building instability; a total of approximately 55 firefighters were on scene," he said, noting that, as usual, the fire's cause is under investigation by the state Fire Marshal's Office, Lancaster Police and Fire Departments, and the State Police.

Lancaster and the American Revolution: Charles Ward Apthorp and William Molineaux

REBECCA W. S. MORE, PH.D.

The name Charles Ward Apthorp merits only two mentions in the 1900 Town History.

William Molineaux has only one. But their role in the establishment of Lancaster links the town's early history to the complex politics in Boston that led to the American Revolution. While the tiny settlement at Lancaster was firm in its resistance to the British government, its largest single landowner before the Revolution, Charles Ward Apthorp, was a Loyalist. However, Apthorp's agent for Lancaster, William Molineaux, became one of the leaders of the Boston Tea Party.

The story of Apthorp and Molineaux's involvement in the establishment of Lancaster reveals how a remote settlement on the frontier fit into the complex politics of Pre-Revolutionary New England.

Inscribed on the large undivided space between Martin Meadow Pond and the

Connecticut River on the 1789 Proprietor's Map of Lancaster (on display at Weeks Memorial Library) is the notation "C. W. Apthorp Ten Rights." Although not an original grantee/Proprietor in the 1763 Charter, Charles Ward Apthorp was the largest investor in Lancaster by 1767. As the numbers and names on the map indicate, Apthorp had bought up the rights of ten grantees, all of them part of David Page Sr.'s contingent from the Lunenburg Petersham Massachusetts are, including a son-in law and a brother. Surveyor Jonas Baker set them aside as a unit, known as the Cat Bow farm for the curve in the Connecticut River below Mt. Orne. By 1771, thanks to David Page, Sr.'s need for funds to sustain his own ambitious land grants on both sides of the Connecticut River, Apthorp had taken over 22 of Page's rights.

Charles Ward Apthorp (1726-1796) was the son of wealthy merchant and



COURTESY PHOTO

Royal Paymaster and Commissary of British land and naval forces at Boston. The Apthorps, along with other wealthy Boston merchants, invested in land throughout New England. They were Kennebec Propri-

etors, speculators in Nova Scotia, investors in sugar and slaves in the West Indies, and secondary purchasers of the proprietary lands originally granted by Benning Wentworth along the Connecticut with an eye to speculation, including David Page grants at Lancaster and Woodstock Vermont. The Apthorps were Anglicans and among the founders of King's Chapel and Trinity Church, Boston. They were also business associates and kin with the Wentworth clan in Portsmouth. By 1760 Charles Ward Apthorp

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FILE PHOTO

Republican Joe Kenney of Wakefield won the March 11 special election to fill the vacancy created by the death of longtime Executive Councilor Ray Burton on Nov. 12, 2013, topping Democrat Mike Cryans of Hanover, 21,351 to 20,084. Executive Councilor Kenney, shown here campaigning at the Coös County Nursing Home in Berlin, carried Coös County, 2,706 to 2,345. Berlin's turnout in the special election was only 11% of registered voters, reported City Clerk Debra Patrick. There was an 89% turnout on Nov. 6, 2012, when President Barack Obama, a Democrat, was running for re-election against challenger Mitt Romney, a Republican. Now-incumbent Kenney will have to run for re-election on Nov. 4, since he was elected to fill out Burton's term. Cryans has not yet announced whether or not he will run for the District 1 seat again. Kenney, 53, is a former state representative and senator who ran for governor in 2008 against popular incumbent John Lynch. He's spent 30 years in the Marines and reserves. Cryans, a 63-year-old Littleton native, has been a Grafton County commissioner for 17 years. His position as executive director of Headrest, Inc., a nonprofit in Lebanon, ended on Feb. 28, and an interim director, Ed Rajsteter, has been appointed.



COURTESY PHOTO

The caption for this historic photo in Chapter Two, "Downtown," in "Lancaster," published for the Lancaster Historical Society by Arcadia Publishing Co. (www.arcadiapublishing.com), reads: "This remarkable photograph was taken in the summer of 1899. The Doonan Block is under construction to replace the gutted Eagle Block, which was destroyed, along with the Richardson Building, in January 1899. Construction of the Bailey Block (now Simon the Tanner) had not yet begun. Meanwhile, the circus train has come to town, and a parade with elephants and circus wagons is just turning the corner from Middle Street onto Main Street."

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partnered with his dad and operated Pat's Auto Sales for over 21 years before deciding to close the business. Mark has returned to his roots with the Berlin City family as a new and used vehicle sales guide. Mark invites all of his past customers and any new ones to come see him in the used car building next to the Toyota showroom or

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Editorial Opinion

Political ruminations

Town meeting day has come and gone and with it the special election to fill Ray Burton's seat on the executive council. Our congratulations to Republican Joe Kenney of Wakefield for a hard fought, upset victory over Michael Cryans. Never count out a Marine. Semper Fi.

From every election there are lessons to be drawn for both the victor and the loser, as well as their parties. In this case we were scratching our heads over the lesson learned—or in this case not learned—by the state Democratic Party over this race. Almost immediately after Cryans conceded a press release was sent out by the state Democratic Party stating that Cryans' showing in the race was a sign that Democrats would sweep many offices in the fall elections. Cryans did well they noted, "outperforming the last 20 years of Democratic campaigns for this seat." Well of course he did. It was an open seat. The last 20 years and more the seat was held by Burton, who was unbeatable, with wide support from Democrats and Republicans. Perhaps this was an attempt trying to fire up a discouraged base but it came across as a desperate party in denial.

In reality if any Democrat should have won that seat it was Cryans. He was endorsed by Burton's family, not to mention many Republicans, and he managed to paint Kenney as a right-wing extremist out of touch with District 1 values. If the Democrats believe that means they are poised for victory they need to check their rose colored glasses—the lenses are cracked.

Of course the Democrats aren't the only ones drawing the wrong political lessons, as seen by the declaration by former U.S. Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts that he is considering seeking the Republican nomination to face Sen. Jeanne Shaheen in November to be New Hampshire's next U.S. senator. Already the term carpetbagger is being bandied about by Democrats and their allies and the term will stick, as he spent most of his life elsewhere. Shaheen may have been born in Missouri but she has spent the last 40 years living and working in the Granite State, dedicated much of her life to it. She is a veteran campaigner and is not to be underestimated.

She is far from unbeatable, however. She is vulnerable, generally seen as quite aloof compared to her younger colleague, Kelley Ayotte, avoiding town halls and the public, especially during the implementation of Obamacare. Her visits to the North Country are few and far between, especially compared to Ayotte, though she was in Berlin recently.

Maybe Brown has name recognition and will create some excitement but with that name comes a lot of negatives. Shaheen may be vulnerable politically but won't be if the best the Republicans can come up with is a former Massachusetts senator looking to return to Washington.

Bridge repairs on Lennon road in Carroll one-way alternating traffic over Carroll stream

CARROLL—The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces bridge repairs are underway on the Lennon Road Bridge over Carroll Stream in Carroll.

This bridge deck replacement work will require alternating one-way traffic controlled by stop and yield signs.

The work is scheduled to be complete by April 30, 2014.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Stark voters and officials, right, started the 2014 Town Meeting at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, March 11, in the town fire station. More voters filtered into the hall to vote at booths set up beside fire engines and tankers, with some staying to take part in what serves as an annual community forum.

READERS' FORUM

Disappointed CTE failed

To the Editor:

As a taxpayer, parent, grandparent and a lifelong member of this community, it really disappointed me when I found out the CTE project failed. There was a LOT of work done in preparing for this, a lot of time and effort from many who believed it was the best for our children and our district. Being north of the notches puts a damper on things because people don't think we exist most of the time. It would have been nice to say that we have the BEST school in the North Country and our students have all they need to graduate and move on to adulthood after being at WMRHS. The State was graciously giving us 75% of the funding for this, and another percentage of the balance was being paid with a grant. This seemed to me to be a no brainer.

I went to school at WMRHS from 1968-1971, being the first class to attend all four years. It was great. How lucky we were to have parents, grandparents and the whole community working TOGETHER and being humble enough to invest in our education. We are now stuck in that 'era', that era being 40 plus years ago. I, for one, do not like change, but this I believe in. Everyone would argue that times are different than back then, and I would have to disagree. Everyone had to work to make a living, everyone had taxes to pay, many had hard times, but we made it through them. It made us stronger as a community.

Think about how it would be if the medical field stopped updating and bringing in new technology over 40 years ago. How about ambulances, fire departments, hospitals, business office equipment, and the list goes on. Are our children any less deserving than the rest for an up to date, state of the art education? I think not! Whether we want to think about the children in this district or not, they are our future. They so needed this project to pass, to thrive after their four years were over at WMRHS. Think of how far behind our children would have been if we stuck to

the one room schoolhouse with just a piece of paper and pencil. There is more than just learning from a textbook.

The Vocational Department at White Mountains is as crucial as the rest of the teachings there. It delivers hands-on teaching to students. Some students do NOT go on to college. Many of these students want to be able to stay in the district, to live here with family, raise their own family and survive. We have super teachers in the whole district and they will continue to be that way, thinking about and doing the best for our children. We entrust our children to all these teachers and staff every day for many hours. Why would we not want the best for the teachers to teach with and our children to learn with?

The renovations and updates that need to be done are just that, renovations and updates. The CTE project would have taken care of all that needs to be done – plus! The extra space would have been a plus, for extra outside activities, adult education, meeting space and so much more

To those who were on the fence as to which way to vote, and those who didn't vote at all, I wish you knew all there was to know about the CTE project and voted on it. It is a SHAME that south of the notch will be reaping what 'should be ours'. Their children will thrive with the newest technology and we will still be stuck in the 'era' we are in.

I respect everyone for doing their part, going to the polls and voting for what you believe. Those who were concerned enough to learn about the project and supported it a big 'thank you' and to those who were misinformed and chose not to support it, consider it a loss for the whole district, mainly the education of our children. Hopefully something else will happen down the road that we all believe in and support.

Judi Donnelly
Lancaster

Thank you for your vote

To the Editor:

On behalf of the teachers and support staff of the White Mountains Regional School District, I would like to thank the voters of the five towns in our school district for their support on March 11 of our contracts and of the school district's budget. As educators we work hard each day to provide the highest quality educational experiences to our students, and we value our partnership with parents and the communities of SAU 36, without which our stu-

dents' successes would not be possible. We deeply appreciate the generous support of our efforts to prepare our young people for a challenging and rewarding future as life-long learners.

Sincerely,
Jon Dugan-Henriksen, President
White Mountains Educators Association (WMEA)
SAU 36
Whitefield

Pre-Season Crop Workshops

LANCASTER—With a hint of Spring in the air... UNH Cooperative Extension will hold a series of workshops to help farmers prepare for this year's growing season. They will be held at County Extension offices in Northern NH: Tuesday, April 1, in Lancaster; Wednesday, April 2, Conway; Thursday,

April 3, North Haverhill.

The morning sessions from 10:00 am to Noon have been approved for -1-NHDA Private Applicator Recertification Credit. Field Specialists in Forage Crops, Vegetable and Fruit Production will discuss current pest concerns, Hi-Tunnel management and IPM Do-It-Yourself monitoring.

This is a "Lunch and Learn type" session, bring your own lunch, we'll have some coffee on.

Individual crop-planning consultations (regarding soils/fertility planning and pest control) are available in the afternoon for commercial farm operators. Contact the offices for making these appoint-

ments: 788-4961 Lancaster, 447-3834 Conway, 787-6944 North Haverhill. Ten working days are needed to facilitate special needs requests.

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North Country Notebook

From a land where we once made things, resources and hard to find jobs go out



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST



JOHN HARRIGAN PHOTO

Medium-age, medium-quality hardwoods were once used for all kinds of job-intensive products, but now largely go into pellets or chips for one-shot use for energy, or in this case, firewood.

Stand on a corner in Pittsburg, West Stewartstown, Colebrook, Lancaster, Whitefield, Littleton, Plymouth, Tilton and beyond, and you are going to see jobs going up and down the road. In short, you'll see wood headed north or south for the value-added jobs we so desperately need.

These lost jobs are in the form of white pine, spruce and fir, ash and valuable hardwoods such as maple, birch and beech—logs from trees that New Hampshire is so good at growing in a responsible and sustainable way—being hauled south for manufacturing or across the border into Canada, which doesn't have the trees but where government, working closely with private industry, appears so very good at fostering value-added jobs.

New Hampshire—all of it, not just the North Country—is a Temperate Zone rain forest. We are smack in the middle of one of the finest hardwood and softwood forests on the planet. In times not so long past, we made myriad products out of not just old-growth trees but also middle-aged, lower-grade species—pine, fir, spruce, hemlock, maple, beech, birch, and even the lesser semi-hardwoods, poplar and ash.

Read the history and weep. Anyone even casually interested in this topic has only to visit the local library. Look up a town or county history. And look at the value-added jobs that stemmed from this incredible, resilient, sustainable and renewable resource all around.

In a prominent place in my living room rests an original edition (1888) of "History of Coös County," an elegant and very thick book. It is a meticulous compilation of history, stories and facts from settlement times on up (or maybe in this case, down).

Whatever the case, the "History of Coös" is a great read, and more so compel-

ling about a society that did not exist as merely a service industry, but actually made things, to export—to cities and towns all down along the East Coast and to trade-ports in Portland, Portsmouth and Boston.

Herein, a sampler: Pittsburg, first explored by Lower Quebec speculators in 1787, and the very next year inhabited by American settlers who "pitched their lots," by the very early 1800s had a dozen or more families living on hacked-from-the-woods farms. The War of 1812 sent some families fleeing south, but by the mid-1800s the town had settlers and relatives of settlers clearing and building on openings hither and yon.

By 1888, when the History of Coös was written, the town's chief money-makers were the logging jobs that drew men and boys from farm jobs in the winter to fell, limb, top off and drag huge old-growth softwoods to stream banks and lake shores to be driven down the tributaries of the Upper Connecticut to mills far below, and raising horses—some of the very best of the various breeds—for sale to towns and cities far below that sorely needed them for every facet of social use and commerce. Old-time experts judged Pittsburg's soil as excellent for pasture, and raising horses soon became a chief trade. Towns and cities needed horses, and Pittsburg was well suited to accommodate.

By the time the Coös history was compiled, this little outpost on the headwaters had four sawmills, two grist mills, a machine shop, two hotels, two post offices, a town hall (for voting and dancing), three stores, three

blacksmith shops, and nine (count 'em, nine) schools. This last item illustrates one of the things often overlooked in too many narrations of settlement times, which was the desperate desire to provide education, a trait that exists today.

Colebrook had dozens of grist mills, starch mills, potato whisky mills, carriage manufacturers and furniture factories. In the early half of the century, the building of the Coös Road from Colebrook to Bethel and thence to the settlements above Portland was a big deal for getting products to lucrative markets on the coast and beyond. Soon came George Van Dyke's railroad, which would change everything. Still, for a while local producers hauled products by wagon. They did not want to pay the timber baron's high railroad tariffs.

In Lancaster, which had a 30-year head start in settlement—long before Eleazer Rosebrook led his cow, pregnant bride astride and all of their belongings trundled behind on an Indian-fashion travois up a blazed trail to pitch a cabin in the howling wilderness of Colebrook—Titus Brown was exporting tobacco, according to history the only time thence or hence. Various industries were exporting carriages, furniture, and harness. The Thompson Manufacturing complex was producing plows, harrows and other farming implements, and machine tools to boot. Frank Smith and Company had a heavy mercantile presence and ran grist mills and sawmills.

There was a door, sash and blind factory. Among the many other industries were a carding mill for the sheep industry, which dominated the countryside and was the early reason for stone walls, and a blacksmith shop that turned out high-quality hoes, shovels and rakes.

And the list went on, into Whitefield and Berlin and Littleton and Landaff and Haverhill and Conway and Plymouth and Wolfeborough. All of these entrepreneurs and enterprises made things, to use locally for barter (the norm at the time) or export for hard cash. They did not exist at the mercy of the service industry. They actually made things, from local resources, to barter or export to sell.

We have lost that. Every time I see a truckload of our high-quality (and even lesser-quality) wood going up (or down) the road, to provide value-added jobs in Canada and elsewhere, I ask the same questions: Where is New Hampshire's leadership on this? Why are we not gathering marketing experts and industrial entrepreneurs and university specialists and government staffers and growers and producers and thinkers in all fields to talk about this and come up with plans of action to address this woeful and unaccountable lapse?

We are at the beck and call of others instead of actually making things from the land we love, consumers instead of makers and exporters, vassals to others instead of making products

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...My Share

By Ron Pelchat

Well everyone, due to a glitch, a past column ran in last week's paper. The title was right, the words not so. It was good to again praise Mary Bates, WMRSD and to see that my strategy to help the Sox win the world series paid off. Predicting the Sox pitching would not hold up. It did!

However, I can't say my Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) thoughts held true. Poorly implemented, too restrictive and too expensive for many to afford coverage worth purchasing, I don't think my support is now warranted. Oh well, at least the sox won!

The person you admire

Ever have that one person you admire, want to be like, wish you could emulate? Now I'm not talking a famous sports "hero", a Hollywood star, singer or even an astronaut. Those types of "heroes" have their place I guess. But I'm talking a real, honest to goodness, down to earth, self-sacrificing person, right here in our midst.

Well I'm lucky enough to have a few from whom I try to take the qualities I most admire and attempt to incorporate into my behavioral make up. But one for me (from now on referred to as they for a purpose not yet revealed) stands out above all others. They give unto others expecting nothing in return, they take up causes that most of us ignore, they try to make us think, has a unique perspective on life, seeks out those they can help, just because. Is civic and community minded, and does stuff just because... Because it's needed, it's warranted, it's right, or left; left because nobody else wants, or is

willing to do it.

They attend most ceremonies, and meetings too. They're an animal lover, a people lover (well at least some); they're an advocate, environmentally oriented, and old school. They take only what they need and leave the rest (to paraphrase from a Willy Nelson song) and they'd be Robin Hood if they could.

Now about whom am I talking? Why it's you! At least I hope you think so. Lord knows if we all had more of these qualities what a wonderful world this would be! If you don't think it's you, why not? Too busy, too rich, too poor, too stressed, too tired, too self-absorbed? Having too much fun, too little fun? Worried about fun, the next vacation or why you can't have one? Too much work for too little pay? Want less work for more pay? It's somebody else's concern, let them do it. Why should I help, nobody gives me nothing? (anything, I know). Well that's the point. The unexamined life...

The person of whom I'm writing has gotten passed all that. Tempted for sure, gave in to excuses on occasion, probably still does, but mostly realizes the temptation and gets passed it, enters the world of self-actualization. Puts temptation aside to do for others, to do what's right, what's needed at least as they see it. They read, research, question, listen, protest and debate. They win, they lose, but they never give up.

Now is this you? I hope so! So look around, look in the mirror and try to guess who "they" are. I'll reveal the person, and my honorable mentions list next week. Same bat time, same bat... Well you know.

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2. Hawaii.
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Voters favor selectmen's Plan B for town offices

BY EDITH TUCKER
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NORTHUMBERLAND — Select board member Michael Phillips explained to voters at Saturday morning's 2014 town meeting in the Ryan Memorial Gym that he had miscalculated the length of time it would take to convert the former Groveton Paper Board office building, that once housed a restaurant, into a public facility capable of serving as town offices and potentially after further work as a gallery or meeting hall. He also admitted that he had thought that the cost of hiring an architect would be covered by the USDA grant. Phillips recalled that he had told the 2013 Town Meeting that town employees would be in their new offices by this time, but the town is still paying rent on a temporary building.

Three article were involved in moving forward with what Phillips called "Plan B," a fall-back position in case the selectmen determine after bids are opened that their original plan is not optimal, requiring additional monies to be spent funds in order to meet what he believes are unnecessarily high weight standards under the assumption that the building might someday be crammed full of people. He said the building is structurally sound.

The architect, Robert "Bob" Bast of Bast & Rood



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The board of selectmen — chairman Jim Weagle, left, Michael Phillips and Jim Tierney — consistently voted together at Saturday's town meeting, raising their cards for moderator Keith Young's convenience. Phillips handily topped challenger Mario Audit for a one-year term as selectman, 184 to 119.

in Hinesburg, Vt., who Phillips favored over all the others who responded to a Request For Proposals (RFP), took a year to com-

plete project drawings. The subcontractor Bast hired apparently assumed that the completed building would be subject to high

live weights, Phillips told townspeople, noting that he himself had majored in civil engineering. Phillips left that profession, however, when he was only 23 years old and found himself city-bound in Washington, D.C. Since then he has spent much of his life as an organic apple orchardist, writer, and lecturer. Meeting the recommended weight loads might well require spending what Phillips believes is an unnecessary \$60,000.

Article 11, which passed unanimously, closes out the Northumberland-Groveton RBEG Relief Fund, left over from a 1988 housing project, and add some \$29,090 to the town's fund balance (surplus) account.

Article 12, in turn, takes \$73,949 from the fund bal-

ance account and adds it to the Municipal Office Building Capital Reserve Fund. Some \$30,000 is from a health insurance refund, and \$34,000 is from Green Steel in lieu of an escrow account.

Article 13, which passed, sought \$143,000 to renovate the Paper Board building. This will only be used, however, if the town cannot hire a contractor at favorable terms to do the work as planned under the \$150,000 grant-loan received in 2013 and approved as part of a total financial package at the 2013 town meeting. If the selectmen conclude and then vote that it is in the town's interest, they will return the USDA grant-loan. Town grantwriter Robin Frost said that she believes that if

the town does that it could jeopardize other North Country communities from getting similar grant-loan packages.

Townspeople approved the selectmen-recommended town budget of \$1,958,701, some \$72,000 over the 2013 budget due to rising employee health insurance and retirement costs.

Voters approved entering a lease-purchase contract to acquire a T440-type truck equipped with a 10-foot dump body, plow, wing, slide-in spreader, hydraulics and all needed controls at an approximate cost of \$166,693. The base truck's cost is nearly \$99,000 with the needed "extras" nearly \$68,000 more. It will replace a 14-year-old truck, valued at \$3,500.

School meeting concluded in 6 minutes

BY EDITH TUCKER
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NORTHUMBERLAND — The recommended \$5,851,454 school budget and the salaries amounts set for school officials both passed unanimously in a startling six minutes, closing out Saturday's school meeting at 10:06 a.m. This left those on hand with

nothing to do while waiting for the 11 a.m. town meeting to begin.

School board chairman David Hurlbutt explained that the budget was slightly less than the 2013-2014 operating budget in which more than \$260,000 in cuts were made. The board, on recommendation of SAU 58 Superintendent Carl Ladd, decided to recommend to

the voters that a year of stability would be appropriate, giving everyone a chance to see what kind of impact these cuts would make.

Hurlbutt noted that Stark and Stratford pay Northumberland some \$900,000 in tuition that makes their needs an important consideration. State and federal revenues

are down, so even a less-than-level-funded budget is likely to result in a school tax increase.

School elections resulted in William "Billy" Everleth, a former board member, and incumbent Hurlbutt each winning three-year terms with the exact same vote total: 173. Glenn Cassady lost his bid by a narrow margin, gar-

nering 165 votes. Moderator Keith Young won as a write-in candidate.

Hurlbutt thanked Dave Auger for his 10 years of dedicated board service. He stepped down because of his work schedule in St. Johnsbury that has made it hard for him to make meetings on time.

Ingerson Rd. bridge bond passes; crude oil resolution fails

BY EDITH TUCKER
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JEFFERSON — Civil discussion, plus a ballot vote, a standing counted vote, and a "hold-your-green-card-up-high" vote, marked the 2014 town meeting, the second under the leadership of interim moderator Lynne Holland.

Borrowing up to \$100,000 to replace the one-lane Ingerson Road bridge, which has deteriorating abutments and inadequate guardrails — despite some \$15,000 to \$20,000 in relatively recent repair work — passed on a written ballot vote, 62 to 16, well over the needed 2/3rds. Since another \$22,000 was included to make the first principal-and-interest payment, the appropriation totaled \$122,000.

Select board chairman

Norm Brown pointed out that this is one of three bridges in town that are in need of repair or replacement but is the only one on a school bus route. When questioned closely by former selectman Bruce Hicks, Brown replied that the board would try to secure a grant to help cover costs. UNH engineering student Clayton Christie completed some \$50,000 worth of work to scope out the current bridge's flaws and to come up with a plan to install a new precast concrete double-lane bridge with guardrails, Brown explained. Christie received an "A" in the course, and the plan was stamped and approved by the state of New Hampshire, saving the town money.

The five-year note the town took out to pay for the purchase of a fire truck



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Jefferson moderator Lynne Holland, back to camera, had "yes" voters stand, count themselves off one-by-one, and then sit down, and then had the "no" voters do the same in the historic Jefferson Town Hall to see whether the "tar sands" resolution had passed or failed. It failed, 34 to 38, using this efficient method of counting votes.

was retired this year, so taxpayers will not see any difference in their property tax bills because of this new project, Brown explained. The current interest rate was quoted at 1.74 percent.

Articles 3 and 4, both bridge-related articles, passed on voice votes. Article 2 authorized taking \$50,000 of year-end surplus funds and adding it to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). Article 3 authorized withdrawing \$75,000 from that same CRF to spend it on the bridge project.

Brown pointed out that the motion under Article 5, designed to cover the town's operating costs, is only \$1,000 above last year's total of \$557,426. The hold-the-line figure of \$558,426 recognizes the tough economic realities of the North Country, Brown said. The article passed without dis-

cussion.

The motion passed under Article 6 that takes up to \$40,000 from the Route 115B Reconstruction CRF to resurface 3,020 feet of bad sections of Israel River Road, formerly Route 115B, and replace some culverts.

The motion under Article 7, designed to tuck away a total of \$61,000 into four CRFs including \$40,000 into the Highway Vehicle CRF, passed without discussion.

The motion under Article 8 seeking to add \$29,500 to three Expendable Trust Funds drew an informational question on the \$20,000 requested for the Town Library Fund, but ultimately passed.

When a townsman asked whether a new library would be built in his lifetime, Library Building Committee spokesman Joe Marshall replied, "We expect to have a design in hand in June, plan to present graphical renderings and general cost estimates over the summer, and expect to make a presentation to the 2015 town meeting." The financial package will not depend on new tax dollars but rather on foundation and other grants, plus a one- to two-year capital drive, Marshall explained.

"Forward thinking, including a Town Library Fund supported by tax dollars, is already helping us as we approach foundations," he said.

Adele Woods, CEO of Coos County Family Health Services, commented that she had learned from her many years of working in the nonprofit world that it is vital for potential donors of major gifts to see that community members do support a proposed project. The town purchased the Vaitl lot in June to use as the future library's site, thanks to a "yes" vote at the 2013 town meeting, and also spent \$1,335 on title search, septic test pit and a preliminary siting survey to assist in selecting the most advantageous spot for the building.

Expenditures of \$17,000 for the Starr King Cemetery to be taken from the Cemetery Maintenance Fund under Article 9, plus \$6,000 for refinishing the Town Hall floor and \$10,000 to be taken from the Building CRF to rewire the highway garage and other town buildings under Article 10 that will be matched by PSNH passed handily.

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LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES

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

Delage, Richard E., late of Dalton, NH. Helen L Delage, 183 Harriman Road, Dalton, NH 03598. #314-2014-ET-00005

Kenison, Griffin Donald. late of North Stratford, NH. Ashlyn J. Rideout, 30 Mountain View Road, North Stratford, NH 03590. Daniel C Kenison, 30 Mountain View Road, North Stratford, NH 03590. #314-2014-ET-00003

Dated: 02/28/2014 Terri L. Peterson, Clerk

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Barracliffe, Ronald Horne. late of Lancaster, NH. Lynn B. Penberton-Locke, 688 Keeney St., Manchester, CT 06040. Harry Hikel, Resident Agent, 14 Holton Park, Lancaster, NH 03584. #314-2013-ET-00296

Dated: 03/07/2014 Terri L. Peterson, Clerk

NOTICE

TOWN OF DALTON

Road bans in effect for the Town of Dalton starting **Saturday, March 22nd.**

Selectmen

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Plymouth Village Water & Sewer District 227 Old North Main Street, Plymouth, NH, 03264, (603)536-2769

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A Management Plan detailing these projects is on file at the respective Town Halls. For further information, please contact RMI at (603) 536-8900.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF WHITEFIELD

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.**

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Whitefield Board of Selectmen

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Scalley wins selectman's seat, turning out incumbent Dowling

BY EDITH TUCKER
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CARROLL — David Scalley unseated incumbent selectman William "Bill" Dowling, 162 to 105, on Election Day, March 11.

In the only other contested race, both Paul Bussiere with 154 votes and Robert Gauthier with 145 votes won three-year terms on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, besting Joan Karpf who garnered only 55 votes.

Both candidates seeking three-year terms on the Budget Committee won: Rena Vecchio, 180 votes; and Joan Karpf, 86.

Remarkably, both Michael Hogan and Donna Foster each received 190 votes in their bid for the two available three-year terms on the Planning Board.



FILE PHOTO
David Scalley wins a 3-year term on board of selectmen, soundly beating incumbent Bill Dowling, 162 to 105. An entrepreneur himself, Scalley campaigned on a business-friendly platform.

The three top vote-getters on the printed ballot were all incumbents in uncontested races: Susan Kraabel, 249 votes for a one-year term as treasurer; John Gardiner, 247 votes for a three-year term as

library trustee; and Benjamin Jellison for a two-year term as moderator.

Carroll, an SB-2 town, approved its operating budget of \$1,511,488 on a written ballot vote of 173 to 93. If it had failed, the default budget of \$1,462,522 would have kicked in or another special vote could have been called.

Articles 4 to 24, all recommended by the selectmen, passed by a simple majority.

Passage of Article 7 to spend \$40,000 to buy a new police vehicle — \$16,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$24,000 by direct taxation — won by a narrow margin, however: 139 "yes," and 125 "no."

Two petitioned warrant articles passed.

Article 29 that seeks to

have the town "forgive and discontinue the claim for remuneration for legal fees incurred in the suit against William Rines of Carroll passed: 183 "yes" votes and 74 "no." The wording of the article provided the rationale: "This has gone on for several years with several appeals by the town and by Mr. Rines. Please, enough is enough, and let's drop it and move on."

Article 30 that seeks to make it mandatory that all departments with special revenue funds go through

the Board of Selectmen and meet with its approval before funds are spent passed, 190 to 64.

Three petitioned articles failed, however.

Article 25 that sought to establish a 5-member Highway Road Light Committee to review the existing road lighting on Routes 302, 115, and 3 to see if some could be shut off to reduce the annual \$18,000 cost without jeopardizing safety, failed, 125 to 138.

Article 26 that sought to restrict the use of revenues

from the NH Water Grant for water department repairs and maintenance by setting up a Water Department Maintenance Special Revenue Fund failed, 121 to 134.

Article 27 that sought to employ a fourth police officer and pay all the associated costs failed, 106 to 161.

Article 28 that sought to lower town employee salary increases to 1.5 percent instead of the 5 percent amount budgeted also failed, 128 to 136.

"Ride the Wilds" ATV trail system opens up business opportunities

BY EDITH TUCKER
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WHITEFIELD — Last week a group from throughout the area gathered to reflect on how ATVs have gone from something the occasional person rode to becoming an integral part of the economy.

"A loosely organized group of stakeholders who thought that there was a unique opportunity to create a recreational activity that was not available anywhere else north of Washington, D.C. — a point-to-point ATV trail system with major riding areas in between — came up with the idea for what is now known as 'Ride the Wilds,'" explained North Country OHRV Coalition president Harry Brown of Stewartstown on Monday night, March 10, in the Presidential Hall of the Mountain View Grand. He was speaking to a gathering of North Country business owners and Chamber of Commerce members, plus Rep. Wayne Moynihan of Dummer and state Senator Jeff Woodburn of Dalton, who facilitated the meeting.

Sponsor Dan Bennett, vice president of governmental relations and environmental affairs specialist for the N. H. Auto Dealers Association that includes OHRV dealerships, was on hand as well as Gail Hanson, executive director of the N.H. Snowmobile Association. "Ride the Wilds" means that downstate OHRV dealers can tell their potential customers that New Hampshire has a wonderful place in which they can ride ATVs and side-by-sides.

Early on these stakeholders — who became enthusiastic Coalition members — recognized that they would need to persuade state officials that an interconnected ATV trail system in Coös would be a stimulus to the local economy, providing jobs and small-business opportunities that North Country residents could easily embrace. "I describe the trail system as our new factory," Brown said.

Coalition activists con-



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

North Country OHRV Coalition president Harry Brown of Stewartstown detailed the great progress that the "Ride the Wilds" ATV trail system has made in the last 18 months as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead on Monday night, March 10, at the Mountain View Grand.

centrated on convincing officials — elected legislators, agency heads, key state employees and local officials — that opening up parts of municipal and state highways as well as publically owned lands was essential if the 1,000+ Miles of Interconnected AVT Trails were to become a reality.

"We've gotten a lot done in 18 months," Brown said. "ATV clubs, snowmobile clubs, and Chambers of Commerce have worked together." Some businesses have been very active, but now it is time for all local businesses to work together to maximize their own benefit as well as the County's," he explained.

"Boundaries are fading away, because the trail system brings the county together," Brown said.

There is, however, still a half-mile-long gap in Stratford that interrupts the Coalition's connectivity from Colebrook-Columbia to Northumberland-Lancaster, he explained. More roads or trails must be opened up on the Nash Stream State Forest, Brown said.

In the future the Coalition would like to see further trail development, he said, including: a connection along the west side of the Androscoggin River; two "new" East-West con-

nectors in the lower third of the Coös County; and the construction of riding areas along these new connectors.

No tax dollars go into developing and maintaining the system; it is self-funded by local fund-raising initiatives, grants-in-aid that partially fund projects with registration fee monies, and Recreational Trail Program Grants, that provide 50 percent matches from federal gasoline taxes that are collected from non-highway recreational users, Brown said. The Coös Economic Development Corp. (CEDC) contributed a \$15,000 grant, and the Coalition has worked closely with the Northern Community Investment Corp. (NCIC) and New Hampshire Grand, northern New Hampshire's marketing arm.

Cathy Conway, NCIC vice president of economic development, was also on hand.

"Ride the Wilds" continues to face challenges: money for trail development and maintenance; education to teach safe riding and to curtail the "bad apple" renegades who jeopardize the generosity of landowners, both public and private; enforcement; and access to services sought by ATV enthusiasts, and funds for marketing, Brown said. Coming up with detailed maps of the interconnected system is also a challenge because most clubs sell their own maps of the trails they maintain. These individual maps are club money-makers and carry ads for local businesses.

Fifteen kiosks and many more trail signs are now in place, Brown said happily. Approximately 75 percent of the interconnected route is on skid roads, gravel roads, and paved roads with the balance on well-constructed trails.

"The good news is that the rooms and meals taxes collected in Coös are up, and OHRV registrations across the state are also up," Brown said, noting that the only change had been the "Ride the Wilds" initiative.

Corrine Rober, co-owner-operator of Bear Rock Adventures in Colebrook, urged those on hand to work together with other local businesses to make "Ride the Wilds" the best experience for visitors that it can be. Rober urged other entrepreneurs to look closely at what successful small businesses are doing and to ask them for pointers. Rober has volunteered to work on marketing "Ride the Wilds," and she described how businesses can arrange to use its logo.

"Try to put yourself in the shoes of someone new to ATVing and new to the area," Brown said. "Think about the services you would want; let that be your guide."

Questions & Answers

Successfully Treating Chronic Depression

What is depression? Depression is a very common medical condition. We all feel sad from time to time in our lives, but it is important to recognize when depression is more than a temporary thing and when to seek help. The exact cause of clinical depression is not completely understood, but many scientists and clinicians believe it is caused by a combination of genetic, biological, environmental and psychological factors. Clinical depression affects how you feel, think and behave and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems. Situations like loss of a loved one, trauma, a difficult relationship, or a stressful situation can trigger depression. Depression can also occur without an obvious trigger.

What are the signs of depression? The key symptoms of depression are a sad, anxious or empty feeling that lasts for two weeks or more, and/or a loss of interest or pleasure in most activities you once enjoyed. Some of the other more common symptoms of depression include:

- Lowered self-esteem
- Change in sleep habits
- Change in appetite and weight
- Increase in fatigue
- Reduced sex drive
- Suicidal thoughts
- Loss of motivation and drive

Having one of these symptoms is not likely to indicate that someone is clinically depressed and could be caused by a physical illness, medication or stress.

How long does depression last?

Sometimes depression goes away on its own, but, depending on the nature and type of depression, it may take many months and possibly considerable suffering if left untreated. Depression can be successfully treated and with the right treatment, patients will start to feel better over time. Once diagnosed, a person with depression can be treated in several ways.

How is depression treated? The most common treatments are antidepressant medication and psychotherapy. As far as medication, antidepressants



By Jennifer Parent, APRN

primarily work on brain chemicals called neurotransmitters, especially serotonin and norepinephrine. Other antidepressants work on the neurotransmitter dopamine. Most antidepressants must be taken for at least 4 to 6 weeks before they have a full effect. We encourage patients to continue taking their medication even if they are feeling better. No one likes to stay on medication any longer than they have to, but if a patient stops taking their medication too soon, it could interfere with their recovery and progress.

What should I do if I feel I have clinical depression or someone I know is depressed? Depression, even the most severe cases, can be effectively treated. If you feel you are depressed and it is interfering with your life, the best thing to do is to visit your health care provider or mental health specialist. There are some medications or medical conditions that can cause the same symptoms as depression and your doctor can rule these out. Ask your health care provider about seeing a mental health professional. Because depression is a common experience today, many medical professionals are used to dealing with depression. It's important to remember that depression is an illness that lots of people have and you should seek help just as you would for a physical illness.

Jennifer Parent is an Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Weeks Medical Center's Lancaster Physicians Office.

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Nancy McVetty, a Lancaster native who has lived in Dalton for 40 years, won a head-to-head selectman's race on March 11, unseating 14-year incumbent Victor St. Cyr for a three-year seat by a three-to-one margin: 196 to 63. Last year, then-challenger Kathy Barden won a three-year seat on March 12, beating out incumbent selectman Kevin Whittum Sr. by a four-to-one margin: 263 to 64. McVetty, a 1973 WMRHS graduate, said she had spent many happy years as a stay-at-home mom. McVetty graduated 14 years ago with an associate's degree in speech pathology from WMCC in Berlin and uses her specialized knowledge to work with some 40 students at the Whitefield School. She has served on the town's Budget Committee since Sept. 2013.

Psychologist Brent Holt hired as WMRSD Special Ed Director

BY EDITH TUCKER
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WHITEFIELD — Psychologist Brent Holt, who early in his professional career worked in the Berlin school system through North Country Education Services (NCES) is returning to the North Country to fill the key position from which Marie Fay of Guildhall is retiring on June 30. Trained as an educational psychologist, Holt has worked as a special education specialist since 1985 in Vermont, New Hampshire and Arizona. He earned a B.A. in American Studies

from Huron University in South Dakota and an M. A. in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota. He was first employed in the Cayman Islands in 2004, where he held a position as an educational psychologist with the Cayman Islands Government. He then returned to Arizona where he served as the Acting Executive Director for Special Education and Lead Psychologist for the Tucson (Ariz.) Unified School District.

He returned to the Cayman Islands in 2007 as the Head of Student Services and became an advocate for Persons with Disabilities as the Senior Policy Advisor for Special Educational Needs for the Ministry of Education, Training & Employment and Senior Policy Advisor for Inclusion.

Holt returned to Arizona where he retired, but he then decided to return to work, SAU 36 Interim Superintendent Dr. Harry Fensom explained to the school board. He is moving to Lunenburg in April, and he and Fay are planning six overlap days, in which he will receive a per diem stipend.

Fay has been working as a 6/10ths employee for a couple of years, now at a salary of \$50,803 for this part-time work. Holt will earn \$67,000 a year in 2014-2015, starting July 1.

A dozen applicants applied for the District's

top special education position, and two teams of school employees interviewed the same six candidates who had survived the paper screening.

"Holt was the first choice of both these interview teams," Fensom said, noting that he had telephoned two references, one in Tucson, Ariz., and the other in the Cayman Islands. Both gave the candidate high marks.

In other action, the board hired Christine Marro, former part-time Barry Transportation bus driver, as a special education bus driver at an hourly salary of \$14.33 an hour, starting today, March 19.

The board also authorized the boys' and girls' tennis program to continue under the aegis of the WMRSD with a volunteer coach and transportation provided by the District.

Board members welcomed former school board member Randy Boggess of Lancaster back into public service, the only candidate on March 11 for a vacant seat on the WMRSD ballot.

The board agreed to embark on a strategic planning process designed to prepare the District for the future. Boggess and school board member Mollie White, both of whom have done such planning professionally, agreed to work together to present a preliminary plan for full board discussion.

JEFFERSON

Tuesday March 11, 2014 was Town Meeting Day and surprisingly it was a decent weather day, but come late that night old Mother Nature turned her weather gauge to storm and by Wednesday morning the town meeting storm had begun to settle in with rain and snow mixed for a messy trip to work. By noon it had turned to snow and coming down quite hard lasting for another 24 to 30 hours leaving a good two feet of winter fun flakes to deal with. Our schools were closed and snowplows, of all kinds" were busy cleaning out. The Town Hall had its usual group of attendants for the business meeting and near all Articles weir voted on in the affirmative. We miss the good old debaters on issues such as John Marshall, Wilbur Nevers, Charles Davis, and others would do, along with Helen Merrill's suggestions or memoir's for the town. "Times Have Changed!"

The St John's United Methodist Church of the Jefferson Highlands had a very good turnout for their Bread-Bowl Soup Supper, in fact it was said to be the best one for a long time. One could choose from about 20 different dishes, from Baked Beans, Chili, Chowders, Beef Stew, and many Soups, it was all very delicious. For dessert there was an assortment of pies and cake, all served with a variety of legal beverages. We wish to thank all the cooks, volunteer helpers, and especially the people who came to enjoy the meal.

The JAC's cancelled their Fellowship Luncheon and meeting on Thursday, March 13, due to the storm that everyone was trying to get dug out from, so they missed out on their Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Vegetable, Roll, and surprise dessert, but at the next meeting a new dish will be served Canadian Meat Pie, with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, a Vegetable and surprise Dessert. This meeting will be on Thurs, March 27 beginning at 12pm There were four members that had a birthday in the first part of March and plans was to shower them with Birthday wishes at the meeting, these being Patty Angelicola on the 6, Marilyn Ashby on the 13, and Lucille Cameron on the 15, plus Betty Dow of Lunenburg, Vt. Generally there is a little cake and possible ice cream cups to enjoy for the celebration. Now that Old Man Winter has found his way to Northern N.H. we hope he stays

clear of the area of March 27 so we can get together.

A reminder that Friday, March 21, the Jefferson PTA will be holding their "Family Bingo Night" at the Jefferson Elementary School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 pm with the doors opening at 5:30 pm and one can get a light lunch plus beverages that are being sold by the Student Council to raise finances for this years activities. There will be an Adult and a Child winner at each game played of which many, business' support with donations for what is received when anyone is a winner. The adults buy sheet a of three small sized cards for \$5.00 and the children purchase a large sheet of one card for \$1.00 with no limit to what one buys. The games are over at 9:00 pm or shortly after. It's a fun evening with the children so do come if you are able.

HUMOR: Oh Brother George of 03598 who wished for Snow to get rid of Arctic Deep Freeze? They must have prolonged their wishes with the Snow fairy a little longer than necessary, now for the Below Zero Temp to find its trail back to the North Pole soon. Here is a way to keep warm---A construction Foreman asked one of his workers why he carried only one plank while everyone else carried two. "I suppose" the worker replied, "It's because they're all to lazy to make two trips like I do."

Jefferson Public Library News

JEFFERSON—Thanks to everyone who attended our 1st Annual Craft Fair and Chocolate Tasting. Jeanne Kenison won the chocolate tasting with a

flourless chocolate torte. Jim Holmes was winner of our 50/50 raffle. A special thanks goes to all the ven-

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The three selectmen — James Gibson Sr., Everett Frizzell, and chairman Albert Cloutier Jr. — Town Clerk Susan Croteau, Deputy Town Clerk-tax collector Elaine Monahan, and moderator William “Bill” Joyce sat in a single row in front of voters at the 2014 Stark Town Meeting in the fire station.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Voter Carrie Wentworth, right, delivered her ballots to moderator Bill Joyce accompanied by her 4-year-old daughter Maegen, while Deputy Town Clerk Elaine Monahan checked her name on the voter list.

Town Meeting serves as a community forum in Stark

BY EDITH TUCKER
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STARK — The 2014 Town Meeting provided a window into the concerns and aspirations of those living in this small town.

The town’s \$191,148 operating budget under General Government passed after select board chairman Albert Cloutier made a few comments and answered questions. The town’s website is being upgraded to provide more services, including access to online tax maps. The second half of the Stark-Stratford boundary will be “perambulated” this year: monuments will be brushed out and the paint on boundary-line trees refreshed at a cost of \$1,000. Stratford will also pay \$1,000 for this municipal activity, required every seven years.

Firefighter Ronnie Lunn

amended Article 3 that covers Public Safety to add \$1,000 to fully cover the cost of at least one physical and background check for one new volunteer firefighter, increasing the total appropriation to \$38,300.

The \$201,490 Highway budget passed with the select board explaining that HEB Engineers will open the bids for repairs to the historic Covered Bridge on March 19 (today), with the selectmen likely awarding the bid in April after the firm has made its recommendation. Discussions with NHDOT to figure out how to prevent stormwater from running off Route 110 to collect around the historic Stark Union Church and rotting out its floor beams are continuing with no satisfactory resolution yet reached. The church and Covered Bridge are among the most photographed

structures in New Hampshire and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. NHDDES had issued a permit, but NHDOT apparently asked them to revoke it, a request with which the agency complied.

The \$62,945 Sanitation Budget Under Article 5 passed unanimously.

Everett Frizzell, who agreed to come back on the board as an interim selectman six years after his retirement following selectman Jim Eich’s death on Sept. 4, presented the \$5,863 Health Budget under Article 6. He noted that the \$700 for Senior Meals qualified Stark residents to attend the Monday and Wednesday hot meals in Groveton at a cost of \$3 each. “There’s entertainment sometimes, and it’s nice to see the people there,” Frizzell said.

A total of \$3,500 was passed under Article 7 for Direct Welfare Assistance. “You never know how many requests for oil or electric assistance will be made by residents,” Frizzell said.

The Culture and Recreation Budget was presented under Article 8 with a \$400 decrease in the Library budget, leaving the line open with only \$100. It appears to be defunct, the selectmen reported. Patriotic expenses total \$1,900. The town sign in the small triangle in front of the Covered Bridge was the victim of a hit-and-run accident; it will be replaced when the bridge project is completed.

Voters approved \$15,055 for Debt service under Article 9; \$30,800 for 8 Capital Reserve Accounts under Article 10, and to discontinue the Capital Reserve Discount Fund under Article 11 and move its 15,344.46 balance to the General Fund now that property owners no longer can discount their bill by early payment.

Voters approved ending any town maintenance of Meacham Road, located off Percy Road, and to reclassify it from a Class V to a Class VI road. Cloutier said that the warrant was the only notice the property owners, who place a mobile home on their land in the summer, would receive. The road turned into a narrow track when a new road from Stark to Percy was built in the 1950s, and, he said, it would be costly for the town to be required

to build a brand-new road should a year-round residence be built. A public right-of-way remains, however.

Under the final article that reads “to transact any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting,” Lunn complained about the very public way that the select board had gone about appointing a new fire chief — Dana Hinckley of Berlin — especially since no written warning letter had been sent to then-Fire Chief Barry Wentworth, who had held the position for 11 years and served as Assistant Chief for 20 years. Frizzell stood up and said he had initiated this action because he believed the Fire Department had become dysfunctional. Cloutier said that before the board renewed any appointment at its first meeting in

December, the firefighters should ask the selectmen to come to the firehouse to listen to their concerns and to bring forward the name of someone they would like to see as their chief. The board will have to post such a meeting, and it will not necessarily appoint the volunteer’s recommendation. He emphasized that the former chief had not been terminated, just not reappointed on a 2 to 0 vote, with one abstention.

One voter recalled the memory of Wilfred “Norm” Cartier who died in July 2013. Cartier always put American flags in the town cemetery in front of veterans’ graves just before Memorial Day. The memory of other public spirited who died since the last Town Meeting were also recalled, including Eich and Simone Cloutier.

Maple sap to flow a little later than usual, Dave Fuller predicts

BY EDITH TUCKER
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LANCASTER — “It was 20 below this morning,” explained longtime sugarmaker Dave Fuller in the family-owned retail shop at noon on Friday. And, he said, even if the next few days were warm, the tapping season will be slightly delayed over its historic norm.

“Nonetheless,” Fuller pointed out, “current temperatures are really just a little colder than usual. Our records show that over time we usually begin boil-



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Dave Fuller, left, and his wife Patti have recently hired a Dummer native, Stacia Roberge of Berlin, to fill the new position of sales and events manager at Fuller’s Sugarhouse on Route 3 North in Lancaster.

welcome people to the sugarhouse and have our traditional free sugar-on-snow and other treats.”

“The sap ran on Sunday, Feb. 23, and we have some ready to boil,” her husband added. “The only difference that visitors will experience this year over past years is that the sugarhouse is now heated.”

This year the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association (NHMPA) will host its first annual Maple Sugaring Month from Saturday, March 15, to Sunday, April 6.

ing on March 15th to 20th.”

“The state’s 19th annual Maple Weekend is Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23,” Patti Fuller explained. “Even if we’re not boiling, we’ll be eager to



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

Dalton moderator Ann Craxton, left, deputy town clerk Juliann Rose, and town clerk Jessie Wentworth, partially obscured, watch voters Thad Whithed and Justin Remick prepare to cast their ballots on March 11 in Dalton’s municipal office building.

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St. Paul's put on a delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake supper



Donna Brewster of Lancaster was one of four parishioners who cooked pancakes for St. Paul's traditional Shrove Tuesday supper.



Mary Kopp of Lancaster cooked pancakes for a big crowd that turned out on Tuesday night, March 4, to enjoy camaraderie and Fuller's pure maple syrup.



Lois Cardin of Maidstone mixed up a lot of batter for the Shrove Tuesday pancakes served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Lancaster, designed to use up ingredients that once were forsworn in Lent: butter and eggs, plus succulent sausage.



Lynne Holland of Jefferson stacked up the pancakes she had cooked for the hungry Shrove Tuesday crowd in the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lancaster.



Colin Christie, left, held his four-and-a-half-month-old grandson Colten St. Cyr of Groveton, while another grandson, 12-year-old Lancaster School student Ronnie MacKillop, enjoyed the moment.

Library

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dors who helped make the craft fair successful. Looking forward to hosting the event again next year!

It has been a long winter but there is always somewhere else to go in a book. Bootlegger by Clive Cussler; Never Go Back by Lee Child; The Bride Wore Blue by Mona Hodgson are some new books added to the collection this month. The little ones may enjoy Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger or Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure by Kimberly and James Dean. Teens can try out the next book series by Ransom Riggs entitled Hollow City and Mark Frost entitled Alliance.

Friends of Jefferson Public Library will be holding an informational meeting on April 15, at 6:30pm. The informational meeting will have soup, sandwiches and refreshments. This meeting is for anyone interested in possibly serving on the board or just volunteering occasionally.

Friends are a non-profit group that supports Jefferson Public Library please

stop in and find out how to help.

We are continuing the School Age Craft Time on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Upcoming dates are March 15 and April 1. School Age kids are welcome to join us, there is no cost. Children in second grade and younger should be accompanied by an adult.

Summer really is just around the calendar. "Fizz, Boom, Read" is theme for the 2014 Collaborative Summer Reading program.

Jefferson Public Library's summer reading

program will take place on Wednesday evenings and will start the week after school is out for four weeks. So go ahead and pencil it in on the calendar.

The Jefferson Public Library is open from 2:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday's and 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday. Joy can be reached at lookitup@ne.rr.com or call 603-586-7791 and don't forget to check out the website at <http://www.myjeffersonlibrary.com>. For social media updates and event reminders please "like" us on Facebook.

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Maple festival schedule

LUNENBURG, Vt. —On Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., the Lunenburg Primary School, located above the Town Common off Route 2 on Bobbin Mill Road, will serve as the hub for the Festival. There you can enjoy homemade meals, sign up for a free door prize, pick up a scavenger hunt, and a map and directions to the local sugarhouses that are open for visitors. Photographs, interactive displays, and local antique sugaring equipment chronicle all that goes into the sugaring process and the local families as they have carried on the tradition over generations.

The visitor will also have the opportunity to take a chance on some great seasonal raffles, watch “quilting in action” by local artisans, explore the “Maple Treasures” display, cast their vote for the People’s Choice awards in the photo and quilt square contests, and purchase maple and Lunenburg theme products, including copies of A Wicked Good Run and the Historical Society’s 2014 calendar.

At specific times during the day, these additional activities are available at the school and nearby locations: From 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.: a pancake breakfast, including sausage, eggs, home fries, beverages and real maple syrup, will be offered by The Top of the Common Committee. \$7 Adults/ \$3.50 ages 12-4/under age 4 FREE

(Take-out available) 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: sugar on snow and maple cotton candy available at the VMSMA portable sugarhouse in the school parking lot. 10:30 a.m.: the judging of the Maple-flavored Pie Contest will begin at the Pie Contest table. Whole pies, and pieces will be available for purchase throughout the day, after the winners have been announced. (\$2/piece, \$8-\$12/whole pies)

From 10 a.m. to mid afternoon: visitors, with maps in hand, can take self-guided tours through the participating local sugarhouses to visit with sugarmakers, purchase maple syrup and, weather permitting, watch syrup being made. The sugarhouses provide a representation of the diverse methods of sap collection, fuel, and product sales. Noon to 3 p.m.: enjoy a luncheon with choice of homemade soups, homemade breads and a dessert for \$5. At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.: you can learn how to tap a tree and what makes the sap run at a tapping demonstration on the Town Common.

At 3:45 p.m. winners will be announced for the photo and quilt square contests, quilt square raffle, free door prizes and counting jar contest.

It’s not too late to enter the pie baking contest! Check out the rules and find up-to-date Festival information by visiting www.topofthecommon.org/14.html or calling Chris at 892-6654.

Annual Soup & Chowderfest appeals to all ages



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER
Carol Haas of Lancaster served as sign-in manager at Saturday night’s annual Soup & Chowderfest in the Col. Town gym, organized by the Lancaster Congregational Church.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER
Enthusiastic youngsters counted ballots on Saturday night under the supervision of Bill Ghelli, not shown, to come up with the top three vote-getters in both the soup-chowder and dessert categories.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER
Steve Turaj of Lancaster brought his Country Fair soup to Saturday night’s annual Soup & Chowderfest. Twenty-seven cooks brought soups, chowders, and gumbos to the very sociable gathering.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER
The top 3 vote-getters in the Dessert category were honored by sweets organizer Danny Gates: third-place winner Diane Guthridge, left, for her peach pie; second-place winner Sandy Ghelli for her caramel pecan cheesecake; and first-place winner Carolyn Whipple, for her outstanding cheesecake.



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The first-place winner Terry Sanborn, center, of the Golden Ladle at Saturday night’s annual Soup & Chowderfest was flanked by Alice Wilkinson, left, who won second-place, and Arlene Wilson, third.



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Nugent's store burglarized

NORTHUMBERLAND—On 12 March 2014 at around 1:45 a.m. the Northumberland Police Department responded to the Nugent's Store in Groveton for an activated motion alarm.

Upon arriving on scene Officer's observed an open door. The building was cleared to determine that no one was still inside. During the investigation it was determined that various items were stolen from

inside the store.

There were numerous items collected into evidence and those items were sent to the NH State Police forensics laboratory for examination.

This incident remains under investigation and the Police department asks that anyone with any information please contact Sergeant Jonathan Woodworth or Chief Marcel Platt at (603) 636-1430.



PHOTO BY EDITH TUCKER

The Jefferson selectmen — Kevin Meehan, left, Tom Brady, and chairman Norm Brown — plus town clerk Opal "Polly" Bronson — sat on the stage of the Town Hall during the 2014 town meeting on March 11 behind the four ballot boxes: town officers, school officers, school warrant, and state ballots for District 1 Executive Councilor. The shiny box spanning the tables is a loud speaker.

Northumberland Police News from 10-16 March

NORTHUMBERLAND—March 10; 9:20 AM – Citation issued to Bridgette West of Colebrook for failing to obey inspection requirements. 12:35 PM – Officers took a report of theft from the Groveton Village Store. Case is under investigation. 5:55 PM - Citation issued to Michael Holoszyk of Bronx, N.Y. for Speed. 9:48 PM – Officer's responded to a motor vehicle accident in front of the Armstrong/Charron Funeral Home. Tracy Gilcris of Groveton struck a deer causing damage to the front of her vehicle. She was not injured and the deer had to be put down by officers.

March 11; 3:17 PM – Of-

ficers responded to 446 NH Route 110. The fuel truck from AI's plumbing was backing into the driveway and struck the house causing damage to the house. No one was injured.

March 12; 1:45 AM – Officer's responded to Nugent's Store for a motion alarm, found an open door. Various items were found to be missing. Case is under investigation. 4:23 PM – Officer's assisted NH State Fish and Game with an arrest on Route 3 by the Coos Pit Stop.

March 14; 1:20 PM – Citation issued to Chris Corliss of Stratford for failing to obey inspection requirements. 1:38 PM – Officer's stopped Indyka Miller of

Lancaster, she was subsequently arrested for Operating After Revocation or Suspension, and License Prohibitions. She was booked, bailed and released on \$750 PR bail with a 21

April 2014 court date in the Lancaster Court. 3:00 PM - Citation issued to Richard Dumont of Stewartstown for failing to obey inspection requirements. 3:45 PM - Citation issued to Cassan-

dra Chandler of Lancaster for failing to obey inspection requirements.

March 15; 8:30 AM – Citation issued to Anthony Delisle of Berlin for Speed.

March 16; 3:26 PM – Citation issued to Steven Ouelette of Bedford for Speed. 4:24 PM – Citation issued to Troy Martel of Colebrook for Speed.

Shawn Maillet arrested

LUNENBURG, Vt.— On the evening of March 16, Vermont State Police responded to Lunenburg Vt. for a reported family disturbance call.

As a result of the investigation, Shawn Maillet (49) of Lunenburg, Vt. was charged with Aggravated Domestic Assault, Reckless Endangerment and

Commission of a Felony While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.

Maillet was lodged at the Northeast Regional Correctional Facility for lack of \$10,000 bail. Maillet was scheduled to appear in Essex County Superior Court Criminal Division to answer to the charges on March 17.



PHOTO BY CHRIS PARKER

The Lancaster Snow Drifters Groomer Crossing North Rd. in Lancaster, during Thursday's snowstorm.

Jefferson

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The voice vote on Article 11, authorizing the town to ask voters if they would like to shorten the polling hours to 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at all state elections, was close enough the moderator was asked to call for a show of cards. The motion passed, and voters at the Nov. 4 state election will now be asked if they would like this change, starting in 2016. Supervisor of the Checklist Cheryl Meehan said that few voters come in the morning hours, and that keeping the polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. makes for an unnecessarily long day. Those who find the new hours inconvenient can secure absentee ballots.

After hearing Eric Higgins' description of the Mount Washington Regional Airport, townspeople voted to terminate the Inter-Municipal Agreement under Article 12, potentially allowing a restructuring to be worked out.

The pros and cons of a petitioned multi-part non-binding resolution sought under petitioned Article 13 were debated. The resolution listed a number of negative factors about potentially using either of the two existing pipelines to pump crude oil — a.k.a. "tar sands" — from Alberta, Canada, east to Portland Harbor. Voters were asked to agree that "the town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through New Hampshire and the town and its deep concern about the economic, environmental, and public health risks of such transport; that the

town strongly encourages the state Legislature and Congress to take all reasonable steps to ensure that any proposed flow reversal of the Portland-Montreal pipeline receives thorough review at both state and federal levels... including the impact of spills; and that the town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and other pertinent entities."

Retired U.S. Forest Service forester Dave Govatski, chairman of the Conservation Commission, said that the now-empty 18-inch pipeline is near the end of its service life. Reversing the flow of crude oil is not a simple matter of turning a valve, he said, given the placement of its pump stations and the higher pressures in some sections of the line. Furthermore, he said, the heavy Alberta crude oil has characteristics that make it much harder and more costly to clean up if there is a spill. The pipeline runs by Santa's village, Jefferson's largest tourist attraction,

Hicks noted, however, that the pipeline in Jefferson has been a good neighbor and a good taxpayer since 1941.

Longtime Portland Pipe Line employee Dale Paschal of Jefferson read a company statement that "no projects are now in place or imminent," and also described the company as a good neighbor.

If a proposal were to be made to reverse the flow of oil, Paschal said, then the company would engage in an open dialog with townspeople, report their plans to regulatory agencies and pressure test affected pipe-

lines at 125 percent of maximum. He also said that a statement made earlier that heavy crude oil would flow at a higher temperature than the today's light crude is untrue; its temperature would be in the 40s to 50s.

He emphasized his employer's past safety record and the company's commitment to frequent and ongoing internal inspections.

Kate Savage said that the pipeline runs by the

Jefferson School and many homes, so that any spill could affect her own family and the town's elementary schoolchildren.

Corry Hughes also outlined her very deep concerns.

Selectmen's assistant Linda Cushman said it was time that people realize that there are energy needs, which makes the appropriate response that of working with companies

proposing to bring new sources into or through the region to find safe and cost-effective ways to mitigate any negative impacts rather than to just say "no."

While ways to amend the article by simplifying its language were discussed, the question was called and easily met the 2/3rds requirement, cutting off further debate. A unclear voice vote forced the moderator to call for a standing count.

First the "yes" voters stood and counted themselves off, reaching the number 34. Then the "no" voters stood and counted themselves off, reaching the number 38.

The resolution failed 34 to 38.

The same article passed unanimously on a voice vote in Randolph, but failed in both Lancaster and Shelburne. The article was not on Gorham's warrant.

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Even though requests for other social service donations received strong support, one resident spoke in opposition to all such expenditures. Henrietta Howard expressed concern about rising property taxes. "There comes a time when we must say no," Howard declared. "We need to vote no on every one of them to save our homes," she concluded.

Late in the meeting, voters soundly defeated two articles that looked to commit the town to certain viewpoints on policy. An effort to request greater oversight of the Portland Pipeline, including opposition to the transport of tar sands oil, lost by a large margin.

Additionally, the town rejected Article 28, meant to express disfavor with the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, a U.S. Supreme Court decision rendered in 2010. The article, which was soundly defeated, would have declared that constitutional rights reside in human beings, not corporations, and that spending money is not protected speech.

Assistant county attorney Steven Murray said Article 28 was "really, really poorly phrased." He believed the principles outlined in the article would be "opening a Pandora's Box" because the government could "muzzle disfavored political speech."

Those hoping to cut taxes at town meeting may have walked away disappointed in the approval of all but one spending article. However, both McGee and Parker each gained personal victories. Both were elected to the budget committee, along with Allan Carr.



Lancaster moderator Jay Riff discussed the evening's rules at the start of town meeting on March 11. Riff said all people in the room were neighbors, and hopefully friends.



Assistant county attorney Stephen Murray spoke two times at Lancaster's town meeting on March 11. He was in favor of Article 16 and 17. These proposals, which passed easily, provide town tax dollars to support the organization's public transit efforts across Northern New Hampshire.



Tri-County CAP CEO Michael Coughlin gave an overview of Article 16 and 17. These proposals, which passed easily, provide town tax dollars to support the organization's public transit efforts across Northern New Hampshire.

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launched an exploratory committee for a Senate run in the Granite State and he has now begun a listening tour that he's named "Main Streets & Living Rooms."

Lancaster selectman Leo Enos and former state Rep. John Tholl of Whitefield, who recently declared his candidacy, were on hand to meet Brown and Huff at the Richardson's First Street home in the Page Hill Motor Home Park Cooperative.

The top issues that Brown believes differentiates the Republican Party from the Democratic Party are its deep concerns about the skyrocketing national debt and deficit spending, the lack of jobs, and Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) that, he says, is crushing job creation.

When the precursor to Obamacare was drafted and then passed by an overwhelming margin when he was in the Bay State's Legislature, it was the result of an intense collaborative effort that involved the governor (Mitt Romney), legislators, doctors and hospitals, and numerous stakeholders, Brown explained.

"It was not a one-size-fits-all plan, dependent on executive orders," he explained. "Nor did legislators vote for it without reading it!"

He characterized Obamacare as a "monstrosity" that's hurting the middle class.

Richardson and his wife pointed out, however, that Obamacare has been a financial lifesaver for them.

Richardson was injured on the job and was forced to live on his workers' comp payments for an extended period of time, which ultimately cost the couple

their house on Williams Street. The couple had to pay \$1,100 a month if they wanted to maintain their health insurance coverage under the federal COBRA law.

Richardson said he only received some \$2,000 a month in workers' comp payments, however, leaving little for them to live on. "Thank God for Obamacare!" his wife exclaimed.

Now, thanks to the subsidy for which they qualify, the Richardsons only pay \$136 a month for health insurance that covers them both.

Rita Richardson also asked Brown to look into making it possible for stay-at-home spouses who work only sporadically at non-career jobs to go on Medicare when their breadwinner spouse reaches age 65. Brown said he would ask Sen. Kelly Ayotte about this problem, since he had not heard of this issue.

Brown handed out and signed copies of his autobiography, "Against All Odds: My life of hardship, fast breaks, and second chances," that tells his compelling rags-to-riches story of success, that includes Bay State voters electing him on Jan. 19, 2010, to fill the term of the late Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy, a Democrat.

He explained that dictating his own story into a tape-recorder had helped him "unlock the closet at the back of my head" where he had stored details of his troubled childhood, including both abuse and poverty. Brown said that the book had proved cathartic both for him and many readers who've written him letters of thanks.

Brown, Tholl and Richardson agreed that it was only right that Americans, whom they described as "both philanthropic and big-hearted," provide a safety net for those who are in need of public assistance.

"Public assistance must be provided thoughtfully and judiciously," Brown said. Some in the room

advocated that photo IDs be required on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards that have taken the place of food stamps to reduce fraud, and Brown said he believes that showing photos IDs at polling places on elections should be mandatory.

"I'm a fiscal conservative and almost a libertarian on social issues; I want the government out of my bedroom and out of my wallet," Brown had said at an earlier stop at the Northland Dairy Bar in Berlin. "There are good people on both sides of issues. We should be able to have a meal or a beer with those with whom we disagree; there's no need to vilify or crucify those on the other side of the aisle."

If Brown does decide to officially enter the race in the next two or three weeks, he will face a spirited primary in September. If he wins, he would go toe-to-toe with Shaheen on Nov. 4.

Brown's summer months will be very busy if he does decide to campaign for the chance to face Shaheen on Nov. 4 since both his and Huff's daughters are to be married this summer: Arianna in July, and Ayla, a one-time "American idol" finalist, in August. After leaving Lancaster, Brown headed south to Littleton with stops at Chutters and the Littleton Diner, both Main Street establishments.

After meeting and talking with Brown, Richardson said that he would endorse him if he did decide to run, since he cannot support either Jim Rubens or former Senator Bob Smith.

It's been a heady week for Rep. Richardson.

Majority Leader Terie Norelli, a Democrat of Portsmouth, appointed him to serve on the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee, without giving up his seat on the Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Services Committee. Richardson said, "I'm pleased and honored."

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ballots. Before the Board of Recount completed its task on March 19, 2013, the proposed CTE project was

thought to have garnered 56.46 percent of the vote.

This year, 267 more ballots were cast than in 2013. Likely more voters were drawn to the polls because of the District 1 Executive

Councilor's race, won by Joe Kenney, a Republican of Wakefield.

All other District warrant articles passed.

The proposed \$19,580,112 operating budget passed,

1,227 to 714, with 76 blanks.

The teachers' contract passed, 1,027 to 817, with 173 blanks.

The support staff's contract passed 1,094 to 747, with 176 blanks.

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Lorraine I. Tratzinski

COLEBROOK—Lorraine I. Tratzinski, 65, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2014, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

She was born in Brockton, Mass., on Oct. 26, 1948, a daughter to James and Barbara (Monast) Lincoln. Lorraine was a 1964 graduate of Brockton High School.

Lorraine was a dedicated homemaker for her family, but she also worked as a CNA for a time at the Coös County Nursing Hospital. She loved to fish and be outdoors, and she loved music, especially classic country & western. Lorraine was also an accomplished guitar player. She was fond of doing different crafts, and she was a talented artist known for her drawings. She was very giving and always helping others in some way. Living by her motto, "less is more," Lorraine also was a strong-willed, independent woman, and a true patri-



Lorraine I. Tratzinski

ot who loved her country. She was an avid fan of the Red Sox and the Patriots.

Lorraine leaves behind her husband, Robert Tratzinski, of West Stewartstown; two sons, Kevin Tratzinski of Bristol, and Brad Tratzinski of Meredith; a daughter, Jean-Marie Cross and husband Brian of Leesville, La.; her mother, Barbara Monast of Maine; her siblings, James E. Lincoln, Jr., and wife Sherry of Berwick Maine., John Lincoln and wife Debbie of Brockton, Mass., James L. Lincoln and wife Tanya of Allenstown, Linda Weir and husband Bob

of Colebrook, Danny Lincoln and wife Michelle of Hooksett, Arthur Lincoln of West Stewartstown, Cynthia Lincoln of Seabrook, and Ruth Lincoln of Manchester; three grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by a son, Glenn Tratzinski, and her father, James "Chuggy" Lincoln.

There are no public calling hours. Other services will be private. Burial will be in the Canaan Village Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ms. Tratzinski may be made to the Colebrook Area Food Pantry, 55 Pleasant St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkins-newman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Beatrice E. (St. Hilaire) Losier

GORHAM—Beatrice E. (St. Hilaire) Losier, 96 formerly of 13 Pine Street, Gorham, passed away on Sunday morning March 16, 2014 at the Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin. She was born in Berlin, on August 15, 1917 the daughter of Ernest and Eva (Hamel) St. Hilaire and was a lifelong resident of the Berlin-Gorham area. She was a member of Holy Family Church. Beatrice devoted her life to her home and her family. She loved cooking and sewing and was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed her grandchildren.

Members of the family include two daughters Linda Richard and her husband Robert of Nashua, and Dorothy Hanson of Raymond, Maine; a



Beatrice E. (St. Hilaire) Losier

son John Losier and his wife Paulette of Gorham; fourteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren; one brother John St. Hilaire of Amherst; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband John J. Losier, two sons Richard Losier and Bob St. Hilaire, a daughter Lillian Sinibal-

di, a brother Charles St. Hilaire and two sisters Rolande Duchesne and Florence LaFleur, two sons in-law Woody Hanson and Jimmy Stone.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 10 am at Holy Family Church, Gorham. Interment will be in the Holy Family Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the Bryant Funeral Home, 1 Promenade Street, Gorham, on Friday from 6-8 pm. Anyone who wishes may make a donation in her memory to the Coos County Nursing Home, Activities Fund, PO Box 416, Berlin, NH 03570. Online guest book at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Kathleen "Kay" Mary Doherty

GROVETON—Kathleen "Kay" Mary Doherty, 80, of West Street Groveton passed away peacefully at Week's Medical Center in Lancaster on March 12, 2014 after a lengthy illness.

She was born on October 1, 1933 Boston, Mass. a daughter of John J. and Mary (Lordan) Doherty.

Kay was a teacher in the Boston area for twenty-eight years, retiring in

1987. While in Boston and after moving to Groveton in 1987 she was very active in the communities where she lived.

She is survived by her brother William Doherty and wife Elaine of Dorchester, Mass. and sister Carol Leeds and husband Henry of Falmouth, Mass. along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by

her parents; two brothers John Doherty and Edward Doherty and one sister Marion O'Connell.

At Kay's request a memorial service and burial will be held in Massachusetts at the convenience of her family.

To send the family your condolences via the online register book, one may go to, www.armstrongcharonfuneralhome.com

Raymond J. Ouellette

TWIN MOUNTAIN—Raymond J. Ouellette, 88, of Rt. 115, died Saturday morning March 15, 2014 at The Morrison in Whitefield.

Mr. Ouellette was born in Lawrence, Mass. on August 5, 1925. He was long time resident of the Boston area and was employed for many years as an aviation mechanic. He retired in 1989

and moved to Twin Mountain in 2010. During World War II he served with the US Navy on Lake Michigan.

Family members include his three children Jay Ouellette of Twin Mountain, Laurence Ouellette of Londonderry, Cynthia Ouellette of Londonderry; and 4 grandchildren.

There are no visiting

hours. A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family in the Straw Cemetery, Twin Mountain.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster. Please go to www.baileyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence.

Bertha C. Lachance



Bertha C. Lachance

CANAAN, Vt. —Bertha C. Lachance, 81, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2014, at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, after a long and courageous struggle with cancer.

She was born in Canaan on Aug. 17, 1932, a daughter to the late Edwin and Ada (Cross) Leigh. She attended the local schools and was a 1952 graduate of Canaan High School. She married Leo Lachance in 1953.

Bertha was a hard-working woman her entire life, and she worked first at the Stratford Plywood Mill, in the housekeeping department at The Balsams, and for many years in the cabinet department at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen. She loved to knit and complete her puzzle books and jigsaw puzzles. She loved to be at home, and will be remembered by her family as a very good cook. She enjoyed her family and took care of children for others, as well.

Bertha is survived by her five children, Rita Lachance of St. Augustine, Fla., Deborah Donoho of Holiday, Fla., Bryan Lachance and partner Diane Maurais of West Stewartstown, Marie Lachance of Canaan, and Sandra Lachance of Allenstown; six brothers, Harold and Freddy Leigh of Fla., Edwin Leigh, Jr., of Beecher Falls, Ernie Leigh of Canaan, Gerald Leigh of Lyndonville, Vt., and Chester Leigh of Idaho; a sister, Mary Phillips of Beecher Falls; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as numerous

nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband of more than 32 years, Leo Lachance in 1986; three brothers, Edgar, Marshall and Lester Leigh; and two sisters, Ellen Leigh and Irene Lunderville.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service will be in the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan, Vt., in the spring, of which notice will be given.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family requests that expressions of sympathy in Mrs. Lachance's memory be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkins-newman.com.

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Revolution

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had married the daughter of a 2 wealthy New York merchant and set up allied Apthorp Family business in New York City. In 1764, he built a grand Mansion on his estate at Bloomingdale on the upper west side of Manhattan, which may have influenced his famous nephew, Charles Bulfinch's

design for the Massachusetts State House. But by 1781 when Apthorp sold 100 acres of land at Woodstock Vermont, he was described as an "enemy to the United States." Although as a Loyalist, the new government sequestered Apthorp's property, he remained comfortably in New York until his death.

Because Apthorp was

based in New York City during the period when Lancaster was being established, he needed an agent to act on his behalf. He chose fellow Boston merchant, William Molineaux. Molineaux (1717-1774) was a well-connected Englishman, a member of the Boston Huguenot community like Paul Revere. He and his wife were members

of the Anglican Trinity Church with the Apthorp family, and lived in a mansion on Beacon Hill next door to wealthy merchants like Thomas Hancock. The settlers at Lancaster developed a trade in beaver pelts with the local Abenaki tribes sufficient to supply Molineaux in return for items needed to sustain a settlement, including

grindstones, textiles, nails, gunpowder - and rum.

But Molineaux, like John Hancock and other Boston merchants, was also a smuggler.

The British tariffs, from the Stamp Act to the Tea duties, turned colonial merchants from smugglers to Patriots. As a result, by 1773 Molineaux had become a major leader of the

"Boston

Tea Party." At the same time, he was still managing Boston property for the known Loyalist Apthorp - a tricky balancing act. But when Molineaux died suddenly, perhaps suspiciously, in October 1774, he was hailed in the newspapers for "his inflexible attachment to the Liberties of America."

Although remote from the events in Boston, which led to the Revolution, Lancaster played a role in the economic activities of some of its key participants, William Molineaux and Charles Ward Apthorp.

Notebook

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from a great place where we want to live and, as temporary stewards, improve and safeguard for the future.

Will we begin to shun products made in far-off places where there is little regard for decent treatment of workers or the environment, and pay a few dollars more for local goods and products? It's already happening, and there is a tremendous "Buy American" movement, but what passes for leadership, particularly in New Hampshire, is far behind the wave, to the detriment of all who love this great place and want to sustain it for others to come.

(This column runs in 13 weekly papers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. John Harrigan's address: Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576, or hooligan@ncia.net)

Whitefield

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no discussion. Voters tabled a petition article to erect a multi-use building on the site of the old Ken's Gulf Station to be used as public restrooms, deciding that more information was needed before a decision could be made.

Voters also gave the okay to almost two-dozen warrant articles, including \$40,000 for the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; \$10,000 for the Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance CRF; \$21,500 for the Bridge & Town Buildings Repair/Maintenance/Replacement CRF; \$18,500 for the Police Cruiser CRF; and \$24,000 for this year's payment of the highway department's road grader.

The sum of \$95,000 was appropriated for a town-wide revaluation, with the money coming from a Capital Reserve Fund.

Voters also approved spending \$10,000 to purchase extrication tools and equipment for the Fire Rescue Department, and \$190,000 to purchase a new 10-wheel plow truck to replace an ailing six-wheel one. Ninety thousand dollars towards the truck will come from the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, with the remainder being raised by taxes.

Seven social service articles totaling \$15,725 were voted on as a block and approved.

Residents also expressed their support for a petition article to Keep New Hampshire Tar Sands Free. The article is non-binding resolution and has no legal effect.

Mark Lufkin was elected to another term as selectman, and in the only contested race, Marion Dunham and Lucy Weeks were re-elected as Library Trustees, beating out Linda Sawicki, the third contender for the two seats.

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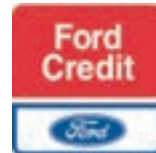


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1914

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas celebrated their Golden Anniversary in Lunenburg. Everything from the house to the horses was decorated in golden color. The celebration was complete with piano solos and poetry readings.

Domestic troubles lead to the suicide death of Annie (Paul) Jeffers, wife of James Jeffers in the Back Pond district of Stewartstown. Death was brought about by drinking oil of cedar.

1924

The picture famine is

broken this week with two shows at the Opera House. "A Tailor Made Man" and "Mrs. Bumpstead -Leigh" will be presented.

The girls' team of Lancaster Academy closed its season with a victory over Littleton High School with Miss Karleen Ingersoll the high scorer.

1934

State Fish & Game Commissioner John H. Finley of Colebrook has been asked to resign and he reports he is too busy to reply to this request.

Word comes from Florida that Whitefield is mourn-

ing the loss of a prominent citizen, Robert Alexander McKelvey, know this his friends as "Zan".

1944

Lt. Wayne C. Keysar of Guildhall has been reported missing in action when he was the pilot on one of the bombing missions over Germany.

Lancaster nears the goal of \$5,000 in Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Selectman and Veterinarian Dana Lee of Lancaster sends in his resignation to the town citing too many demands on his practice brought on largely

by the war conditions.

1954

Desi Arnez and Lucille Ball are in the film The Long, Long Trailer showing at the Amusu Theater in Groveton; also showing is the film War Arrow featuring Maureen O' Hara.

Mrs. Isabelle Betz, head of the science department of the Whitefield High School was honored with a National Honor Society award for being an outstanding teacher.

All veterans who own property are urged to fill out a tax exemption form with their local town office.

1964

Students Janice Haley and Ronald Kay were awarded the Stoughton Scholarship in honor of a retired teacher and coach.

Groveton votes to fix the covered bridge; this was announced by Mrs. Natalie Potter, the president of the New Hampshire Covered Bridge Association.

The Explorers Post 219 will light a cross marking Holy Week at the top of Mount Cabot, providing the weather cooperates.

1974

Mr. & Mrs. William Simpson and their young daughter escaped injury when a relative aroused them from their burning trailer in Columbia.

The Groveton Cheerleaders hope to bring home the Central New Hampshire cup at this years' competition. Heading the list is Captain Vangie Platt, with another senior Jana Hurlbutt. Other members include Valerie Tetreault, Pauline Cotter, Bette Woodward, Marilyn Mofett, Raheel Fregeau and Cilla Eaton; all headed by advisor Mrs. Kathy Brockett.

1984

Dwayne Bosse, son of Lou and Rita Bosse of Gore Road in Lancaster won the state K of C Foul Shooting contest in the 13-year age group at Phillips Exeter sinking 22 out of 25 attempts.

The Boston Globe story by writer Michael Kranish reporting the Town of Dalton as the poorest town in New Hampshire sparks a

lot of criticism at the recent Town Meeting. The report cited 25 percent of the population below the poverty level and accuses the Town Selectmen of not applying for much needed grants to improve the town.

1994

John Brooks, owner of Marshall Insurance Agency, announced that his son-in-law Greg and daughter Lynette Westcott are the new owners of the agency.

The water crisis in Lancaster has reached new highs with most residents experiencing very low water pressure, with multiple calls being made to the town offices with complaints and even several at the Democrat office.

2004

A newborn goat found its way to the Country Village Heath Care in Lancaster for residents to enjoy; it was brought in by the Goatberry Acres in Groveton.

Katie Glidden of Whitefield was awarded Airman of the Year award at Minot Air Force Base; she is a graduate of White Mountains Regional High School and is the daughter of David and Kathy Glidden of Whitefield.

Construction of a road on a right-of-way through a 72-acre parcel of land in Jefferson owned by the Archeological Conservancy of New Mexico has suffered considerable damage. The owner, John Braga of Portsmouth, received a letter stating that a nationally recognized Paleolithic site approximately 11,000 years old has been destroyed.

Commissioner's Column

Spring will come, the sap will run

Even in the southern areas of the state, very few maple producers have made any syrup yet this year. Howard Pearl produced syrup on Loudon Ridge just two days—back when sap flowed during those three warm days of February 21-23.

"Most producers that I have spoken with in the southern half of the state are in the same situation," Pearl said last Thursday. "We haven't had a day above freezing since. Temperatures have been running 10+ degrees below average. Forecasts indicate a slight warming trend for Friday through Tuesday with temperatures returning to below average for the remainder of next week. Not a bright forecast for us, but spring will come—it always does."

Saturday brought temperatures in the 40s, even up to 50 in some southern parts of the state. Steve Anderson of Anderson's Mini-Maples in Deerfield was selling maple syrup and candy at the Exeter Winter Farmers Market on Saturday. Even with those warmer weekend temperatures, the snow was too deep, and the roots too fro-

zen for the sap to run yet, he said.

Anderson got started back in the 1970s with half a dozen taps—boiling on the kitchen stove until he was evicted from the kitchen for steaming the wallpaper off the walls. Now his sugaring operation "has gotten entirely out of hand" with 1,100 taps. However, Anderson notes, back in the 1970s sugar makers did not expect the maple syrup-making season to begin until town meeting week, the second week of March.

Late winter has been so cold this year that Anderson had little hope that Governor Hassan would find sap running in her ceremonial maple, slated for tapping on March 11 at 11:00 am at The Maple Guys in Lyndeborough.

State Entomologist Piera Siegert has fielded lots of questions about the impact of this long, cold winter on some of the insect pests that have moved into or increased in the state in recent years. She notes that insects like the hemlock woolly adelgid and European red mite, which live on the tips of branches, may suffer temporary setbacks in population numbers.

But species like the emerald ash borer, which over winter under bark or in protected crevices, are better able to survive the cold. Good snow cover protects ticks and other insects that over winter in leaf litter on the forest floor.

Emerald ash borer was first discovered in Concord just a year ago, and Siegert says this is the best time of year to look for signs of invasive insect species like emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, and Asian long-horned beetle. Trees are bare, making it easier to see any holes caused by Asian longhorned beetle, or the telltale 'blonding' on ash trees caused by woodpeckers foraging for emerald ash borer. The woolly covering on the hemlock woolly adelgid is also expanding, making it easier to spot them as well. Visit www.nhbugs.org to learn more, and to report suspected sightings. Information includes a short video on how to identify ash trees.

There's lots of interest at the NH Old House & Barn Expo, March 15-16 at the Radisson/Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. Presented by the New

Hampshire Preservation Alliance, offerings include barn repair and construction strategies, horticulturist Tovah Martin will share advice on bringing landscapes into the next generation, Howard Mansfield, author of Dwelling in Possibility, on what's missing from our homes and regaining a sense of place. For more information and pre-registration call 603-224-2281 or visit www.nhpreservation.org.

This week's guest column by the worthy Master of the New Hampshire State Grange Jim Tetreault—who does not come from a farm background—relates his experiences working on agricultural legislation on behalf of the Grange.

Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner

Plymouth State University Fall 2013 Dean's List

PLYMOUTH— The following students have been named to Plymouth State University's Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. To be named to the Dean's List at Plymouth State, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the fall semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. These credit hours must be in courses

that earn grade points and the student must have completed all such courses attempted.

Kaitlyn Aldrich-Holmes of Lisbon, Curtis Arsenault of Berlin, Tessa Bunnell of Berlin, Daniel Enman of Milan, Eric Godin of Berlin, Logan Horne of Gorham, Samantha Kuncio of Pittsburg, Owen Mackin of Berlin, Matthew Ormsbee of Pittsburg, Megan Rous-

seau of Shelburne, Nathan Storella of Bethlehem, Michaela Young of Pittsburg.

Plymouth State University, located in central New Hampshire, offers a rich, student-focused learning environment with an enrollment of approximately 4,500 undergraduate and approximately 2,500 graduate students.

The 170-acre campus offers a New England classic look combined with modern facilities including the Lamson Library and Learning Commons; the Boyd Science Center; the Silver Center for the Arts; Langdon Woods, a LEED certified, environmentally conscious residence hall; and the campus's newest addition, PSU's Welcome Center and Ice Arena. Plymouth State University is part of the University System of New Hampshire and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

LaLonde Achieves Comp TIA A+ Certification

WHITEFIELD—Brandon LaLonde, a Junior in WMRHS' CTE CISCO Networking program, recently attained the very difficult and highly sought-after "Comp TIA A+" certification. Comp TIA A+ certification requires passing two highly technical national exams. Exam one of the process covers the fundamentals of computer technology, installation and configuration of PCs, laptops and related hardware, and basic networking. Exam two covers the skills required

to install and configure PC operating systems, as well as configuring common features (e.g. network connectivity and email) for mobile operating systems Android and Apple iOS.

It is important for students to show employers and post-secondary institutions that their skills, knowledge and credentials are current with industry developments. Comp TIA A+ is one of many, industry recognized certifications offered through CTE programming at WMRHS.



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For more information about Brandon's success and the Comp TIA A+ certification go to WMRHS CTE website at www.sau36.org/cte.

Weeks Medical Center announces new mental health nurse practitioner

LANCASTER — Weeks Medical Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Parent to the position of Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in the hospital's Behavioral Health Department.

Parent works at Week's Lancaster Physicians Office providing both psychotherapy and medication management services. Parent provides psychiatric medication management services and individual/family therapy in an outpatient setting; new patient and follow-up appointments

for nursing home residents; consult appointments with other primary care offices; and crisis intervention.

Before joining Weeks Medical Center, Parent was an Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Indian Stream Health Center in Colebrook. Prior to that she was employed as an Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse at the Aroostook Mental Health Center in Presque Island and Caribou, Maine. Parent holds a B.S. degree in Psychology and a Masters in Science of Nursing as an Adult Psychiatric



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Mental Health Nurse from the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine. For more information or an appointment, please call (603) 788-2521.

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Lancaster AA Meetings — Sundays 9:30 a.m. 3rd and 11th Step meeting at Weeks Hospital, 3rd floor conference room. Wednesday's 7:00 p.m. - 12 & 12 discussion group, Weeks Hospital 3rd floor conference room; Thursday's 8:00 p.m. open discussion, at All Saints Catholic Church, Main St., Lancaster. Saturday's 7:00 p.m. Big Book discussion group, Weeks Hospital, 3rd floor conference room. Ongoing.

North Country Toastmasters, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at The Beal House Inn, 2 West Main Street, Littleton. Practice your communication and leadership skills in an easy going, no pressure, supportive atmosphere. Open to the public ages 18 and older. Stop in or contact Elaine for more info: erentz@myfairpoint.net. Find us online at http://1431722.toastmastersclubs.org

Groveton Weight Watchers meets Mondays at the United Methodist Church in Groveton at 6:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers meets Thursdays at the Christ United Methodist Church in Lancaster at 6:30 p.m.

The Presidential Gem and Mineral Society meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. There is a program, raffle and refreshments. Jefferson Town Hall 6:30 p.m. Open to all. For more info call Sharon O'Neill at 466-2395 or Dave Tellman at 837-9764.

Guildhall Public Library will be open starting Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 – 1:00. Library also open Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 – 8:00.

Randolph Public Library is open on Mondays 10:00 a.m. - noon, Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – noon.

Wednesday, March 19

Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center March Evening Programs Start time 8:00 p.m. unless noted. Adventure Travel in Slovenia and Croatia- From Lake Bled to Dubrovnik Join local explorers Steve and Sally Swenson for their presentation on recent travels to Slovenia and Croatia, by van, foot, bike, canoe, ship and sea kayak! **This program follows the 6:00 p.m. International Dinner featuring cuisine of Croatia.

Thursday, March 20

Music in the Great North Woods 2014— Clarinet quartet for conservation at the Gorham Congregational Church, 143 Main Street, Gorham, NH, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Concert — the Groveton Junior and Senior Bands will be performing their annual spring concert on at 7:00 p.m. in the Groveton High School Gymnasium. The concert is free and open to the public but donations are accepted at the door.

Saturday, March 22

Lunenburg 9th Annual Maple Festival, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunenburg Primary School, Bobbin Mill Road, Lunenburg, Day of free and affordable family fun! Pancake breakfast 8 – 10:30. Displays, demos by local artisans, antique sugaring equipment, door prizes, photo, pie, and quilt square contests for all ages, tree tapping demonstrations, raffles, and scavenger hunt. Sugarhouse tours 10 - 3. Maple-flavored pie baking contest judging at 10:30. Homemade soup and breads lunch noon – 3:00 p.m.. Sugar-on-snow and maple cotton candy 10 – 3. FMI: www.topofthecommon.org/14.html 802-892-6654.

Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center March Evening Programs Start time 8:00 p.m. Seasons of the White Mountains. Take a visual journey along trails, brooks and beautiful vistas of the White Mountains through each season of the year. Join Dave Smith for his two part program; "History of the White Mountain" chronicles three popular historical stories "The legend of Mt Chocorua, Darby Field and the Willey Family. These three subjects are at the beginning in the middle and at the end of the presentation, and in between Smith will add other historical events that took place in the time of the early settlers in New Hampshire.

Wednesday, March 26

Board of Water Commissioners will be held at 12:00 p.m. at the 55 Willow Street conference room. Public is welcomed to attend and it is handicapped accessible.

Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center March Evening Programs Start time 8:00 p.m. France; A French Vacation on the Atlantic Coast Where do the French go during July and August on vacation? Many head for the coast. The Atlantic Coast and the Lower Loire Valley have many lovely spots that fit the bill; great food, vineyards, islands, historical cities and villages. Join Jack Holmes, traveling photographer, as his family leaves Paris and heads out to the Lower Loire and Ile d'Oleron. **This program follows the 6:00 p.m. International Dinner featuring cuisine of France.

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Charles Notari songs

PORTLAND, Ore.— Charles, or Charlie or Huck Notari is a veteran songwriter, spending much of his youth growing up in Jefferson. Graduating from WMRHS in 1994, he embarked on a career of storytelling through song-

writing. This' is exemplified by his recently released album "Huck and the River" is an emotionally rich project inspired by local memories and travels beyond. Songs of heartbreak, nature and a truth em-

body Huck and his beliefs. Authentic qualities of the song, "Home" pay tribute to memories of his White Mountain childhood. Huck is currently in Portland Oregon, where he has resided for several years, making occasional

regional tours. His schedule can be found on his website, www.hucknotari.net. Albums and songs are available at www.cdbaby.com as well as iTunes, or locally purchased at the Lancaster Hardware Store.

Local Students Earn Dean's List Recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD Vt.— The following students have been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the fall 2013 semester: Morgan Bianca Wentworth of Littleton, Coleton Nash Hogan of Twin Mountain

and Joseph Zealand Dami of Whitefield. Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad

selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest

private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation's six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

Local Students Recognized for Academic Achievement at Franklin Pierce University

RINDGE—The following local students were recognized for their academic achievement in the spring 2013 semester at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge.

Groveton a sophomore majoring in Health Sciences, was named to the Dean's Honors List for the fall 2013 semester by maintaining a grade term point average of at least 3.85 on a scale of four.

Emily Brisson of Lancaster a sophomore majoring in Social Work and Counseling, was named to the Dean's Honors List for the fall 2013 semester by maintaining a grade term point average of at least

3.85 on a scale of four. Rachel Ross of Randolph a junior majoring in Music, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester by maintaining a grade term point average of at least 3.50 on a scale of four.

Commissioner's Column

From Your Commissioner... State Ag Departments Meet with FDA on FSMA

Top FDA food safety officials met with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) at the annual policy meeting earlier this month. The FDA team explained how they are reorganizing food safety compliance activities to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act more effectively—and change the culture of FDA. All this is in response to the tremendous feedback FDA has received from farmers and agricultural leaders across the country.

Mike Taylor, deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary medicine, and Howard Sklamberg, deputy commissioner for global regulatory operations & policy, confirmed the contents of a memo from FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg to NASDA outlining the organizational changes. They said this is the first overhaul of FDA's food safety regulatory structure in decades.

not agree more," Taylor said. "It's critical from a consumer and public health standpoint, but also from a fairness standpoint, that we do hold imports to the same standard."

9010-AG10. The comment period deadline has been extended from Feb. 26 to March 31, 2014.

Mike Taylor said FDA's new theme is, "Educate before you regulate." Taylor said he learned this approach of stressing education and technical assistance from state department of agriculture

"This is a new world for us," stressed Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs Melinda 'Mel' Plaisier. "Educate before you regulate" is a very new model for the (FDA) Office of Regulatory Affairs."

Due to concerns about lack of clarity and potential impacts on feed manufacturers and some farms, NASDA unanimously voted to request FDA provide opportunity for comments on a second draft of the proposed Feed Rule under FSMA. NASDA had requested a second round of comments for the Produce and Preventive Control rules—to which FDA has agreed.

Questions to the FDA can be directed to FSMA@fda.hhs.gov. Find information about FSMA and the proposed rules at www.fda.gov/Food/Guidance-Regulation/FSMA/default.htm.

Rebecca Weeks Sherrill More has augmented her necessarily abbreviated columns on the Lancaster proprietors. She has generously donated "The Town Proprietors of the New England Colonies" by Roy H. Agaki to the library in honor of our 250th birthday. Published in 1965, and not generally available, this scholarly study describes and explains the methods and motives which drove the settlements beyond the coastal regions. For those who would like to learn more this book will provide answers.

State ag department leaders also expressed concerns about whether imported produce would receive equal regulatory treatment as that planned for domestic growers and producers. Taylor emphasized that FDA places a high priority on applying the same expectations and enforcement measures to international and domestic food producers. "I could

Comments on the proposed rule, "Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals" may be made electronically at www.regulations.gov. Mail, hand delivery or courier submissions may be directed to Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments must include the docket number, FDA-2011-N-0922, and/or the regulatory information number, RIN

A New Hampshire dairy farm has achieved national recognition for milk quality in 2013. Stonewall Farm in Keene, an educational non-profit farm, was named to the Silver Award list by the National Mastitis Council. Kudos to herd managers Glenn Yardley and Wendy French, along with everyone involved in the dairy at Stonewall Farm. The farm, which is certified organic, was nominated for the award by Organic Valley Cooperative. Stonewall Farm sells milk both raw and pasteurized, and other dairy products directly to customers at the farm store, and is starting a milk CSA. Visitors are welcome at milking time. Learn more at www.stonewallfarm.org.

Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner



By Iris W. Baird

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there'll be another milestone.

Three other Civil War books have also appeared recently. A. Wilson Greene and Gary W. Gallagher have written the "National Geographic Guide to Civil War National Battlefield Parks." From Philip Haythorn Thwaite comes "Uniforms of the American Civil War" which should be most useful to re-enactors. And lastly, there's the "Photographic History of the Civil War: Three Volumes in One" which was first published in 1983.

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of Aquarium Plants" by Peter Hancock.

Several new books of suspense and thrillers are on hand. Among these are "The Bootlegger" by Clive Cussler, "Stone Cold" by C. J. Cox, "Be Careful What You Wish For" by Jeffrey Archer, and "Snow Blind" by Christopher Golden. "Trouble in Mind" is the third collection of short stories by Jeffery Archer. "A King's Ransom" is another of the historical novels by Sharon Kay Penman. Other new novels are "The Little Friend" by Donna Tartt, "North to Alaska" by Debbie Macomber, "Moth and Spark" by Anne Leonard, and "The Way of All Fish" by Martha Grimes.

There are some new mysteries as well. Among them are "The Blackberry Pie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Murder in Pigalle" by Cara Black, "City of Darkness and Light" by Rhys Bowen, and "Why Kings Confess" by C. S. Harris. Martin H. Greenberg has compiled a selection of "Masterpieces of Mystery and Suspense."

A collection of gift books takes up the many aspects of creating and enjoying an aquarium. "Freshwater Aquariums" is by Daniel E. Borushowitz. Peter W. Scott provides "The Complete Aquarium: a Practical Guide to Building, Stocking and Maintaining Freshwater and Marine Aquariums." If that doesn't cover all the possibilities, there's the "Encyclopedia

Barbara was pleased to find among the recent gifts two of Donna Leon's mysteries which were not already in our collection. They are "Death and Judgment" and "Doctored Evidence."

On the lighter side is a book of "The Limerick" edited by G. Legman. Guidance at either end of life is offered in two other books. "Feeding Your Baby" is by Fiona Wilcock. "How to Care for Aging Parents" is by Virginia Morris. "Building Stairs - For Pros, by Pros" is a handbook by Andy Engel.

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"The 2014 Scripps' Spelling Bee champion for Groveton Middle School is Monica Stinson. Monica will proceed to the state spelling bee sponsored by the New Hampshire Union Leader at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord, New Hampshire."



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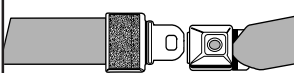
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