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COMPLIMENTARY

Bristol community gathers to pay tribute to the fallen on Memorial Day

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BRISTOL — Veterans, Scouting organizations and the Newfound Regional High School band joined members of the Newfound Area VFW Post 10640 and George Minot Cavis American Legion Post 26 for a solemn Memorial Day parade that led from Freudenberg NOK on Pleasant Street in Bristol to Newfound Memorial Middle School where a special ceremony then took place.

Along the route the contingency paused at Richard W. Musgrove Bridge to pay tribute to the brave men and women lost at sea while serving their country. After flowers were tossed into the waters of the Newfound River,



Richard Nialetz and Dan Arsenault saluted after laying a wreath on the war monument at Newfound Memorial Middle School on Monday.

as a final tribute.

At the school, VFW Post 10640 Commander Ron Preble served as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the NRHS band, which performed "God Bless America" to start the event. VFW Post 10640's Adjutant Dan Arsenault and American Legion Commander Richard Nialetz were called upon to place a wreath at the monument on the school's front lawn and Maddison Nialetz sang the National Anthem.

Commander Preble then explained that the VFW sponsors an essay competition for local youth to participate in each year and he called upon Kaylan Santamaria to read her winning selection for 2017 on the topic "My Responsibility to America."

Santamaria noted in her speech that while she is "merely a speck" on the planet, there is

Girl Scouts host a day of fun for local families

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BRISTOL — The members of Girl Scout Troop 11161 are all about community service, and they displayed that commitment last Sunday through their third annual Family Fun Day, held at Wells Field in Bristol.

Included in the day's activities were a yard sale and a number of games boys and girls of all ages could purchase tickets to play for a really low price. A duck pond, punchboard, ring toss, basketball toss, and other great games that awarded prizes to players were only a part of the lineup. Boys and girls could even select a cup of rice to dig through and those who found a star amidst the grains won a pair of colorful summer sunglasses. There was also face painting, balloons and an inexpensive lunch available for all who dropped by the event. Topping it all off were large cupcakes donated by Priscilla, Mary and Ariel Stage for dessert.



Rebecca Ford of Girl Scout Troop 11161 looks on as James Moore tries his luck in the basketball toss at the troop's annual Family Fun Day last Sunday.

For each game children participated in, they were given Red Tickets, which could move them up to a Silver Ticket once they collected five. Silver Ticket holders then got mini piñatas and those who found a Gold Ticket amongst the candy

inside had the chance to help open a special prize piñata at the end of the day. Among the 11 gold ticket winners was one child had an automatic gold ticket that he found inside an egg at the troop's Easter Egg Hunt

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James Shokal of NRHS played "Taps" while James Rogers followed with the Echo. Rev. Wayne Toutaint offered

prayers for veterans who gave their life for the nation's freedoms and an Honor Guard presented a gun salute



The New Hampton School's Class of 2017.

New Hampton School holds 196th Commencement

NEW HAMPTON — In his Commencement Address to New Hampton School's 196th Graduating Class, Roddy W.

Ames '02 of Charlestown, Mass. spoke to the assumptions associated with "Generation Z." Rather than emphasize

the criticisms of a generation entrenched in technological advances, and a world defined by

Newfound Band and Chorus members win big at Music Showcase Festival

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BRISTOL — During Spring Break this year, 63 members of the Newfound Regional High School's Band and Chorus travelled to the Music Showcase Festival in Jackson, N.J., where they successfully competed against other schools from across the Northeast and brought home 11



awards, the most ever in the school's history.

Students began raising funds for the trip last fall and not only enjoyed participating in the fes-

tival but took time out for some fun at Six Flags theme park as well.

The focus for the three-day adventure was on the music however and members of NRHS's Mixed Choir, Select Choir, Jazz Ensemble and Concert band shone throughout that event.

Competing against them were schools from New Hampshire, Maryland, and New York. Each group was evaluated

Put yourself in the spotlight with a Newfound Landing Selfie!

REGION — Here at the Newfound Landing, we believe that each and every one of our readers has a unique story to tell, and we want to give you an opportunity to share yours with a Newfound Landing Selfie!

Tell us a little about yourself by responding to the following questionnaire and submit

your answers to us at newfound@salmonpress.com, along with a "selfie" (or self-taken photo), and let us put you in the spotlight! We will choose one "Selfie" each week for publication, so be sure to read the paper regularly because yours might be next!

The Newfound Landing Selfie profile

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

I live in: _____

Family (Are you married? Do you have children?): _____

Pets: _____

How long have you lived in the area? _____

Do you have a favorite food? _____

What is currently your favorite TV show? _____

What is your favorite travel destination? _____

What's the best part about your town? _____

Who has been the greatest influence in your life? _____

Who is your favorite musical artist? _____

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? _____

Favorite Sports team: _____



Scouts gearing up on Inspiration Point.



Scouts learn to build a fire.

Black flies, mosquitoes, and camping, Oh, my!

Troop 59 Scouts enjoy Slim Baker campout

BRISTOL — Since rebooting last month, the young men from Troop 59 in Bristol, NH have been busy working hard on the transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts is the next step in the scouting journey and begins to place much of the leadership responsibility

upon the shoulders of the scouts.

This past weekend, the Troop took part in their first of many outings planned for this summer by making a short trek to Slim Baker Lodge. The boys refused to be deterred by the seasonal black flies and mosquitoes that spawn through-

out the springtime in New Hampshire.

Early Saturday morning, the boys loaded up their packs and met at the start of the Worthen Trail just outside the parking area at Slim Baker Lodge in Bristol. The boys made quick work of the trail stopping at Inspiration Point

to admire the view and snap a few pictures of the group, this hike and photo op has been an annual tradition for these boys since the early years, as Cub Scouts, in Pack 59.

Following inspiration point, the troop proceeded downward on the yellow blazed path known as the Greenan Trail and shortly arrived at the local lean-to to set up camp for their outing.

Over the time spent outdoors, the boys experienced many opportunities for adventure while learning and practicing

the basic skills of scouting. Opportunities to use outdoor tools such as axes, knives, and saws proved to be a favorite by all. The orienteering course proved to be exciting and challenging as the boys scaled rocks, ducked under trees in search of their goal with the sole use of a compass and bearings. The final activity for the weekend took place after the sunset with a night hike to listen to nature and experience the forest. By far, the crowd favorite was starting a campfire to

cook tinfoil dinners and toast marshmallows for smores over the fire on Saturday night.

Boy Scouting typically begins in sixth grade, but boys of any grade, six or above, may join at any time. No prerequisite experience is needed, and Scouts do not have to have participated in Cub Scouts to join Boy Scouts. Boys (and parents) may attend a few meetings before enrolling. More information about Troop 59 is at <http://troop59bristolnh.weebly.com>.



Fire destroyed a farmhouse on Peaked Hill Road in Bristol last Sunday afternoon, leaving little more than charred timbers remains behind.

19th Century Bristol farm house gutted by fire

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BRISTOL — A 19th Century farmhouse in Bristol was destroyed last Sunday afternoon when flames tore through the structure, but Bristol Fire Chief Ben LaRoche said the occupants and their pets were all able to safely escape the blaze.

The call came in to Lakes Region Mutual Aid at 4:58 p.m. on May 28, after a female resident was alerted to a problem by one of the family's dogs. LaRoche said the woman was outside at the time but went in to discover a fire had started in an upstairs bedroom and was spreading

rapidly. She grabbed her dogs and ran out of the house where she was able to flag down a passing motorist to call 9-1-1.

The home, known as Granite Hill Farm, is located at 815 Peaked Hill Rd. in Bristol, and the rural location posed problems for firefighters from Bristol when they first arrived on the scene.

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Good sports

After a morning of community service activities, such as trash pick up around Newfound Area School District buildings and adjacent roadways, the students at Newfound Regional High School got to let loose with a little Spring Fling fun. The celebration included Bouncy Houses, "Sumo" wrestling in inflated suits, popcorn, a movie, and yes, even the chance to toss cupcakes at teachers and administrators who volunteered to be taped to the wall. Taking one for the team in that laugh-filled activity was Assistant Principal Christopher Ulrich (left) and Social Studies instructor Daniel Champagne (right).

DONNA RHODES

New Hampton Garden Club News

NEW HAMPTON — Wild blue lupine is what's needed for their survival.

-Concord Pine Barrens is where they live.

-Their iridescent blue is dazzling.



- After near extinction, they're making a comeback.

That's the Karner Blue, New Hampshire's state butterfly. May is the month when they hatch but they live for only two weeks. For this reason, members of the New Hampton Garden Club paid a visit to the Karner Blue Butterfly Easement on Chenell Road in Concord. Becca Segellhurst

our biologist from New Hampshire Fish and Wildlife narrated a walking tour of the Pine Barrens searching for the butterfly among the wild blue lupine. Controlled burns in the pine barrens allow the lupine and other nutrients to be released so pitch pine and lupine can grow. The day was cold and misty so the Karner Blues were hiding, or more likely not hatched yet. So Becca showed us butterflies hatched in the lab in the captive breeding program. The wings of the male are a dazzling deep blue above while the female is grayish brown. Their name

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Newfound Area School District

Employment Opportunities for the 2017-2018 School Year

Newfound Memorial Middle School

- 6th Grade Science Teacher
- Technology Integrator/Teacher - Direct instruction for grades 6-8 in all areas of computer/digital literacy and digital citizenship. Ability to provide support to faculty members for the integration of technology into lessons. Working with students to create and maintain a digital portfolio that will follow the students to the high school.

New Hampton Community School

- Grade 1 Teacher - Elementary Ed. certification required

Elementary Schools

- Instrumental Music Teacher - 1.5 days per week. Responsible for instrumental lessons in four elementary schools

District Wide

- Curriculum Coordinator (search re-opened) - Provide oversight and support for the implementation of a K-12 curriculum. Work with district staff to align with standards; support the implementation of all district and state assessments; assist the district to move forward with a K-12 competency based model; effectively communicate with multiple levels of stakeholders; support district initiatives for professional development.
- Teacher of English Language Learners - 2 days a week
- Vision Specialist - 1 day a week

Support Staff District Wide

- Paraeducators - Must be certified or certifiable as a paraeducator
- Custodians

Interested qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, job application, and letters of recommendation to:

Stacy Buckley - Superintendent
Newfound Area School District
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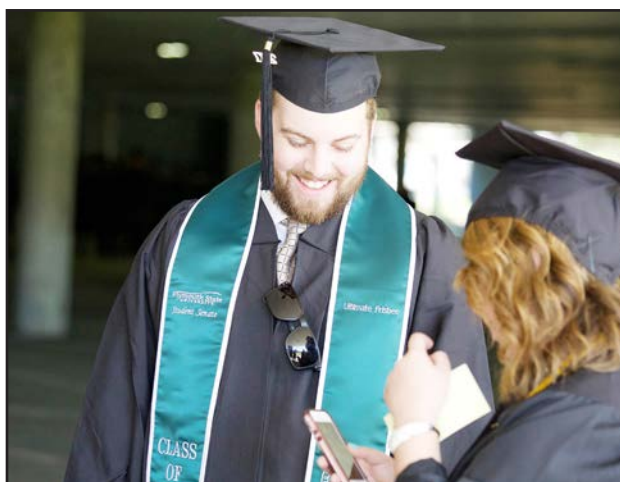
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Plymouth State University awards 1,116 Degrees at 146th Commencement Ceremony

Former U.S. Attorney Carmen Milagros Ortiz, NH businessman Dick Anagnost address graduates

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) celebrated its 146th commencement on Saturday, May 20 in the Active Living, Learning, and Wellness (ALLWell) North Center, the University's state-of-the-art academic and athletic complex. A total of 1,116 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees were awarded before a crowd of more than 5,000

guests. PSU President Donald L. Birx reminded graduates that they are already "tomorrow changers." He said, "You have the ability to spring back from adversity and push forward in the face of obstacles to follow your passion and create the exciting world we are just on the cusp of experiencing."



COURTESY

Plymouth State University graduates Jacob Bradley Nunes and Jordan Rosenberg share a laugh before PSU's 146th commencement on Saturday, May 20. PSU awarded a total of 1,116 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees before a crowd of more than 5,000 guests.

Birx commented that he had seen this firsthand in PSU cluster projects such as the Lancaster Initiative, which is helping that community shape and brand



COURTESY

Winning Radha and Divya Patel are all smiles as they march with fellow graduates to commencement exercises at Plymouth State University on Saturday, May 20. PSU awarded a total of 1,116 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees before a crowd of more than 5,000 guests.

its future, students' musical compositions and dramatic performances, and academic accolades. Former U.S. Attorney, Carmen Milagros Ortiz, who received an honorary Doctor of Public Service and delivered the commencement address. Milagros Ortiz

Ortiz, who received an honorary Doctor of Public Service and delivered the commencement address. Milagros Ortiz

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University of New Hampshire announces May 2017 graduates


DURHAM — The following students participated in the University of New Hampshire Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 20 in Durham. Students

who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84;

and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has

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Newfound Landing SELFIES



Name: Diane The Turtle

Occupation: Official Greeter at TwinDesigns Gift Shop

Where I Live: TwinDesigns Gift Shop, Bristol

Family: Jim and Brad Tonner, Harry and Grace the Cats

Favorite Destination: I am a very lucky turtle and I have friends all around the world who come and visit me. I am on vacation every day and I never have to leave Bristol!

Do you have a favorite food? Strawberries and Romain Lettuce

Favorite TV Show: All Creatures Great and Small

What's the best part of your town: All the wonderful people who live here in Bristol and come and visit me.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life: I was pulled up in a basket in 1968 by a 12-year-old boy having a very difficult time. We both needed each other and the two of us have had a wonderful time together.

What is your favorite musical artist: The Turtle of course!

What's the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Above all Be Nice.

Each week we will be celebrating a local resident. If you would like to suggest a resident to celebrate here, please send Brendan an email at brendan@salmonpress.news For a list of Selfie questions please e-mail brendan@salmonpress.news

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What Does Conservative Investing Mean to Older Investors?

If you're a certain age, or getting close to it, you might hear something like this: "Now that you're older, you need to invest more conservatively." But what exactly does this mean?

For starters, it's useful to understand that your investment preferences and needs will indeed change over time. When you're first starting out in your career, and even for a long time afterward, you can afford to invest somewhat aggressively, in stocks and stock-based investments; because you have time to overcome the inevitable short-term market drops. At this stage of your life, your primary concern is growth – you want your portfolio to grow enough to provide you with the resources you'll need to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

But when you finally do retire, and perhaps for a few years before that, your investment focus likely will have shifted from accumulation to preservation. And this certainly makes some sense. Even though you may spend two, or even three, decades in retirement, you actually have many shorter time

frames for withdrawing money – that is, selling investments – from your retirement accounts, such as your 401(k) and IRA. In fact, you may be taking withdrawals every month – and you don't want to be forced to sell investments when their price is down. Consequently, you'll want a portfolio that's less susceptible to market downturns. This means that you may need to reduce the percentage of stocks in your investment mix and increase your holdings in investments that have less growth potential but offer greater stability of principal, such as bonds.

If you follow this formula, you will have become a more conservative investor. But this evolution – from aggressive to conservative – isn't that simple, or at least it shouldn't be. If, as mentioned above, you are retired for two or three decades, you will have to deal with inflation. And even at a relatively mild 3 percent annual inflation rate, your purchasing power will decline by about half in just 25 years. This is a real threat to retirees, who, unlike active employees, can't count on increases in

earned income to overcome increasing costs of living.

Given this reality, you will have to find your sources of rising income in your investment portfolio. One possibility: Dividend-paying stocks, some of which have increased their dividends for many years in a row. Still, like all stocks, these dividend payers can lose value from year to year, and they can also reduce, or even eliminate, dividends at any time. In other words, they aren't risk-free – which brings us back to the question of how "conservative" of an investor you can really afford to be when you're retired.

In the final analysis, there's no simple answer. On one hand, you probably shouldn't be as aggressive an investor as you were when you were much younger and still working. On the other hand, if you were to primarily own certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury securities, you might face the prospect of outliving your money. Ultimately, you'll need to maintain a balanced portfolio that helps you control risk today while providing you with growth opportunities for tomorrow.



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Choose Your Future, a Series to Save Newfound Lake, Part IV *Conservation and Planning: The Perfect Balance*

BY BOYD SMITH
Newfound Lake Region Association

This is your land and your water – to protect what you love you have to take an active part. This fourth installment of the Newfound Lake Region Association's (NLRA's) Choose Your Future series invites you to act and ensure your vision for the future comes true.

Town Master Plans set the tone for how and where a town will grow over time. They are publicly crafted, consensus-based documents that define shared local values. Master Plans lay the foundation for rules and regulations designed to achieve a town's vision.

The Newfound watershed's five principal towns (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Groton, and Hebron) share a common vision for their future, distilled as a love of clean water, healthy forests, and small-town feel. Achieving these shared principles is at the heart of NLRA's mission, strategies, and programs.

The NLRA believes that balancing smart growth with conservation builds the best of all worlds – a healthy local economy with a robust and resilient natural environment. By taking control at the local level through planning and zoning, we create a future of our choosing. By not crafting thoughtful and effective land-use rules, we give our local control to others.

Much of the watershed is best suited to remain forested and undeveloped. Poor access and steep terrain make widespread development unlikely in the near term. However, the Newfound area is growing at or above the State average, especially in Alexandria

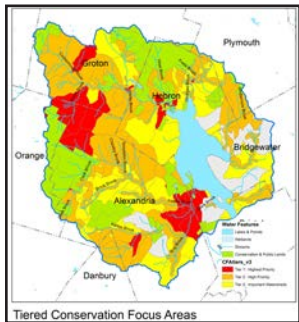
and Hebron. In addition, a single house or clearing in a highly visible location can have a disproportionate impact. Since we depend on shared resources such as views and clean water, group action is required to retain both natural beauty and economic vitality.

Beginning in early June, the NLRA and our partners Dan Sundquist (Greenfire GIS) and Steve Whitman (Resilience Planning and Design) will meet with each watershed town Planning Board to present new, state-of-science information related to local conservation and planning. We encourage you to join us to build a stronger voice in your community.

Dan, with the engagement of a watershed-wide stakeholder group, has completed an analysis of conservation focus areas (CFAs) that identifies highest-value conservation lands and priorities, as well as areas most likely to see future development. Steve has reviewed local Master Plans and will identify areas for regulations and guidance to help each town achieve their vision.

CFA map showing levels of conservation priority and currently conserved lands

If you want to learn more about natural resources and planning



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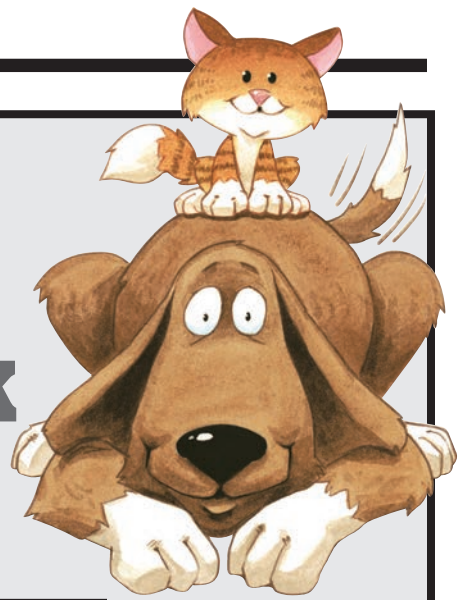
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PET of the Week Jayro



This adorable fellow hails from an animal sanctuary operating in Puerto Rico. Jayro was abandoned at the sanctuary about five years ago. Luckily, he came to New Hampshire Humane Society where, in spite of the fact he is at the very least bi-lingual, he has acclimated well to an English speaking North American lifestyle.

He is, frankly, the sweetest dog calling our shelter home, with a pudgy little body and his one blue eye, gentle demeanor and a tail that circles like a helicopter blade. He's enjoyed



overnight stays with staff and volunteers, and taken hikes to

local parks where he has met other dogs with interest and di-

plomacy.

Very fond of treats, we have put him on a diet for his own health and well-being. He doesn't seem to be concerned about cats, but he might guard his food dish, those old survival habits from the streets are still on his mind. A more loveable, companionable dog you will not find; ideal for an older family with teens.

Please come and visit Jayro. You will be smitten!

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

North Country Notebook

A transcontinental train trip, or searching for Mr. Shyne



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

So, why take a train trip nearly 3,000 miles west, and then take another railroad trip right back, 3,000 miles east?

To say hello to your camp partner, of course — never mind that he'll be back east in a few weeks, and we'll be in camp together off and on through fall.

Somehow it all made sense to me, even if it was just an excuse to take a



JOHN HARRIGAN

A branch of the Yuba River, in California's high Sierra, looked like a place where a Clarksville Pond guy might find trout.

transcontinental train trip. But wait, there's more! I also got to hobnob with two longtime friends from Nashville.

There is a book on one of my library shelves titled "Chasing Danforth." It is about a writer (Robert W. Cook) who tries to follow the trail of a fabled 1800s hunting and fishing guide whose wanderings wound from the wilds of northern New Hampshire to the swamps of Florida. In the interim, a steamboat was named for him, the paddle-wheeler J.S. Danforth.

So let's just say that if I wrote a book about this trip it would be titled "Chasing Shyne," which I did until I caught him in Sacramento. But that, as untold scribes have written before me, is another story.

Right up front, even
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Letters to the Editor

Give the baby personhood!

To the Editor:

This is the 16th of my reports to the voters of Hill and Franklin on what is happening in Concord. I want to thank you for the numerous positive comments I received for my columns. This week we had a Criminal Law and Public Safety Executive Session that elicited a lot of heated interest from the opposition.

A few weeks ago, Senate Bill 66 was sidelined (retained) when a few people abandoned the Republican platform. SB66 simply states that if a woman is pregnant and an injury to her results in death of the baby that the perpetrator can be charged with a crime against the baby as well as the mother. SB66 in no way infringes on a mother's right to an abortion. This is not an abortion bill. It is a bill that protects the pre-born baby the mother hopes will be a part of her family.

A few years ago, a woman lost her baby due the negligence of another person, but the crime said that until the law was changed, only the crime against the mother was chargeable. We heard in testimony that in another case, a woman was hit by a negligent driver and her child, due to be delivered in just a few days died. This mother could not even get a birth or death

certificate for the child. The legislature has tried for several years to make it a crime to cause harm to the pre-born baby as well as to the mother. Thirty-nine states have this law, and 29, including liberal states like Massachusetts, set conception as the point from which a legal charge can be established. SB66 sets the viability of the pre-born baby at 20 weeks. Those in opposition to this common sense legislation are terrified to give the pre-born child in New Hampshire any status of personhood. Our committee couldn't let this stand. We brought SB66 back to the Committee and after a lot of whinging on the part of Democrats we passed the bill 12:3, including one Democrat vote. On June 1, SB66 is scheduled for a vote by the full House.

Please contact me at dave@sanbornhall.net or 320-9524 with your comments or if you just want to talk.
Cheers!

Dave Testerman
NH State Representative
Franklin and Hill

P.S.: "Whinging" is an Australian combination of whine and cringe that is used to define a pitiful complaining person.

William Charles Neikam, 81

HEBRON — William (Bill) Charles Neikam, 81, recently of Corpus Christi, Texas and formerly of Hebron and West Chester, Pa., died April 22, 2017 at his residence.

Bill was born in Up-land, Pa. on Aug. 10, 1935 and was the son of Dewey and Marie Neikam. He attended Saint James Catholic High School for Boys in his hometown of Chester, Pa., was a graduate of Saint Joseph's University, earned a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Florida, with post doc work at Columbia University.

Bill married his beloved wife of 48 years, Ann Louise (Annla) Crow, in 1962. His lifetime work in chemistry began in R and D at Sun Oil Company in Marcus Hook, Pa., then as a professor of chemistry, first at West Chester College in PA, followed by a rewarding 30 year teaching career at Plymouth State University.



He pioneered research on energy efficient homes starting in the late 1970's and as a result, built a family home with passive and active solar technology. He also heightened awareness in the community with his popular food additives course.

When not teaching, Bill was tying flies in preparation for his next fishing trip around the Lakes Region with 'my friend Ted.' He and Annla were 20 year members of the college opera class, traveling to destinations near and far to see the

finest performances of their favorites. He also enjoyed sailing and sunset cruises from their happy home on Newfound Lake, bird watching in Texas, hiking and many long memorable meals with family and friends. He enjoyed life!

Bill was preceded in death by Annla, and is survived by their daughter, Diane (and husband Robert) Carter of Corpus Christi, Texas; son Chris (and wife Lisa) of Bedford; son Derrick (and wife Wendy) of Salida, Colo.; twin sister Barbara Maculley of Garnet, Pa.; and brother Jim Neikam of Avondale, Pa. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family members.

A celebration of life service will be held at noon, June 10, at the Hebron Union Congregational Church with interment following at the Hebron Cemetery.

BRIDGEWATER — Barbara J. Richardson (Villers/Morse), 73, of Bridgewater, predeceased by her husband, Terry L. Richardson, passed away peacefully in her home after a long illness on May 23, 2017.

She was born Sept. 12, 1943 to Ernest and Mildred Villers (Laporte) of Haverhill, Mass. Barbara, being born a twin, was the youngest of 11 children. Being originally from Haverhill, Mass., she married Phillip Morse, Sr. on Sept. 17, 1961 and had four children of her own. Barbara divorced in 1993 and remarried Terry Richardson on May 28th 1994, who passed away on April 10, 2012.

She worked for IPC/Freudenberg for many years as a press operator. She enjoyed spending time with family, cook-outs, camping and the ocean.



Barbara is survived by her siblings, Elaine Allen, Mildred Roberts, and Paul Villers, Sr., all from Massachusetts. Passed before her were her twin sister, Sandra Huntress; sisters Gloria Merritt and Ann-Marie (baby); brothers Bob Villers, Ernie Villers, Donald Villers and Kenneth Villers.

Her children include Karen Reppucci of Tamworth and her husband, Ronald Reppucci; Phillip Morse, Jr. of Thompson, Ga. and his girlfriend, Re-

becca Whitford; Brian Morse of Crawfordsville, Ind. and his wife Tammy Morse; Debra Patten of Bristol and her husband Peter Patten.

Gr grandchildren include Matthew Diltz, Ashley Morse (deceased), Maegan Patten, Jasmine Patten, Zachary Patten, Bradley Morse and step-grandchildren Broderick and Britney Snyder, step-children Lee Richardson, Kim Mackay and many nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to her nephew Jerry Miller and his wife Dianne, Andrea Finerty, Joanne Phelps, Martha Diebner, Ron and Donna Collette, Bob and Lorna Patten and the nurses of NANA.

There will be a brief committal service held at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery on May 31, 2017 at 3 p.m. Barbara will be cremated and interred with her husband Terry Richardson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made out to NANA (Newfound Area Nursing Association), 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222.

Gordon M. Towle, 76

ALEXANDRIA — Gordon M. Towle, 76, died Monday, May 22, 2017.

He was born in Conway, the son of Gordon and Myrtle (Colbroth) Towle. He was raised in Lebanon, Maine and the family later moved to Rochester. Gordon then spent 35 years in Laconia before moving

to Alexandria.

Prior to retirement, Gordon worked as a machinist for NH Ball-bearing, Lewis and Saunders, and QCI. He also did custodial services with Joyce Janitorial and for the Laconia Congregational Church.

Gordon enjoyed hunting, working

around his home, and four wheeling. He was a former member of the Elks Club in Laconia.

Family members include his wife, Brenda (Bucklin) Towle of Alexandria; a son, James Towle of Barnstead; two daughters: Julia Jason of Maine and Jennifer Towle of

Laconia; two stepsons, Steven Newell of Alexandria and Timothy Newell of Epsom; six grandchildren; a great grandson; and two sisters, Dorothy Ederly of Rochester and Patricia Hodgdon of Florida.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life, Saturday, May

27, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. at his home, 342 Foster Pond Road, Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Franklin Animal Shelter, 71 Punch Brook Rd., Franklin, NH 03235. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home.

Notebook

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though that's where the engineer sits, I like traveling by train. As I explained to people I met along the way, I'm not a choo-choo wing-nut, I'm just a nut.

But the air travel that once was an adventure has deteriorated into a shuttled, shunted, stunted, graceless, shoeless and seat-cramped slog, at least for this guy whose 70-year-old carcass is sick and tied of the physical and mental abuse. Hence, if I can't go by truck or rail, I'm not going at all.

Anyway, I was worried about Mr. Shyne's West-Coast attitude, and missed him, although I'd never tell him that (this is a Guy Thing). So one day late in May I launched myself from Colebrook's South Hill, parked my truck at the Concord bus station, took the bus to South Station in Boston, and boarded an Amtrak train for Chicago.



This is the elusive Mr. Shyne, offsetting some Yuba River white water, and a patch of green.

There I met Nashville friends Lynda and Jim, and soon we were off on the vaunted Southwest Chief, headed for Los Angeles.

Now, before anyone asks, I always get two questions when talk turns to trains—how long it takes, and how much it costs. If you ask the former, my quick response is that if you look at your watch all the time, are an A to B traveler, tend to fidget, don't like people,

are not content, and don't read, don't take the train. Period.

As to the second, figure in a hotel room and meals, and of course toilets and showers, and the freedom to roam hither and yon, because that's what you get on the train. Try that on a plane.

Because there was no other way, I had to bite the bullet and fly to Sacramento, where I met (Cameras! Action!) Mr. Shyne, which is what I

always call him, even in camp (he calls me "JDH"). He looked the same as the last time I saw him, in camp, way back there in Clarksville, New Hampshire, but perhaps a bit grubbier (just kidding).

We had a nice time, kicking around the Sierras, with remaining five-foot snow-banks and all, and then it was time to hop a train headed for home.

This meant two nights

and three days on the fabled California Zephyr to Chicago, and then another overnight train, the Lakeshore Limited, to Boston, and then a bus trip to Concord, where my truck awaited. Boy, was I ever glad to see my truck.

Baker Bob was headed south to his job at the Mountain View at about 3 a.m. when he spotted my "SOHILL" plate as I drove north on Route 3, on a dead-reckoning for Colebrook. "Pretty hard to miss that plate," he said later.

It was me, all right, home just in time to hear the last of the peepers, and mow the lawn.

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Artistic Roots puts out call for artisans

PLYMOUTH — Artistic Roots is looking for artisans to join our Gallery at 73 Main St. in Plymouth. An application for membership is available on our Web site, www.artisticroots.com, or at the gallery.

New members are required to jury into the gallery. The benefits of membership include:
~ working and collaborating with other artists

~ 90 percent of sale goes to the artist
~ shop location is conducive to sales
~ chance to teach
Requirements of members are:
~ working seven

hours monthly
~ attending a meeting bimonthly
~ dues of \$60 a month
Artistic Roots is a cooperative gallery which is a non-profit organi-

zation. The mission of the gallery is: "Artistic Roots is a cooperative, non-profit art gallery of dedicated juried members who seek to inspire, create and connect artists and the communi-

ty through workshops, peer mentoring, events, and to provide a venue for member sales." Contact Jeannette McArthur, jmcArthur@yahoo.com, with questions about membership.

Churches

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donations on June 1. Please drop them off at Dian West's house (on the front porch if no one is home). Or you can call or email the church office using the contact information below. Rummage (clothing) donations can be dropped off at the church during the business hours listed below.

Our church is located in the center of historic Hebron village, at the intersections of North Shore Road and West Shore Road. Our church secretary's office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and our phone number is 744-5883. Our address is 16 Church Lane, PO Box 67, Hebron, NH 03241. The secretary's email address is staff@hebronchurchnh.org. To find out more about our church, please visit the church website at www.hebronchurchnh.org. Rev. Miller is also available to meet with parishioners and community members. You can call him at 491-8738 or you can make an appointment by contacting the Church Secretary, Linda Kriss using the contact information in this paragraph.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Day Away Program
Are you caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or Dementia? The Day Away program has openings available and offers a wonderful chance for family members with dementia to experience a day away from home with various activities to do with caring staff and volunteers (with meal included), while also giving the caregiver some much needed time off. Come by and visit between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Thursday in Simard Hall underneath Our Lady of Grace Chapel. Day Away is a non-denominational program open to all qualified participants in the Lakes Region. Volunteers are always needed. Visit our Web site at www.respiteforcaregiverdayaway.wordpress.com.

Plymouth Knights of Columbus Scholarship
The Holy Family Knights of Columbus, Council 10307 in Plymouth, are again offering a scholarship for a member of Holy Trinity Parish. Applicants must be applying to a full-time university or trade school. The application

includes an essay, photo, and requires one letter of recommendation. For applications, please contact John Boyle at 536-1188. All applications are due by June 6.

Additional Saturday Mass Starts Memorial Day Weekend

On Saturday, May 27, we will be adding the 5:45 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Grace back into the Mass schedule. The complete summer schedule will begin the weekend of June 24 and 25. At that time, we add the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass at our Lady of Grace and the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes.

Bristol Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Bristol Knights of Columbus are offering a scholarship to high school students who wish to further their education. Please see one of the Knights to obtain and application. A letter of recommendation from a parishioner who can speak for your involvement in the church, and an essay will be required. All documentation must be handed in by June 10. A decision will be made by July 15.

Feast of the Ascension Mass Schedule Thursday, May 25

Masses:
St. Agnes Church, 8 a.m.
St. Matthew Church, Noon
St. Matthew Church, 7 p.m.

GotLunch - Plymouth, a healthy summer lunch program for school aged children living in Plymouth, begins its fifth season on Monday, June 19, and ends on Aug. 21. Please consider volunteering to help pack and deliver bags of food on Monday mornings. Volunteers meet at Starr King Fellowship Hall on Fairgrounds Road. Packing takes place from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Delivery is from 9 to about 10:30 a.m. Detailed information about the program can be found at www.gotlunchplymouth.org. Volunteer forms are available from the website, or please contact Mary Kietzman (536-1076).

GotLunch - Ashland and Holderness committee is gearing up for its sixth year of providing healthy lunch foods for this year's 10 weeks of school summer vacation. We anticipate serving 60-70 school-aged children in our communities. Volunteers meet at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Ashland on Monday mornings starting June 19 for packing between

8:45 and 9:30 a.m., with deliveries shortly thereafter. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation, please contact Elena Worrall at 744-0105.

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race...no matter what your present status in the Catholic Church...no matter what your current family or marital situation...no matter what your own self-image is, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Holy Trinity Parish.

Campus Ministry

Thank you from students in PSU residence halls, on campus apartments, and many other locations where they were studying or working on the first day of finals for the abundance of cookies, brownies, and other homemade goodies baked by Kathryn Drexel, Barbara Flynn, Linda Folsom, Carol Geraghty, Barbara Guinan, Carolyn Hill, Sue Karsten, Annie Learned, Judith McPherson, Carole Osmer, Chris Tower, and Elena Worrall! We appreciate the time and effort you put into comfort food for stressed-out students!

Special thanks to Sandy Abbott, the coordinator of Food for Finals each semester and monthly student suppers this year. You make possible some of the most memorable activities in Campus Ministry for students.

Congratulations to our parish youth on receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist! (St. Matthew) Naomi Koren Carmen Donis Maggie Demler Gracie Dube, Ryder Francis, Charles McGeary, Mabel Shuffleton (Our Lady of Grace) Sean McDonald, Leah McFarland, Julia Reynolds

Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday, May 17th at St. Charles in Meredith. Alexandra Boursican Claudia Cantin, Charlie Carpenter, Griffin Doherty, Paige Dumont, Rachel Fogarty, Meghan Gillis, Alex Kniskern, Tabitha Lopes, Ryan Lyford, Jacob Madigan, Patrick Malm,

Caledonia McLeod, Zachariah McGlone, Benjamin Parsons, Julia Phillips, Robert Renzi, Ashley Ulricson, Katherine Von Iderstein

Weekly Meetings Thursday, May 25

Day Away Program, Simard Hall, 9 a.m.
Men's Group, North American Martyrs Oratory, 10 a.m.
Bear Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5 p.m.
~ AA meeting Monday-Saturday, St. Matthew Hall, 11 a.m. ~

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal

This Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost, which is the festival that celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples of Jesus. It is a time when the Disciples were reported to speak in languages they had never learned. It's an exciting time for our church because this day is also a celebration of our patron, the Holy Spirit. Hope you will join us in a festive service this Sunday.

Change in Venue

On Sunday, June 11, we move our 9:30 service to our summer location at St. Mark's Church in Ashland. All winter and spring our friends from St. Mark's have joined us in worship at Church of the Holy Spirit. Now we join them at their church for the 9:30 service. There will continue to be our 8:00 service at Church of the Holy Spirit throughout the summer.

"Faith and Film" Series

Many thanks to all the people who made our Faith and Film series such a great success. Many people enjoyed

watching the thought provoking films and participating in the interesting discussions that followed.

Borrow a Movie

Missed a movie? You can watch it too! Faith and Film movies are now available to borrow. Just view our great selection on the back bench of the church and sign out a film. Please remember to return all films in a timely manner as others may be waiting to borrow them. Thank You!!

Got Lunch Plymouth Drive

On Sunday, May 21, we started our Got Lunch drive to collect food and money to support the Got Lunch Program in Plymouth. We are collecting peanut butter 15-18 ounce jars, jelly or jam 15-18 oz. jars, tuna 5 oz. cans, chicken 5 oz. cans, and mayonnaise 30 ounce jars. We are also asking for monetary donations. This program costs about \$110 per child per summer. We are grateful for donations of any amounts. Make checks payable to Got Lunch Plymouth. We will continue this drive until June 4. There is a box at the back of the church where you can deposit your contributions. Checks can be put in the offering plate. Thank you so much for help with this most worthy cause.

Episcopal Church Women

There will be a Book Sale on Thursday, May 25 from 3-6 p.m.; help moving books is always needed and gratefully accepted!

Holy Spirit Quilters

The CHS quilters will meet on Friday, June 23 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join them for the morning! If you have any questions, please contact Lois Grant at lsg@comcast.net.

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

Sunday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. Journeys of Discovery High School and Middle School Youth

Journey with our young people as we explore their adventures as close as Our Neighboring Faiths and as far as Nicaragua. Visitors are invited to attend the service as well as all programs at the church. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers. The children's program is usually held downstairs concurrently with the service. Please join us for coffee after the service so that we may get to know you.

Children and Youth Religious Education, Meredith Flynn, DRE

The service today will be led by our middle school Neighboring Faiths class and our high school Youth Group. They will share with the congregation their journeys from this year. The middle school youth will talk about the adventures they had visiting faith homes from the local Plymouth area and the greater Boston area. The high school Youth Group will speak about the service trip they took to Nicaragua and the work they did there.

The younger children will spend the beginning of the service upstairs, then kids in grades 3 and below will head down. SEE CHURCHES, PAGE A9

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New Hampton

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electronic and online advances, Ames highlighted the strengths of this generation, commenting that "You are constantly on the move, you have energy, you are creative and forward thinking. You are socially aware, and you never back down from a challenge. Use the momentum you feel today to confidently begin your next challenge. Continue to embrace change, implement and master the newest and best technologies, embrace cultural difference, compete to your highest capabilities, and put your best foot forward every day."

Dennis John (DJ) Leary of York, Maine received the Ben Cecil Award, electing him, by his peers, to address the class at graduation.

Leary thoughtfully reflected on the graduating class, closing with "The connection to New Hampton will take us far. But make sure to never forget that our campus will always be a place we know we are welcome. If there were one last piece of wisdom to take from our

time at New Hampton, it would be to take risks and fully commit to those risks. As the well-known intellectual, Chazz Michael Michaels from the timeless classic, *Blades of Glory*, once said, 'Hey. They laughed at Louis Armstrong when he said he was gonna go to the moon. Now he's up there, laughing back at them.' Congratulations Class of 2017, we finally made it!"

"We are a special group of people. Each with the bold courage to set goals just beyond reach, and the undying resilience to achieve them," said Class Valedictorian Anthony Han, who will matriculate at University of California, Berkeley in the fall. "We are truly a class of greatness."

108 graduates and their families gathered for Commencement. Twenty-nine graduates are full IB Diploma candidates, the largest IB class to date in the school's history.

Head of School Joe Williams thanked the Class of 2017 for welcoming him, and his family, to campus this year.

He reminded graduates "With the confidence

gained by successfully climbing this mountain, you are now ready for your next ascent. You have learned how to prepare, to embrace a challenge, to access the necessary supports and to know when to take a break. You also understand that while there may be times when you are physically alone on the trail, you are never truly alone. Your family, your friends, this school, will always be behind you. Cheering for you, ready with words of encouragement and rejoicing in your accomplishments."

Founded in 1821, New Hampton School is an independent, co-educational, college preparatory secondary school of 315 students who come from over 25 states and 25 countries. An International Baccalaureate school, New Hampton School cultivates lifelong learners who will serve as active global citizens. Students benefit from an average class size of 11 and a student-faculty ratio of five to one. For more information, please visit www.newhampton.org.

Conservation

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sonable experts, come to one or more of the following meetings (all start at 7:00 p.m.):

June 7, Hebron (Land Use Office, 7 Church St.)

June 20, Bridgewater (Town Office, Mayhew Tpk.)

June 28, Groton (Town

Office, North Groton Rd.) July 19, Alexandria (Town Office, Washburn Rd.)

July 26, Bristol (Town Office, Lake St.)

We encourage you to attend to take part in choosing your town's future, so it aligns with your Master Plan. Please join us to learn more about Newfound's re-

sources and options, and to share your ideas and concerns for the future with your local Planning Board.

The NLRA was founded in 1971 to protect and preserve the Newfound Lake watershed. Learn more on our website, our Facebook page, or contact us at info@Newfound-Lake.org or 744-8689.

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certified that all degree

requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is

the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement.

Mackenzie Welch of Ashland graduated Honors with a AAS degree in Community Leadership

Nicholas White of Bristol graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Marketing

Victoria Markiewicz of Alexandria graduated with a BA degree in Sust Agriculture&Food Systems.

Derik Guild of Campton graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Finance

Lily Ford of Holderness graduated with a BA

Fire

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A first alarm was called as engines raced to the scene where firefighters discovered heavy flames and smoke coming from all floors of the timber structure. They immediately requested a second alarm to bring in additional crews and equipment to handle the situation.

"The home is located in a non-hydranted

area of town," LaRoche said in his press release, "so firefighters were unable to make a sustained fire attack until mutual aid companies arrived and water supply was established at a nearby stream."

Assisting Bristol with transporting water to the site and knocking down the flames were crews from Hill, Franklin, Laconia, Meredith, Alexandria, Hebron,

Danbury, Ashland, Campton-Thornton, Plymouth and Holderness. Others from Rumney, Sanbornton and Stewart's Ambulance provided coverage for the Bristol station until the fire was extinguished.

The fire was brought under control at 7:01 p.m., and while the home is considered to be a total loss, the cause has yet to be determined.

Garden News

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derives from the location near Albany, New York where they were first identified.

Concord's Pine Barrens are one of the few places in the United States where the almost extinct Karner

Blues survive. The butterfly was first discovered and named in the 1940's by the novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who was also a well known lepidopterist. The Karner Blue, now making a comeback, has been on the Endangered Species List since 1973.

Becca gave the New Hampton Garden Club such a thorough and enjoyable tour that many decided to come back again when the weather was warmer and the Karner Blues were out flying around amongst the the wild blue lupine.

PSU

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was the first Hispanic and the first female to serve as U.S. Attorney in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was also the first member of her family to earn a college degree. Milagros Ortiz urged the Class of 2017 to persevere in the face of adversity.

She said, "You will realize that despite life's challenges and adversities, you can overcome to find your happiness, your success, and your mission in life."

Joseph Boisvert of Pembroke, senior class president, used the

word 'superlative' to characterize the people he has encountered at PSU. He remarked how, over the course of four years, Plymouth became "home" and how a small town and campus truly fosters an amazing, thoughtful, caring community.

He told his fellow graduates, "I hope the friends, lessons and memories you've made here will always stay with you no matter where in life you go... whether it's 20 minutes down the road or 2,000 miles away."

New Hampshire businessman, Dick Anagnost received the Granite State Award, which honors those who have made exceptional contributions to the state of New Hampshire and its citizens. As a real estate developer, Anagnost is credited with the revitalization of downtown Manchester and with improving the quality of life for city residents by creating jobs, building safe and afford-

able housing, and converting an abandoned meat-packing plant into an award-winning health care facility, Elliot at River's Edge. Anagnost regularly serves in state-appointed positions and on charitable boards as part of his personal mission.

PSU also honored Meghan Katie Andersen of Tribly, Florida, a graduate student who would have graduated on Saturday, but who passed away in the past year. Anderson was posthumously awarded a Master of Science in accounting degree following a moment of silence. The degree was accepted on her behalf by Gregory Dumont, Ph.D., director of students for the College of Business Administration.

Of the 1,116 PSU graduates, 642 hail from New Hampshire, 183 from Massachusetts, 48 from Connecticut, 34 from Vermont, 27 from Maine, and 182 from various states outside New England.

Churches

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stairs for a closing Children's Chapel service.

Social Justice Community Outreach for June


The Pemi Youth Center (PYC) is a local not-for-profit agency, serving as an after school destination for youth ages 10-17. The Center provides enriching after school programming Monday through Friday. All program components are offered at absolutely no cost to youth and families. Youth engage in home-work help, mentoring, art workshops, recreational games, empowerment groups, drug and alcohol use prevention, community based service learning, STEM activities, a collaborative with the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, martial arts, and much more! Staff and volunteers work hard to inspire, encourage, and support young minds and hearts, so that our young people have the ability to dream beyond perceived limitations. The collection will be taken later in the month for this worthy cause.

Also, please bring canned or dry packaged food items for our local Community Closet collection basket in the foyer.

Upcoming: Plant Sale on Sunday, June 4 after the service.

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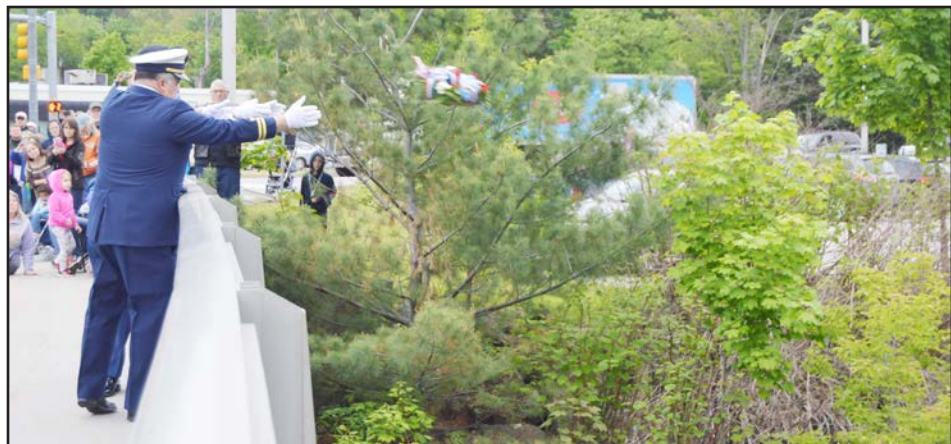
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Honor Guard members presented a gun salute to honor of veterans who proudly served the nation during a Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Bristol on Monday.



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The Stars and Stripes led the way as the Memorial Day parade made its way through Bristol last Monday morning.



DONNA RHODES

Members of local veterans' organizations tossed a wreath of flowers into the Newfound River to honor all brave service men and women who have been lost at sea.

Memorial Day

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"still no room for negligence." She talked about the strength and determination she has seen in her father over the years and said she hopes to not only follow in his footsteps but connect her education to the future of her success. The NRHS junior were also thanked America's veterans by acknowledging their bravery and sacrifices that have allowed her

the privilege of calling herself an American. Santamaria went on to encourage people to remember the responsibilities that come with our freedoms and be involved in the Democratic process so they, too, can start to make a difference.

"Voting is critical toward the growth and change of America, something we should all be working toward," she concluded. "I hope the impact I make is one that impacts and glori-

fies the United States." Rev. Toutaint closed the proceedings with one final prayer, which ended with the plea, "Let us never forget those who gave their all."

DONNA RHODES

(Right) Kaylan Santamaria read her winning essay for VFW Post 10640's 2017 essay contest, titled "My Responsibility to America," as Post Commander Ron Preble stood at attention beside her.



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The Newfound Regional High School band played patriotic marches as they took part in the Memorial Day parade in Bristol.



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Fun Day

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last month. To break open the piñata at the end of the day, boys and girls grasped a ribbon and yanked the large container open. Cheers erupted as puzzles, stuffed animals, water pistols, inflatable balls, candy and other great prizes cascaded to the ground.

Rebecca Ford is a senior member of Girl Scout Troop 11161 and said money raised through Family Fun Day would be used to help fund an end-of-the-year trip for the troop to Great Wolf Lodge in New York State. Some would also be put aside for a special trip for scouts who are graduating next year.

Troop Leaders Penny Leclerc and Ella Ford



DONNA RHODES

Boys and girls scrambled for all the great prizes that dropped from a giant piñata at the Family Fun Day last weekend, sponsored by local Girl Scout Troop 11161.

were grateful to all who participated in the day's activities and promised even more excitement at next year's Family Fun Day.

NRHS Music

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ed in their performance by a panel of judges.

Judd said that the Concert Band performance featured the "March from Symphony #2" by Tchaikovsky, and "Aria and Fugue" by Handel, while the school's vocal choir performed "Kyrie" from the Schubert Mass in G and "Sound the Trumpet" by Purcell.

In additions to those admirable performances, the NRHS Jazz Band started the awards off when they were named "Highest Scoring Instrumental Group," while NRHS's a cappella singing group, performing



DONNA RHODES

Jacob Fister, Josh McLean, Jillian Buchanan and Ethan Pruett of the Newfound Regional High School's music program were presented with special awards for their solo instrumental performances in this year's Music Showcase Festival held in Jackson, N.J.

"Blended Melodies," was named the "Highest Scoring Choral Group" for the entire festival.

Besides group performances, soloists also stood out that day and NRHS musicians took home four soloist awards for the weekend. Among them were Jillian Buchanan for her flute solo, Ethan Pruett for an alto sax solo, Jacob Pfister for baritone horn solo and Josh MacLean for his piano solo.

"They gave out five awards for soloists and we took home four of them. That's something we're kind of proud of," said Judd. "Josh has

been a percussionist for us but he sat in that day on the piano and took home an award. I thought that was really pretty special."

The students are not yet done with their musical performances for the year however. Judd said they would now turn their focus toward end of the year when they will take part in the NRHS Baccalaureate Ceremony on June 16 and NRHS graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2017 on June 17th.

The band also performed in Bristol's Memorial Day Parade last Monday.

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What's On Tap

The playoffs are under way for all local teams in the coming week.

The Division II and III baseball tournament begins today, June 1, and both continue on Saturday, June 3, all at 4 p.m. at the home of the higher seed. The Division II semifinals are Tuesday, June 6, at 4 and 7 p.m. and the Division III semifinals are Thursday, June 8, at 4 and 7 p.m., all at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Division II and III softball quarterfinals are Saturday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed at 4 p.m. The Division II semifinals are Tuesday, June 6, at Southern New Hampshire University at 5 and 7 p.m. and the Division III semifinals are Wednesday, June 7, at 5 and 7 p.m. at Chase Field at Plymouth State University.

The Division II boys' lacrosse quarterfinals are Saturday, June 3, at 5 p.m. at the home of the higher seed and the semifinals are Wednesday, June 7, at 5 and 7 p.m. at Stellos Stadium in Nashua. The Division III boys' lacrosse quarterfinals are Friday, June 2, at the home of the higher seed and the semifinals are Wednesday, June 7, at 5 and 7 p.m. at Laconia High School.

The Division II girls' lacrosse semifinals are Saturday, June 3, at Stellos Stadium. **SEE ON TAP PAGE B2**

Ntourntourekas wins two D3 titles *Newfound senior takes shot put, discus honors*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — Newfound senior Leo Ntourntourekas continued his fine end of the season push by earning two Division III state titles at the Division III State Meet on Saturday, May 27, at Winnisquam Regional High School.

Ntourntourekas won the shot put with a toss of 47 feet, three inches, with teammate Ethan Pruett reaching 40 feet, three inches for eighth place overall.

The Bear senior also won the discus with a toss of 131 feet, 10 inches, with Pruett finishing in 12th place at 109 feet, five inches and Mason Dalphonse taking 16th place at 100 feet, 11 inches.

Both distances for Ntourntourekas were school records for Newfound Regional High School.

Matt Libby earned the other point for the Newfound team on the day, as he finished sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.53 seconds.



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Becky Norton tosses the discus during the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Tilton.

onds. Tiellar Mitchell ran to 14th place in 45.75 seconds.

Reid Wilkins finished in eighth place in the high jump, clearing five feet, four inches and in the javelin, Dalphonse had a top throw of 123 feet to place 14th overall. Libby finished 10th in the 110-meter hurdles in

17.8 seconds with Quentin Danciewicz-Helmers finished 16th in 19.62 seconds.

The lone points for the Bear girls came in the discus, where senior Becky Norton reached a distance of 94 feet, 10 inches to finish third overall. Teammate Megan Gebhardt threw 60

feet, three inches for 16th place.

Norton just missed out on scoring in the shot put, as she tossed 30 feet, two inches for seventh place, with Gebhardt in 14th place at 26 feet, two inches and Mackenzie Brunt finished 15th with a toss of 25 feet, 10 inches. Gebhardt also

finished in 14th place in the javelin with a throw of 73 feet, 11 inches.

The Bears also had one relay team competing, with the team of Megan Stafford, Danessa Duclos, Leslie Shattuck and Amy Combs combining to finish 14th in 4:52.73.

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Lynch delivers walk-off win for Bears

Homers by Mickewicz, Doan highlight win over Stevens

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — Evidently, the Newfound baseball boys didn't want to be upstaged by the softball teams.

The Bear softball girls had walked off with a win just a few minutes earlier and the baseball team sat tied with Stevens after six and a half innings on Wednesday, May 24.

So, the Newfound boys delivered their own walk-off, as Nick Lynch's grounder to third clanged off the Cardinal third baseman's glove and Matt Mickewicz raced home with the winning run in a 9-8 victory over Stevens.

"These guys are a blue collar baseball team," said coach John Larsen. "They grind it out.

"If people don't come ready to play innings and just sit back, we'll get it," he continued.

Stevens scored three runs in the top of the first inning off Newfound starter Matt Mickewicz but he and his teammates came right back in the bottom of the inning with plenty of fireworks of their own.

Nate Desrochers opened the inning with a base hit and Ricky DeLuca worked a walk. They came around to score when Ryan Coughlin reached on a throwing error.

Mickewicz then gave himself a lead when he blasted a shot over the fence in centerfield for the team's first homer of the season and a 4-3 lead.

Not to be outdone, teammate Mike Doan stepped to the plate next and delivered his own homer and Newfound led 5-3 after one inning



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Newfound senior players and managers pose for a photo prior to their final home game. Front row (l to r), Ricky DeLuca, Jarrod Fairbank, Matt Mickewicz and Cody Rouille. Back row (l to r), Grace Page, Devon Kraemer-Roberts, Ryan Coughlin, Charles Gould, Nate Desrochers and Alyssa Shaw.

of play.

Mickewicz set the side down in order in the top of the second inning and Newfound got walks from Charles Gould and Desrochers in the bottom of the inning but they couldn't get the runners home.

Mickewicz worked around an error in the top of the third inning and also got some help from Doan, who made a great play of a scalded bouncer to first base.

Mickewicz had a base hit in the bottom of the inning and Doan worked a walk but they were stranded and Stevens came up with two runs in the fourth inning to tie the game.

The Bears responded with three runs of their own in the bottom of the fourth inning to go up



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Matt Mickewicz (right) is congratulated by Mike Doan (16) after homering in the first inning last week. Moments later Doan ripped his own homer.

by an 8-5 score and held that lead through the fifth inning. However, Stevens put three runs on the board in the top

of the sixth inning, tying the game at eight.

Devon Kraemer-Roberts had a two-out walk in the bottom of the

sixth inning but he was stranded. Jarrod Fairbank tracked down a long fly ball for an out in the top of the seventh

and Mickewicz worked around a walk, with DeLuca coming out from behind the plate to make a nice play on a pop foul to end the inning.

Mickewicz then led off the bottom of the seventh with a base hit and he took second on a groundout by Doan. One out later, Lynch stepped up and hit a bouncer toward third. The Stevens third baseman charged the ball but it clanged off his glove and headed toward shallow left field. Mickewicz hit third and Larsen waved him home as the short-stop chased down the ball but the throw was too late and Newfound had the 9-8 win.

"That's the real deal over there," Larsen said of the Cardinals. "When you beat the real deal, you can be happy about that.

"They're in the top four for a reason," the Bear coach added.

He also praised the work of Mickewicz on the mound.

"He kept them off balance for most of the day," Larsen said. "And I think the two homers, that has to rattle a pitcher a little.

"I'm just so proud of them today," Larsen noted.

The Division III playoffs are set to begin today, June 1, at the home of the higher seed at 4 p.m. and continue Saturday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Thursday, June 8, at Southern New Hampshire University at 4 and 7 p.m.

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Muskrats meet and greet Sunday at Patrick's

GILFORD — The Winnepesaukee Muskrats of the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL), a summer wood bat league consisting of 13 member teams across the six New England states, and featuring some of the top college talent in the country, announced the social event of the summer. On Sunday, June 4, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Muskrats players, coaches and staff will be hosting a meet and greet at Patrick's Pub and Eatery.

"We started a new tradition last year, and the

Beetle family and their terrific staff at Patrick's have again extended the invitation to host a meet and greet with the players and coaches for the 2017 Muskrats season," stated Muskrats General Manager Kristian Svindland. "Admission will be free to our host families, volunteers and season ticket holders, and only \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Admission is payable at the door or online at www.muskratsbaseball.com.

"We will have a great spread from Patrick's and unlimited access to the players to discuss

the upcoming season, pose for pictures and get autographs. In addition, we will have door prizes and season passes and Muskrats apparel available."

The meet and greet at kicks off a busy week for the team as they travel to Mystic, Conn. on Tuesday for their first game of the season. Then on Friday, June 9, the Muskrats will play their first home game at Robbie Mills Field. The Muskrats are excited to announce that Belknap Landscape will be the official sponsor of Opening Night this year and ad-

mission to the 6:05 p.m. game will be free to all.

The Muskrats will conduct summer baseball camps again this year, sponsored by Graham & Graham, P.C. Children between the ages of six and 13 can participate in the July camps held at Robbie Mills and instructed by the Muskrat players. Registration fees include coaching fees, camper t-shirt and game passes.

The Winnepesaukee Muskrats organization is a summer collegiate baseball team that brings the best college baseball players from

across the country to play at Robbie Mills Field in Laconia. The Muskrats are a member of the 13-team New England Collegiate Baseball League. The Muskrats joined the NECBL in October 2009 and are a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that depends on community support and volunteers for its existence and continued operation.

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um in Nashua at 5 and 7 p.m. and the finals are Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University. The Division III girls' lacrosse quarterfinals are today, June 1, at 5 p.m. at the home of the higher seed and the semifinals are Saturday, June 3, at Laconia High School at 5 and 7 p.m. The Division III finals are Tuesday, June 6, at Southern New Hampshire University at 5 p.m.

The track meet of champions is Saturday, June 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Merrimack High School.

The unified volleyball tournament begins on Friday, June 2, at 6 p.m. and continues on Tuesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 8, both at 4 p.m. and all at the home of the higher seed.

Softball Bears walk off with win over Stevens

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — After his team gave up a run in the top of the sixth inning to give up the lead to Stevens on Wednesday, May 24, and didn't answer in the bottom of the inning, Newfound softball coach Corey Johnston had complete confidence that the game wouldn't go to extra innings.

With the top of his lineup due up in the bottom of the seventh, the Bear coach was pretty sure the job would get done and he turned out to be 100 percent correct.

Amanda Johnston ripped a base hit to left to drive in Kylee MacDonald with the winning run as the Bears got a 2-1 win over the Cardinals in the final home game of the season.

"I knew the top of the order was going to come through," Johnston said. "That was a good game."

He credited the team with putting the mistakes that led to the Cardinals tying the game behind them and moving on.

"You have to put stuff behind you," the Newfound coach said. "They're getting that and putting it behind them pretty quickly."

Johnston got the start in the pitcher's circle for the Bears and struck out two in the first inning, working around a base hit. MacDonald reached on an error to open the bottom of the inning and stole second, but she was stranded. Johnston walked the second batter in the top of the second, but catcher Ashlee Dukette sprang from behind the plate to catch a popped up bunt attempt and fired to Hailie Clark at first to double off the runner, ending the inning.

Victoria Roman was hit by a pitch with two outs in the bottom of the second inning and she took second on a wild pitch, but could not get any further.

The two teams went back and forth for the next inning without getting on the board and Newfound was able to take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning. Dukette worked a walk and came around to score on a base hit by Julianne Marchand.

MacDonald led off the bottom of the fifth inning with a triple and Kasey Basford worked a walk and stole second. The Bears appeared to have another run when Johnston grounded to third. She was thrown out at first and MacDonald broke for home.



Seniors Hailie Clark, Paige Dostie and Amanda Johnston played their final regular season home game last Wednesday.



Kylee MacDonald rounds second on her way to third with a triple against Stevens.

However, the umpire ruled that Johnston interfered with the throw from first to the plate and called MacDonald out and the Bears were unable to get the run they needed.

Stevens came up with the tying run in the top of the sixth. A walk opened the inning and a bunt moved her up to second. However, a throwing error sent the ball out of bounds along third base, allowing Stevens to get the run home. Mackenzie Ryan made a great running catch in foul territory in right field for the second out and after a base hit, Johnston got a strikeout to end the inning.

With one out in the bottom of the inning, Marchand had a base hit and one out later, Paige Dostie also had a base hit but they were both stranded. The Cardinals got a double to lead off the seventh inning and advanced the runner to third with a bunt, but a pop fly to right and a strikeout ended the inning.

MacDonald then led off the bottom of the inning with a double and Basford beat out an infield hit and stole second. Johnston then delivered the base hit to plate the winning run.

"They came to play too," Johnston said, pointing to the Stevens dugout. "They're also a playoff-bound team."

"This was a must win to get home field in the first round," Johnston continued, noting that a win in the season finale could possibly give the team home games in the first two rounds.

He was also happy to see his kids win a close game with the playoffs on the horizon since often times those types of games are prevalent in the playoffs.

"I'm happy it was a close game when it was over," he said with a laugh, noting it's not as much fun in the game.

"When you make an error, a team could shut down," Johnston noted. "They didn't do that and that was the most important thing."

The Division III softball tournament was slated to open on Wednesday and will continue with quarterfinal action on Saturday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed and the semifinals are Wednesday, June 7, at 5 and 7 p.m. at Plymouth State.

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For once, a short drive for track State Meet day

Traditionally track State Meet weekend means a nice long trek somewhere to cover the Division II Meet, which features Kennett, Kingswood and Plymouth from my coverage area. Last year, with Division II holding its meet in the morning and Division III in the afternoon, I actually go to see both meets.

However, this year, the NHIAA scheduled all the State Meets for the afternoon, which meant I could only be at one of the meets, since they were happening at the same time. With three schools at Division II and only two schools at Division III, the decision traditionally is Division II and that was the case this year. Our reporter in the Tilton area was able to get some pictures at the Division III meet, since he was there for his teams.

While the afternoon start time was not ideal, the location absolutely was. This year the meet was held at Kennett High School in North Conway, which is a much shorter drive than the normal locations it's been over the past few years, includ-

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ing places like Milford and Portsmouth.

Of course, with it being Memorial Day weekend, the biggest issue facing all the teams heading to North Conway was traffic, as Conway's traffic is always a nightmare and even more so on holiday weekends. Kennett Athletics Director Neal Weaver sent out notices to all the schools planning on attending to leave extra time to get to the school. Kings-

wood coaches noted that their transportation company allotted them two hours to make the 40-mile trip from Wolfeboro.

And still, a couple of teams arrived on the late side, thanks to being stuck in an accident on Route 16 that further snarled traffic.

I took the back way all the way from Meredith, taking the scenic route through Sandwich and into West Ossipee and then through Freedom and Madison before arriving at the high school. Traffic wasn't much of a problem and I arrived in plenty of time.

The start of the meet

included a great moment where longtime Kennett coach Bernie Livingston was honored for his service to the track community. Fittingly, the award, which is usually presented later in the season, was presented to the coach on the infield of the Livingston Oval. Livingston's wife, Eileen, a constant presence at track meets all season, along with sons Sean and Tim, daughters Cathy and Terry and grandchildren Julianna and Tim were in attendance and Livingston received a standing ovation from the crowd.

There are few people I know that have done more for their sports at their schools than the Livingstons have done for track and cross country at Kennett. Bernie and Eileen are truly remarkable indi-

viduals and their dedication to the students is incredible. Anyone looking for a good coaching role model should look no further than Bernie Livingston.

In my mind, any honor he receives is well-earned.

Finally, have a great day Bernie and Eileen Livingston.

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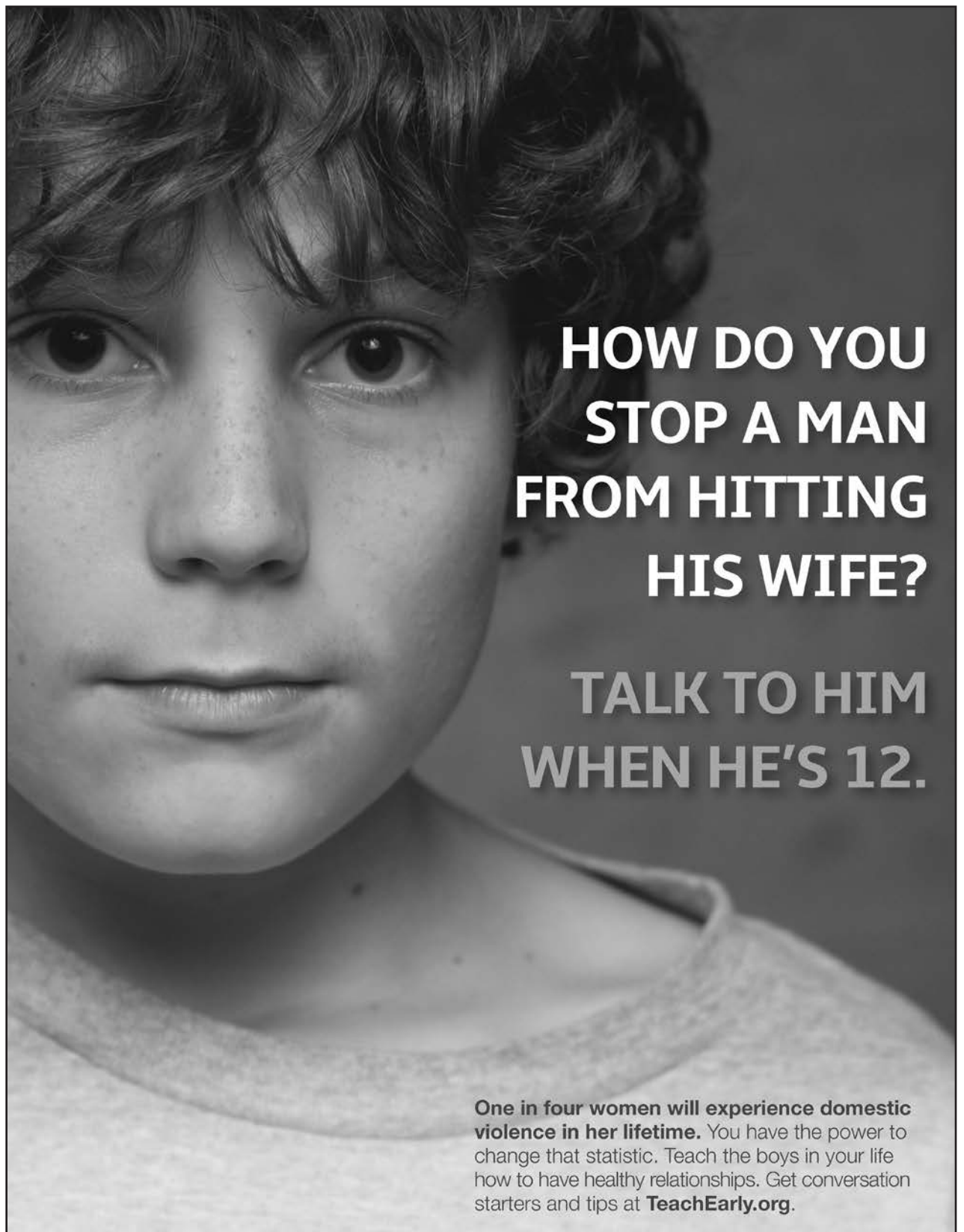
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New Hampton teams win Lakes Region titles

NEW HAMPTON — Two New Hampton School teams celebrated back to back Lakes Region championship titles on Saturday, May 21, girls' varsity softball and the boys' varsity lacrosse team closing a second undefeated season with a hard-fought battle against Brewster Academy.

The softball team won its second consecutive

Lakes Region Championship. Emily Picard's two-out two-run single in the bottom of the seventh propelled the Huskies to an epic 3-2 victory over the Tilton Rams. Maryellen Leach was spectacular if not masterful after the first inning where she yielded both of Tilton's runs. The Husky sophomore surrendered but five hits, while striking out nine and walking

four Tilton batters.

New Hampton finished the year at 15-2 and will graduate seniors Sam Shamberger, Sarah Snow, Cierra SanRoman, Madison Adler, Lala Ocasio and Taylor Curtis. This year's finale was also an appropriate send-off for four-year coach Rick Marcella, who will return to his home in North Bridgton, Maine as head football coach at



COURTESY PHOTO

The New Hampton boys' lacrosse team finished off its second undefeated season in a row and third consecutive Lakes Region championship.



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The New Hampton softball team celebrates its Lakes Region championship.

Bridgton Academy.

Boys' lacrosse followed the lead and momentum of the Lady Huskies and defeated Lake Region rival Brewster Academy Bobcats for their third consecutive championship title, ending their second undefeated season 14-0. The team is ranked sixth in all of New England and was named USA Today's top 24th team in the nation. In a display of true teamwork, the team jumped ahead of Brewster in the beginning of the game and never looked back. Notable players include seniors Christian Thom-

as, Johnny Moore, Dom Dimitroff, Harrison Piper, Guthrie Little, Wes Narweski, Luke Albert, Charlie Backer and Max McGuire. Matt Narewski, who will matriculate at Johns Hopkins University this fall, did not lose a faceoff the entire game, allowing a powerful offense to lead the charge.

In addition to these notable titles, the boys' varsity tennis team placed second in doubles and singles in the Lakes Region tournament and the girls' varsity lacrosse team was defeated by Brewster Academy Bob-

cats in the Lakes Region Championship Game.

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With their top-three finishes, Norton and Ntourtourekas both qualified for the Meet of

Champions, which will take place on Saturday, June 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Merrimack High School. The remainder of the field will be determined by the top times, dis-

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