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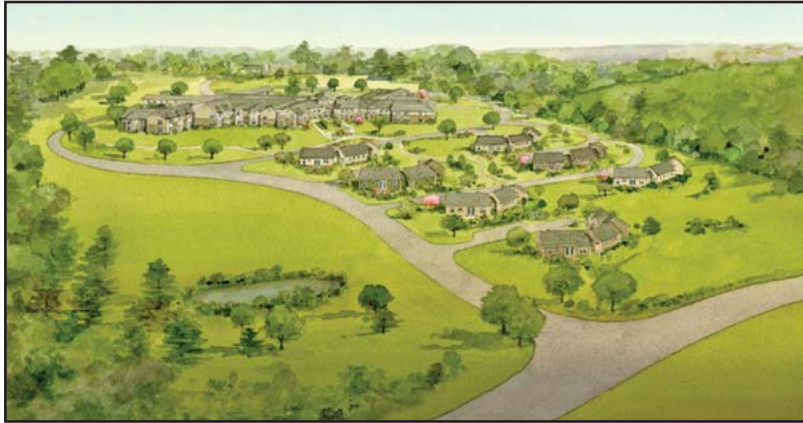
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Commission Approves 51 Moose Hunt Lottery Permits For 2017

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission has approved 51 moose hunt lottery permits this year, the lowest number since the state started its current system in 1988.

Permits have declined in recent years, partly because of the impact of parasites, both winter tick and brainworm, on the moose population. Last year, 71 lottery permits were issued.

The proposal would need to be approved by the New Hampshire Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

Permits have been suspended in the southwest region because the estimated density of moose there has declined to the "cutoff threshold" in the state's moose management plan. Permits have been reduced in the north and White Mountain regions.

Moose hunt applications for the June 16 lottery must be postmarked or submitted online by midnight on May 26. The hunt runs from Oct. 21-29.

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A bull moose shown brush browsing in a file photo. Moose were beneficiaries of last year's drought. **See Story Page 13.** (File Photo/Wayne Laroche)

Close To Home

A Reluctant Good-bye

A wise skiing friend once told me, "You know, come summer, you're going to wish you were skiing."

That's a hard thing to explain to someone who isn't hooked on this sport. I love summer. The warmth and color, the bike rides and hikes, the long days of light, the sandy beaches, the crisp vegetables picked fresh from the backyard garden. But sometimes, even on those long, hot, lovely days, I dream of skiing. Of gliding in perfect, arcing turns through snow. It is, perhaps, the closest thing to flying I'll ever feel. Freedom. Power. Grace.



By Meghan McCarthy McPhaul

after a snow-squalling Saturday, and we went out for a few more runs. Soft, sloughy, sunny runs. More exploration of new places. More turns down old favorites. I could have stayed all day.

Alas, springtime chores called us home, where the kids swiftly traded long johns and ski boots for shorts and sneakers and ditched their skis for bikes and soccer balls.

My children seem unaffected by the late-season ski fever that has enveloped me these April days. They are mostly indifferent about the prospect of more skiing so late in the season.

They are happy for the warmth, for the first signs of greening grass, for the freedom of running outside unencumbered by extra layers.

In many ways, I'm happy for spring's arrival, too. I love that there's light in the sky when I wake early in the mornings, and that it lingers past dinner time. It was nice, during the warm spell early this week, to open the windows to that new-spring scent of fresh air floating indoors. I gladly notice new birdsong nearly every day as the warm-weather, feathered residents return gradually, following the snowmelt. The blooming of the first crocuses thrilled me as it has every spring since I was a little girl.

Still, I'm reluctant to bid a firm adieu to winter. And so I snuck away from the desk Monday morning for a few more spring skiing runs. The combination of warm sun on my face and soft snow beneath my skis was blissful. I wanted it to last, just a little longer.

Maybe we'll get in one more day of skiing this weekend. If we do, I imagine it will be just enough to keep me longing for more – fodder for those summer days to come, when dreams of skiing sneak in past the warmth and color, and I am floating through cool white again.

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Normally by this point, mid-way through April, I am good and ready to say so long to winter. This year, though, I am having a hard time letting winter – at least the skiing part of winter – go.

It feels like a reluctant farewell to a loved one, where you ache for one more hug before the last good-bye. No matter how many runs I take, I want just one more perfect one, because I don't know when the next one will come.

This winter was one of ups and downs – early snow, mid-season rain and ice, deep February powder days followed by another thaw, and another brief deep freeze in March. These April days are like a bonus to a ski season that fluctuated throughout, from one extreme to the next and back again.

The first Sunday of April, on our first weekend day off from coaching (me) and race training (kids), we went out for a few family runs and ended up skiing until after the lifts stopped running, exploring glades we'd never skied and spending a near-perfect afternoon with friends.

Our last run was on an old trail through the woods, cut some 80 years ago by a Civilian Conservation Corps crew. This trail branches off from the main ski area after a short hike, then winds its way down through an old forest, past rocky outcroppings, to the end of a dirt road a few miles from the base of the ski area.

The day ranks among my most favorite ski days ever. Maybe, I thought, it would be our last of the season. But, greedily, I hoped for more.

Last Sunday dawned sunny and warm again,

Sununu To Nominate Heads Of Labor, Environmental Departments

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Republican Gov. Chris Sununu is nominating new commissioners for the departments of labor and environmental services, moving further toward filling out his own cabinet.

Franklin Mayor Ken Merrifield, who is active in Republican politics, is Sununu's choice to lead the New Hampshire Department of Labor. Merrifield is currently a business administrator in the state's health department. He'll replace Jim Craig, who has

remained in the post since his term expired in August.

Sununu is naming Peter Kujawski, a former Sig Sauer executive, to lead the Department of Environmental Services. Kujawski is now an executive for a glass company and has worked in a variety of business roles. Former Commissioner Tom Burack recently left the job.

Both choices will need to be confirmed by the Executive Council.



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This is a depiction of what the Summit at Morrison senior living community in Whitefield is expected to look like when completed. Currently, a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant application for the project is suspended because of an impasse over federal funding. (Courtesy image)

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North Country: Suspended Grant Funding Could Impact Region

BY ROBERT BLECHL
staff writer

Like the proposed elimination of the Northern Border Regional Commission, another federal funding source for North Country economic development and housing projects is now in jeopardy - the Community Development Block Grant.

On Thursday, the N.H. Community Development Finance Authority, which administers the grant program, announced that while the U.S. Congress previously passed a continuing resolution to provide CDBG funding for fiscal year 2017, it did not pass a full year of funding and the resolution expires April 28.

As a result, several CDBG applications for the North Country are suspended, including a \$500,000 grant for a new Friendship House substance abuse treatment facility in Bethlehem as well as a \$500,000 grant for The Morrison senior living community, to be called Summit by Morrison, in Whitefield, a \$25 million project already under construction.

"It's definitely highly utilized in the North Country and the benefits of it are well known."

— CDFA Executive Director Taylor Caswell

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Amid Confusion, Northern Pass Hearings Begin Thursday With William Quinlan

BY CHRISTOPHER JENSEN
InDepthNH.org

CONCORD — Amid ongoing confusion, the trial-like proceedings that will determine whether the state approves or denies Northern Pass' application to build a 192-mile transmission line from Pittsburg to Deerfield will begin on Thursday, April 13.

William Quinlan, president and chief operating officer of Eversource, Northern Pass' partner in the project, is scheduled to testify first. The hearings before the Site Evaluation Committee — as many as 40 in all — are expected to last into the summer and will be held in Concord at 49 Donovan St.

A total of 25 businesses, organizations, municipal groups and individuals are scheduled to cross-examine Quinlan with Thursday's hearing expected to wrap up no later than 5:15 p.m.

Philip Bilodeau of Deerfield said he is number 20 on the list to cross-examine Quinlan. He is taking the day off from work as Concord's deputy director of the general services department, but is worried time might run out on Thursday.

"We would lose our chance," Bilodeau said. "I'm not clear what I can ask. I will ask as much as I am

able to until they stop me."

A prehearing conference on April 4 added more confusion than clarity, he said.

Bilodeau said he is not sure how to navigate the complex legal process. He and his wife Joan have actively opposed Northern Pass because the substation where it will end in Deerfield is not far from their backyard.

Bilodeau said he and Joan have already bought orange sweatshirts to join the April 23 circling of the State House in Concord to protest the project.

Northern Pass is seeking to bring 1,090 megawatts of hydropower from Canada through New Hampshire to the New England grid. Some intervenors have been working on their legal arguments since first learning of the project in 2010.

Kris Pastoriza serves on the Easton Conservation Commission. She was arrested for blocking work in Easton along Route 116 where project subcontractors were scheduled to drill bore holes in August.

"Like many intervenors, I have spent hundreds of hours reading portions of the application (the whole application would take months of reading non-stop), doing research, looking at discovery data (submitted by the applicant in response to questions at tech. sessions), trying to find discovery data," Pastoriza

said in a long email explaining the complex issues intervenors have to study to make their case.

The report on the prehearing conference that was held April

4 was posted on the Site Evaluation Committee's website on Tuesday. It was written by the SEC's legal counsel Michael J. Iacopino, then approved by Martin Honigberg, the SEC's presiding officer.

According to the report, Iacopino invited the parties to express their understanding of the procedural schedule.

"The parties expressed some confusion as to how issues assigned to different 'tracks' will be litigated," the report said.

It went on to say that Northern Pass will present its entire case-in chief first, before other parties will be required to present witnesses. It was determined that a third prehearing conference will be scheduled when Northern Pass is finished presenting its case to organize the balance of the proceedings.

"Some parties expressed confusion as to which issues will be addressed by which witness and were concerned that they might, as a result of confusion, fail to ask questions of the appropriate witness," the report said.

The parties were advised to carefully read the pre-filed testimony prior to the hearings to understand the issues addressed by each witness.

Northern Pass spokesperson Martin Murray said: "It's great to get to this point of actually beginning the final phase. We have to earn the approval of the SEC by demonstrating that the project has achieved that fine balance of providing significant benefit to New Hampshire without a significant adverse impact. We can do that.

"It's our sincere belief that Northern Pass offers tremendous benefit to the people of New Hampshire, in terms of jobs, tax revenue, lower energy costs and cleaner air. The SEC hearings provide the opportunity for a fact-based examination of the case we've made and, ultimately, a decision," Murray said.

Intervenor Daryl Thompson said she and her husband Brad have been fighting Northern Pass since the fall of 2010, when the first meetings were held

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News Briefs

Lisbon Finds Third Selectman

LISBON — The town that for a week in March had no governing body and for a week

after that had just one selectman, is expected to officially be back up to full capacity next week.

During their meeting on Monday, Lisbon selectmen Scott Champagne and Arthur Boutin announced their plan to appoint Brian Higgins.

On Tuesday afternoon, Town Clerk Jennifer Trelfa said Higgins is expected to be officially appointed during the board's next meeting on April 18.

Higgins, a Lisbon resident since 1979, works for J. Myers Builders, in Lisbon.

"I'm just looking for positive things to happen in Lisbon," Higgins said Tuesday evening. "I'd like to see the property tax go down if possible and the budget go down a little bit."

Champagne, a retired detective-sergeant with N.H. State Police who works part time for the post office and for Berry's school bus transportation, consulted with town counsel Walter Mitchell on options to rebuild a full select board. On April 3, he appointed Boutin, a lifelong Lisbon resident and former police officer.

The town could have gone the superior court route, through which a list of candidates would be provided to a judge, who would then appoint residents to the board based on qualifications, but it was able to keep the process with Champagne, who was elected during the March 21 town vote, and Boutin.

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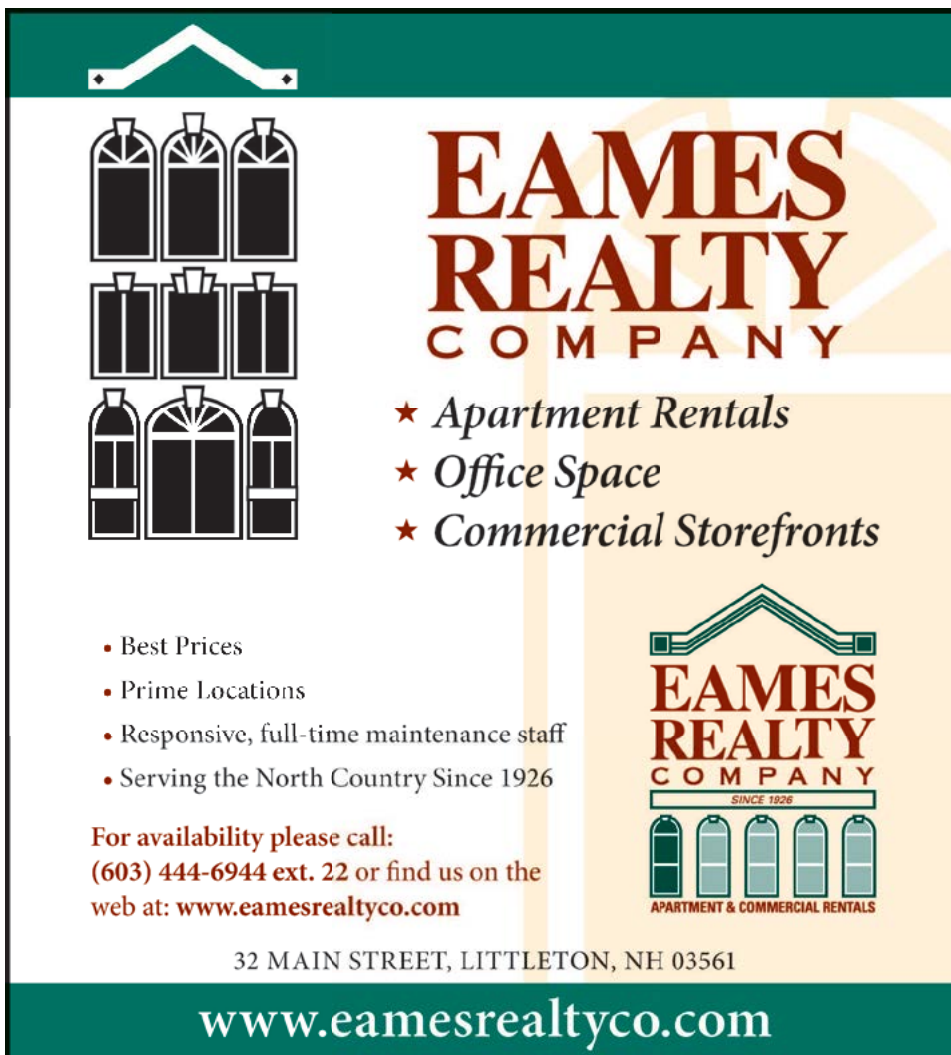
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U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-NH, left, is pictured with Carrie Gendreau at a roundtable discussion at the Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) in Bethlehem. Photo by Chris Jensen

Sen. Hassan Bill Would Help The North Country By Giving Young Entrepreneurs A Break

BY CHRISTOPHER JENSEN
InDepthNH.org

BETHLEHEM – Kirsten Silfvenius of Colebrook liked Sen. Maggie Hassan's idea: help the economy by providing a little fiscal relief for people who want to start a business, but are stymied by student loans.

Silfvenius is trying to get a marketing business going to help other entrepreneurs in the North Country.

And that's not made any easier because she is still paying off a student loan (think the price of a car) after graduating from Smith College.

"This is 100 percent up my alley and exactly what I would be looking for," she said Tuesday during a roundtable discussion at the Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) in Bethlehem.

The discussion centered on Hassan's first bill: The Reigniting Opportunity for Innovators (ROI) Act of 2017.

Hassan, a Democrat and former governor, said it's aimed at improving the economy by helping enthusiastic young entrepreneurs start businesses.

"The cost of getting a small business off the ground is really significant," Hassan said. "And, so, when you have student debt on top of that it really increases the challenge."

The bill would allow federal student loan payments (including interest) to be deferred for up to three years while launching a small business. It would be available to the founders of the business as well as full-time employees.

In an economically distressed area, the founder and employees would be eligible to have as much as \$20,000 forgiven.

Helping young entrepreneurs start businesses to boost the economy was the theme as about a dozen residents of the North Country met with Sen. Hassan in Bethlehem at the Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network in Bethlehem. Photo by Chris Jensen

"There are a significant number of Northern New Hampshire communities that would qualify for this forgiveness," Hassan said.

To be eligible, start-ups would have to be qualified by the federal government's Small Business Development Centers.

"What this bill calls for is if you want to qualify for the student loan debt relief you have to go to the Small Business Development Center, you have to have a five-year plan and they have to certify that it is an achievable, likely-to-succeed plan," Hassan said.

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Other North Country CDBG applications impacted by the suspension are Littleton's planned infrastructure improvements to support the expansion of Schilling Beer Co., which is pending review, and an application for micro-enterprise technical assistance for the Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network, in Bethlehem, which is expected to be submitted next Friday.

"It's definitely highly utilized in the North Country and the benefits of it are well known," CDFA Executive Director Taylor Caswell said Friday of the CDBG program.

Towns across the state and the nation depend on the federal funds to bring new jobs, help treat drug addiction, build workforce housing, and revitalize downtowns, among other important community and economic development projects, he said.

Although the Trump Administration has proposed eliminating the CDBG program in its entirety beginning in fiscal year 2018, Caswell believes that's unlikely and said the CDFA is working with N.H.'s federal delegation in an effort to restore funding.

In Whitefield, the CDBG money for The Morrison project would

not only go toward construction but also toward landscaping and awareness and education.

On Friday, Mell Brooks, development director the Morrison senior living community, said the suspension is not expected to impact or delay the project. A public hearing for the Whitefield funds remains scheduled before Whitefield selectmen on Monday.

"We're pressing on with the hope the funding issue will be resolved and are still looking forward to an opening around the first of the year," he said.

For smaller projects, however, like the Friendship House and Schilling Beer Co., CDBG funds make up a larger portion of the total funding package.

In March, Bethlehem selectmen approved an application for the Friendship House, and that \$500,000 CDBG would be the final funding piece and make up about 10 percent of the total project cost.

The Friendship House is run by Tri-County Community Action Program.

"We have already received \$500,000 of reservation of CDBG related to this important project," said TCCAP CEO, Robert Boschen. "We are attempting to reserve another \$500,000. CDBG is an important and integral part of the funding sources, and the parties involved with the construction of this project (AHEAD, Inc. and TCCAP) feel

comfortable saying that if these funds were to go away, it would have a material, if not devastating, impact on this project."

At the present time, TCCAP does not have any replacement funding available to take the place of the vital CDBG funds, he said.

"We are aware that CDBG is not the only funding source that is proposed to be reduced or eliminated," said Boschen. "Currently, there are no others that would influence the Friendship House."

The CDBG program provides financial assistance to municipalities for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income residents.

In addition to housing, substance abuse recovery centers and economic development, projects include public services, job creation and workforce training initiatives, and planning and emergency funding for high-priority municipal needs.

Since 2004, the CDFA has awarded more than \$126 million in CDBGs in N.H.

In March 2016, the CDFA awarded a \$500,000 CDBG to Littleton to support the upgrade of its aging sewer and storm infrastructure in the river district.

CDBG funding, provided by a Congressional appropriation, is provided to N.H. through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Because Congress did not pass a full year of funding, HUD has not distributed its allocation amounts to CDBG program administrators across the U.S.

As a consequence, the CDFA is now forced to limit awards being recommended to the Community Development Advisory Committee under the Housing and Public Facilities round to the amount of funding currently available, \$2.175 million.

Currently, that means four additional projects (none in the North Country) that would normally qualify for a CDBG award under prior-year allocation levels are not currently fundable.

When a resolution is reached in Washington, and when HUD provides specific allocation amounts for fiscal year 2017 and it is determined the funding level is adequate, CDFA representatives said they will move fast to recommence suspended application reviews.

In January, HUD typically tells the CDFA in New Hampshire how much it has to deploy in the state for the coming fiscal year, said Caswell. That hasn't happened yet.

"We think it's just a matter of time before this legislation is passed and signed, and once we get our numbers from HUD, we'll turn the switch back on," said Caswell.

The CDFA has been in contact with N.H.'s federal delegation, which includes U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, and Maggie Hassan, D-NH, and U.S. Reps. Ann Kuster, D-NH, and Carol Shea-Porter.

"Working families and communities throughout the Granite State can't afford to have vital programs like those funded by the New Hampshire CDFA and Community Development Block Grants pulled out from under them," said Kuster. "CDFA does essential work to encourage economic development, initiate critical infrastructure projects, and support affordable housing and economic opportunity initiatives. The fact that this good work is being jeopardized by the inability of Congress to perform one of its most basic functions is unacceptable."

Hearings

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in Colebrook.

"We've had several rallies and meetings at the house over the years, and this past year or so we're definitely putting in 30 to 40 hours a week — each! Brad does the research, and I do the typing and filing," she said.

Rick Samson is a Coos County Commissioner for District Three and also the spokesman for his intervenor group.

He's not going to be able to make the hearings this week because of foot surgery. It's a 164-mile drive each way for him to the Concord hearings.

"I'll go as much as I can. If I have to stay over I will," Samson said. With the exception of some organizations, most intervenors travel at their own expense, he said.



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Brian Hood, 70, of Littleton, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for simple assault. He was released on \$500 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Benjamin Parsons, 37, of Lancaster, was arrested March 29 on Main Street on a warrant. He was released on \$5,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Jacob Gainer-Davis, 24, of Littleton, was arrested March 29 on a bench warrant from Plymouth District Court and another warrant from Littleton District Court. He was released on a total of \$2,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in the Plymouth court on May 1 and Littleton court on May 9.

Eric Rexford, 31, of Littleton, was arrested March 28 on Crane Street on charges of criminal threatening, obstructing the report of a crime during a domestic violence incident, and conduct after an accident. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court April 11.

Krystin Curshmann, 25, of Cabot, Vt., was arrested March 26 on Meadow Street for willful concealment. She was released on \$750 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Jeremy Churchill, 36, of Cabot, Vt., was arrested March 26 on Meadow Street for criminal trespass. He was released on \$750 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Amanda Carroll, 39, of Littleton, was arrested March 26 on Interstate 93 for second-offense driving while intoxicated and having an open container. She was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court April 11.

Kathleen Lines, 49, of Meredith, was taken into protective custody March 25 along Interstate 93 for alcohol intoxication and released to an adult.

Joseph Boucher, 28, of Bethlehem, was arrested March 25 on Cottage Street on a warrant and held at the Grafton County House of Corrections.

Jacob Farnsworth, 20, of Littleton, was arrested March 24 on Union Street on charges of domestic violence and false imprisonment. He was released on \$2,500 personal recogni-

zance bail and is scheduled to appear in court April 11.

Dakota McLam, 21, of Littleton, was arrested March 24 on a warrant for contempt of court. He was released on \$1,500 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court on May 9.

Lukas Ayers, 19, of Groveton, was arrested March 23 on Crane Street on two counts of domestic violence assault. He was released on \$3,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Errol Chase, 49, of Woodstock, was arrested by Woodstock police on March 23 on a Littleton warrant for stalking. He was held at the Grafton County House of Corrections and arraigned March 24.

Nicole Bell, 35, of Littleton, was arrested on a warrant for two counts of drug possession and on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She was released on \$5,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Joanne Gafas, 69, of Newbury, was arrested March 21 for shoplifting. She was released on \$750 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

William Wessels, 72, of Bethlehem, was arrested by Bethlehem police on March 21 on a Littleton warrant for stalking. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court May 9.

Crystal Miller, 41, of Littleton, was arrested March 19 on Country Lane for domestic violence assault. She was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in court April 7.

N.H. STATE POLICE TROOP F

Randall Leach, 37, of Groveton, was arrested Wednesday on two bench warrants.

Justin Allard, 23, of Lyndonville was arrested April 2 by NHSP Troop E in Conway for marijuana possession.

Roland Gendron, 44, of Groveton, was arrested March 31 along Route 3 in Stratford for driving a vehicle with suspended registration.

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Alexandria Meisenheimer, 20, of Woodsville, was arrested March 7 for simple assault and breach of bail conditions.

Paul Eathorne, 39, of Mountain Lakes,

was taken into protective custody March 7 for alcohol intoxication.

Matthew E. Smith, 44, of Haverhill, was arrested March 4 for driving while intoxicated, driving after suspension, and conduct after an accident.

Kimberly Clough, 37, of Woodsville, was arrested March 4 for domestic violence as-

sault. She is scheduled to appear in court April 12.

Aaron Anderson, 33, of Piermont, was arrested March 1 for driving after suspension.

Kieran Morse, 21, of North Haverhill, was arrested Feb. 28 for being a fugitive from justice. He was held without bail and extradited to the state of Kentucky by the U.S. Army.





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Jason Christopher Eno

Jason Christopher Eno, 45, of River Road, Piermont, New Hampshire, died on Sunday, April 9, 2017, following an accident while felling a tree in Thetford, Vermont.

Jason was born in Haverhill, N.H. on Nov. 6, 1971, to Raymond A. Eno, Jr. and Barbara Marie (Young) Eno. He was a graduate of Woodsville High School, Class of 1989. He was employed by Dartmouth College in the heating and electrical division of the maintenance department.

Jason was a Harley-Davidson enthusiast. He enjoyed landscaping and working outdoors, especially with his John Deere tractors. He also loved camping in Maine, maple-sugaring, and hunting. Most important, however, was family time. He

treasured time with his children and his grandson, Patrick.

He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond Eno, Jr. on June 21, 1988 and Barbara Eno on Sept. 21, 2011.

Jason is survived by his children, Julie Eno and fiancé Andrew Jensen and Christopher Eno, both of Pike, N.H.; two grandchildren, Patrick and Adeline; two sisters, Nicole E. Tewksbury and



Jason Eno

Aaron Fadden of North Woodstock, N.H. and Andrea M. Zambon and husband Glenn of Newbury, Vt.; a brother, Ross W. Eno of Bethlehem, N.H.; along with nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; his two lifelong friends, Tim Spooner and Bob Thornton; and many friends.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, April 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a time of remembrance at 1 p.m. at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch St., Woodsville, N.H. Rev. Jane Wilson, of the Bethany Congregational Church of Pike, will officiate.

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com.

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.

Deborah (Dupont) Guinard

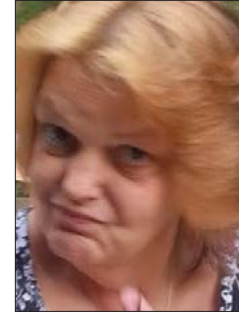
Deborah (Dupont) Guinard died April 9, 2017. Debbie, 54-years-old, was born on June 11, 1962, in Jefferson N.H. She fought a courageous battle with cancer.

Debbie worked many years in the health care field as a nurses assistant. Her grandchildren brought her much joy and happiness. She enjoyed Nature, camping, fishing and music.

She leaves behind her two sons: John M. Pinto and wife Jessica Pinto of Roxbury, Vt., Nicholas M. Pinto of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Seven siblings: Teresa (Dupont) Carriere of Gilman, Vt., Charles Woodward of Lancaster, N.H., Nancy (Woodward) Booth of Lyndonville, Vt., Michael Dupont of Queens, N.Y., Shelly (Dupont) Brown of Tilton, N.H., Jaclyn Dupont of Lancaster, N.H., and Marie Dupont of Sanford, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Debbie was predeceased by her parents, Sharon Ann (Fuller) Dupont and Lucien Dupont.

A celebration of Debbie's life will be held with family and friends.



Deborah Guinard

William James Bedor

William James Bedor, 93, of 31 West Elm Street, Littleton, New Hampshire, died at Littleton Regional Healthcare on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, after a short illness.

Bill was born on Sept. 5, 1923, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to William George Bedor and Edith M. (McDowell) Bedor. Bill began schooling in North Danville, Vermont, and attended the St. Johnsbury Vermont Trade School. Bill was predeceased by his parents, several brothers, a sister, and his wife, Winona Bedor.



William Bedor

Bill was married to Winona Elizabeth Rivers on June 30, 1942. Of the marriage were born three children: Roger W. Bedor of Littleton, Joel J. Bedor of Littleton, and Elizabeth Ann Bedor, who died at birth.

Bill was employed most of his life in trucking and road construction. He began work with his father's construction business, worked for several regional firms, owned a trucking business with his brother, Richard, and was Superintendent of Public Works in Littleton, New Hampshire, retiring in 1985. Never idle, Bill continued working for several more years, first with Tuite Contracting, then with The Mount Washington Cog Railway.

Bill joined the U.S. Army on March 23, 1943 and served until Oct. 21, 1945, achieving the rank of Technician 5. He was a member of Transportation Corps Company 1, 274 Infantry, 70th Division and the 992nd Engineer Treadway Bridge Company. Bill saw action beginning at Omaha Beach on D-Day and ending in Nienburg, Germany. His group built more than 30 bridges in support of infantry units, crossing the Seine River, the Meuse River, the Elber River, the Rhine River and others. His unit received a battlefield citation for "outstanding performance in bridging the Roar River in record time under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire." The longest bridge built by his unit was 1,080 feet long near Mehrum, Germany.

Bill enjoyed playing baseball as a youth and was an avid Red Sox fan, known to have many "friendly" debates with Dr. Richard Hill, an avid Yankees fan. Bill particularly enjoyed traveling to basketball and hockey games being played by his son, Joel, and his grandsons Steve and Bill, and the softball games of his great granddaughter, Kaytlin. Bill enjoyed traveling with his wife, Winona, and his brother, Walter, and sister-in-law, Iris. He enjoyed playing card games including canasta, cribbage, poker, and solitaire with his family and friends, as long as they didn't mind getting beaten!

Bill is survived by his sons, Roger and Joel, their wives Bobette and Catherine, his grandsons, Bill and Steve, his granddaughters, Annette and Kelly, his great granddaughter, Kaytlin, and several nephews and nieces.

A funeral service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 School St. Littleton on Saturday April 22 at 11 a.m. and visitation will be at Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home on April 21 from 5 to 7.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bill's name to All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 School St. Littleton, N.H.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, please go to www.pillsburyphaneuf.net.

Gilmore Kenneth Somers

Gilmore Kenneth Somers, 99, of Mosquitoville Road, West Barnet, Vt., died Thursday, April 6, 2017, at the St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center with his family comforting him at his bedside. Gilmore was born in Peacham, Vt., July

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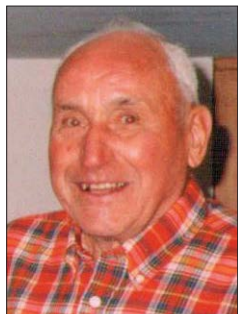
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8, 1917, a son of Lee and Caroline (Morrison) Somers. He started his education in a one room schoolhouse and graduated from Peacham Academy in 1936.

Gilmore helped his father and mother on the Green Bay Farm until he became a woodsman. He bought lumber tracts and cut off the wood, hauling the logs and pulp with his own truck. Retiring from trucking, he became the road foreman for the Town of Barnet. After retiring full time, he enjoyed taking care of his yard and vegetable garden. He water witched and doused for many wells in the area.



Gilmore Somers

In his younger years, he enjoyed dancing and roller skating. He played basketball, baseball and boxed. He continued to enjoy these sports throughout his life, from the comfort of his armchair. Also, he had fun coaching the Barnet girls' basketball team and his son's Little League teams.

Gilmore enjoyed hunting and going to hunting camp with his sons and brother, Dwight. He was also an avid fisherman. He always enjoyed a good conversation and was known for his story telling. He loved playing with his grandchildren, sitting on his porch watching traffic go by, and watching the birds and wildlife.

On March 24, 1946, he married Virginia Irene Ashford. She predeceased him on Sept. 12, 2014. He was also predeceased by a son-in-law, Harold G. Dunbar; his siblings, Leland Somers and wife Dorcas, Lawrence Dwight Somers, Eunice Jurentkuff and husband Karl, Gwendolen Hagen and husband Oscar, Beulah Gormley and husband Charles, Ruth Chandler and husband Sam, and Neverlie Murray and husband James.

Gilmore is survived by his children: Marcy Myers and husband Gene of Newport News, Va., Mallory Hacking and husband Robert of Wimauma, Fla., Gilmore K. Somers Jr. and wife Cora of Wells River, Vt., Carrie Dunbar of Barnet, Lee Somers of Orford, N.H., and Jeffrey Somers and wife Kris of Woodsville, N.H.; 13 grandchildren and several great- and great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, May, 23, at 1 p.m. in the Walter Harvey Cemetery, Mosquitoville, Vt., with Rev. Dr. Howard Gaston of the Presbyterian Church of West Barnet, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of one's choice or to the St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Activity Fund, 1248 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

For more information or to sign an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com.

Ricker Funeral Home, Woodsville, N.H., is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Theresa (Bernard) Richey

Pauline Theresa (Bernard) Richey, age 89, of Whitefield, N.H., passed away peacefully with

her husband of almost 69 years and her family by her side at Littleton Regional Healthcare on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Pauline was born on Sept. 19, 1927 in Gilman, Vermont to James and Mildred (Hartshorn) Bernard and raised there and on a farm in Lancaster, N.H. She graduated from Lancaster Academy in 1945 and worked as an operator for New England Telephone. Pauline married Kenneth E. Richey of Littleton on June 5, 1948 in Lancaster. They lived in Littleton where they raised their three children.

In 1983, Pauline and Kenneth moved to Forest Lake in Whitefield. She was the bookkeeper of her husband's construction business and Pauline also worked at Mildred C. Lakeway Elementary School as a teacher's assistant in the Multiple Handicapped program for many years. After retirement, she and Ken traveled through the United States and Canada with their various recreational vehicles, spending months in Alaska, Colorado, and Arizona. They also became one of Florida's "snowbirds" as they traveled south each winter until 2012. In 2014, Pauline and Ken moved to the McIntyre School Apartments in Whitefield where they enjoyed the companionship of fellow residents, the activities, and the wonderful staff.



Pauline Richey

Pauline always had a love for the outdoors; she enjoyed watching the birds, and kept beautiful gardens. She enjoyed family cook outs at the lake, doing puzzles, playing games and always had a book that she was reading. Pauline showed her creativity through her beautiful knitting as well as other crafts, like basket weaving. Her grandchildren will always remember her for her delicious banana oatmeal cookies, her famous "Jam-Jam" cookies during the holidays, the big breakfasts she made for them when they spent the night and her thoughtful, hand-written, letters in the mail. Some of her favorite moments were spent attending her grandchildren's (and then great-grandchildren's) sporting events and activities. Pauline was also a lifelong Red Sox fan.

She was predeceased by her mother, Mildred Bernard in 1931; her father, James Bernard; the mother who raised her, Florence Bernard; and her only brother, Gordon Bernard.

Pauline is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth Richey, of Whitefield, N.H.; her three children, Junette Pearson and husband, Gray, of St. Simons Island, Ga.; Edwin Richey and wife, Diane, of Whitefield, N.H.; and Kim Richey and wife, Kimberly, of Chateaugay, N.Y. She leaves seven grandchildren, Stephanie Menard and husband, Bill, of Cumberland, R.I.; Gray Pearson of Dallas, Texas; Kendra Austin and husband, Todd, of Rumney, N.H.; Jonathan Pearson and wife, Erin, of Meredith, N.H.; Jennifer Sullivan and husband, Scott, of Newtown, Pa.; Abigail Butler and husband, Josh, of Lusby, Md.; and Katherine Rautenberg and husband, Erik, of Randolph

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The prior selectmen, Peter Nightingale, Tom Demers and Matthew Yeramian, resigned en masse on the eve of town meeting. Nightingale and Demers cited frustration with a group of residents.

While the new selectmen will eventually be looking to fill the town administrator position - vacated in February by Dan Merhalski - Trelfa said the next step is to hire an office secretary to get the town offices back to sufficient staffing levels.

Although next week's appointment will be the second appointment in just as many weeks, it won't be too long before residents get the opportunity to vote for their board members.

Both Boutin's and Higgins' seats will be up for reelection in March 2018, with one a three-year seat and the other a one-year seat, to keep them staggered. By that time, Champagne will have two years left on his term.

Select Board Tables Landfill Committee

BETHLEHEM — After deliberating Monday, selectmen, in a split decision, voted to table the proposed landfill study committee, saying they don't want to rush it.

"We want more time to develop goals and have a clear outline of objectives for the committee," Mary Moritz, chair of the board of selectmen, said Tuesday. "It seems to be moving very fast and we want to be thorough and not waste people's time. We thought more time in between would be appropriate."

The vote - with new selectmen Moritz, Linda Moore and Gabe Boisseau in favor of waiting and selectmen Martin Glavac and Richard Ubaldino opposed - comes a month after residents rejected, in a 407 to 526 vote, to add 100 acres to the current 61-acre landfill district to accommodate the proposed expansion of the Casella Waste Systems landfill.

They also rejected a new 20-year host community agreement with Casella. That effort failed by 32 votes.

A week later, during the first meeting of the new board, resident Timothy Vaughan suggested selectmen form a committee within a month to study the environmental and economic issues of the landfill, which has once again caused a split in town after Casella announced last year it wants to expand the facility, which many residents thought would close after the host community agreement approved by voters in 2012 expires in 2021.

Since then, however, Casella bought more than 100 adjacent acres.

Residents of expansion say it is needed to prevent a tax spike. Opponents cite environmental, odor and other concerns and say the town should draw more tourism-related business to Bethlehem.

Vaughan suggested a committee of nine members, including one select board member, and recommended they work with outside consultants to compile a report.

Sununu's Environmental Nominee Faces Questions On Experience

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Gov. Chris Sununu's nominee to lead the Department of Environmental Services said Wednesday while he isn't up to speed on the state's major environmental projects, he would bring his background as a business leader to the job along with experience in hazardous materials and sustainability.

Whether Peter Kujawski, a Bedford business executive, has the qualifications to lead a department tasked with environmental protection was a focus of a public hearing before the Executive Council, which must confirm his nomination.

Kujawski admitted he is not totally knowledgeable about all of New Hampshire's environmental regulations or programs, including the Clean Power Plan and the proposed Northern Pass transmission line project. But he said he is a competent manager with a strong track record of leading complex organizations. He also stressed his commitment to protecting New Hampshire's environment.

"We will seek to resolve all environmental problems and challenges through

technology, innovation, efficiency or hard work," Kujawski said, describing his vision for the department.

The Department of Environmental Services is tasked with managing and protecting the state's air, land and water resources. It has an annual budget of more than \$200 million and more than 400 employees.

Kujawski is a former executive of New Hampshire-based companies Sig Sauer, the firearms manufacturer, and Nanocomp Technologies. Most recently he worked at View, Inc., which makes glass that automatically tints in the sun.

He highlighted his involvement in the Eagle Scouts, his expertise in hazardous materials and his work in sustainability as further qualifications for the job. He has a degree in chemical engineering and served as a colonel in the U.S. Army.

Prior to his nomination, Kujawski was a relative unknown in Concord's political and environmental spheres. He said he was seeking a return to public service when he talked with Sununu last December and had discussed a variety of potential roles in the administration, including in the departments of labor or resources and economic development.

He told councilors Wednesday he met with environmental groups this week and

committed to work with them. But he also said he hasn't given much thought to how the department can work to combat climate change, which he believes exists and is man-made.

"My objective would be to make the organization the best environmental protector in the nation," Kujawski said.

Many business leaders and former state commissioners showed up to testify in favor of Kujawski, calling him an effective leader who can get the job done. No one testified against him.

"No one will outwork him or have more energy," said Ken Clark, the state's former adjutant general. "There will be a rush to get running shoes at (the department) because they'll have a hell of a time trying to keep up."

The council hasn't set a date for voting on Kujawski's nomination. After the hearing, Republican Councilor Joe Kenney said he's inclined to support Kujawski. Democratic Councilor Chris Pappas was less sure.

"He's an outside-the-box nominee for this department. I would like to see someone with more of an environmental background who has more of a demonstrated passion for environmental issues," Pappas said. "But I'm willing to give him a look."

Moritz said no specific date has been set as to when selectmen will again take up the issue of the committee.

"We aren't in any rush, but we are all in agreement it's important and needs to be done," she said. "It certainly needs to be looked at before studying the budget because we need to set money aside."

Some residents have already expressed interest in serving.

Lancaster: Riding Club Silent On Any Changes

As the weather warms and another fair nears, the White Mountain Riding Club is still not responding to inquiries about any changes that might be made in horse shows and classes involving young children.

In September 2016, a 4-year-old girl was killed at a WMRC class at the Lancaster Fair, and two witnesses in the police report say the bridle on the horse at the time should not have been used with a child.

Although refusing to say if any changes will be made, the club is changing its insurance policy, increasing the policy to \$1 million, and amending its bylaws to indemnify its board of directors and officers from any personal liability and responsibility, according to recent WMRC meeting minutes.

The girl, Mackennah Mae Caulder, died from injuries sustained when the horse reared up and fell on her during a riding class. Police concluded the incident was an accident and did not pursue criminal negligence or other charges.

According to one witness in the report, the

horse reared once and the handler snapped the lead line and it reared again and on the third time flipped over backwards.

One witness told police it is her professional opinion that the lead line passed through both sides of the bit, which would create a pinching effect to the horse's mouth.

Another witness said the bits being used were leverage bits and if a rider pulls too hard on the reins it applies pressure to the horse's mouth and could cause the horse to rear.

"From personal experience and knowledge, the child should never have been on this horse," she told police. "He is a very high-strung horse and should only be ridden by an experienced rider."

A call placed Friday to WMRC President Ramona Chessman and an email sent to the club's general email address asking if protocol for shows involving young children will change, if the procedure for leading horses will change, if there will be age minimums for children, if horses will be assessed for temperament and safety, and how parents can be assured riding events will be safe for their children were not returned.

According to the club's Dec. 19 meeting minutes, the insurance renewal date was then nearing and the club was looking into increasing its policy to \$1 million and indemnifying club members against personal liability.

At the Jan. 18 meeting, the club announced it has the \$1 million policy through the North American Horseman's Association and it will cover all 2017 horse shows and the clinic.

According to its website, the WMRC offers educational activities, individual and family horse activities, and fair competition.

Death Of Victim & Witness Muddles Machete Case

The Littleton man accused of wielding a machete at his girlfriend and threatening to kill her had his charges dropped earlier this week because the woman, the key witness, died two days later from an overdose, Littleton police said Friday.

The case, however, might not be over and could be revived at the office of the Grafton County attorney.

"We believe a crime still did occur, however, the circumstances of the victim passing away changed our prosecution point-of-view and that's why we sent it to the county attorney," said Littleton Police Chief Paul Smith. "There is a lot going on and that's why we sent it there."

The woman died April 1 in Vermont and Smith said Vermont State Police are determining if it was an accidental overdose or suicide.

A call placed to VSP Friday inquiring where in Vermont the death occurred, if it was related in any way to the Littleton incident, if their investigation is complete, and if they have officially determined if it was accidental or intentional was not returned.

On March 30, Christian LaRose, 41, was arrested on two Class B felony counts of criminal threatening and one Class B felony count of second-degree assault for allegedly placing his hands around the woman's neck, wielding the machete and asking her if she wanted to die.

He had also been charged with three Class A misdemeanor counts of assault and obstructing the report of a crime by smashing her cell phone

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as she tried to call police.

Police eventually made contact with her at Porfido's Market on Main Street, and responding officers said they observed injuries to her face and hand. LaRose was arrested where the threats and assaults allegedly occurred, in an apartment at 110 Union St.

Before the charges were dismissed, his bail had been set at \$60,000 personal recognizance and \$10,000 cash bail.

In 2015, according to Littleton police records, he was arrested on four counts of intimidation and criminal threatening.

N.H. Woman In Swastika Case Lawyers Up, Asks Court To Dismiss

NORTH HAVERHILL — The Bethlehem woman being sued after allegedly labeling a Littleton shop owner a racist for displaying a pre-Nazi era flour sack with a symbol resembling a swastika has now lawyered up and is asking the court to dismiss the case.

Attorney Michael Lewis, of Concord, is representing Katherine Ferrier pro bono public, or at no charge, according to documents.

On Wednesday, Lewis, the grandson of German Jews who he said were welcomed into the U.S., declined to say specifically why he is representing Ferrier pro bono, but did say the case “involves First Amendment issues and interfaces with very important matters of public concern.”

In a motion filed Tuesday at Grafton Superior Court, Lewis, of the law firm Rath, Young and Pignatelli, argues any comments Ferrier made to Nicole Guida, owner of the former Chic & Unique antique shop on Littleton's Main Street, is protected free speech under the New Hampshire and U.S. constitutions.

“The bedrock constitutional rights are violated by [Guida's] civil action,” he wrote, submitting a 23-page memorandum of law supporting the motion to dismiss.

In that memorandum, he argues, “Even assuming the truth of the accusations contained in [Guida's] complaint, granting [Guida] the remedies she seeks would suppress protected discussion and debate regarding the swastika and its symbolic meaning to surviving victims of Shoah, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as to many other citizens, Katherine included, who remain justifiably sensitive to the devastation of the Nazi blight.

“It would burden Katherine's right to question or comment on perhaps the most fraught symbol of evil in all of human history ... [and] in the process would turn this court into a censor regarding the content, tone, tenor, and volume of protected speech,” he wrote.

Lewis requests a hearing on the matter as well as any award or relief the court deems appropriate.

In February, Guida, who is being represented by Manchester attorney Kirk Simoneau, filed

Drought Was Tough On Farmers, But Good For Moose

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Last year's drought in New Hampshire was tough on farmers and towns. But, it turns out, it was good for moose.

Preliminary numbers from a project that puts tracking collars on moose show that only one of the calves — the most vulnerable group — died from winter ticks this year. A year ago, nearly 75 percent of the calves tracked died.

Project leaders are still watching with caution, as winter ticks are in the adult stage in April and are feeding heavily. But moose biologist Kristine Rines said the tick count was down on moose collared in January; many of the blood-sucking parasites died because they were deprived of moisture.

Still, the ticks have a long-term advantage, with shorter winters and moose density on their side. If you add regular drought to the picture, “maybe the ticks will naturally die down a bit, but they're not going to go away, unfortunately,” she said.

The latest findings come as a state commission prepares to vote Wednesday on a proposed 51 permits for the annual moose hunt, the lowest in nearly 30 years. It was 71 last year. Permits have declined, partly because of the impact of ticks and brainworm on moose. Permits also are down to 80 in Vermont, from 165 last year. Maine authorities want to cut the number of moose permits to 2,080, 60 less than last year. The states are part of a moose mortality study that tags and follows the animals.

Maine doesn't have calf data for this year, yet. Vermont, which joined the study this year and didn't have drought issues as serious as New Hampshire, has seen five of its 30 collared calves die, so far.

Many residents are concerned about the future of moose, but they disagree on what to do about it. Some, including the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, which represents more than 15,000 hunters, fishers and trappers, says it supports fewer hunting permits. It understands the Fish and Game Department's goals to maintain a

a six-count lawsuit against Ferrier that alleges Ferrier put her in a false light, negligently and intentionally inflicted emotional distress, and interfered with her business to an economic detriment.

Guida, seeking a jury trial, argues that Ferrier, after the Nov. 26 encounter, launched a Facebook campaign against her and wrongly accused her of being a racist for displaying the antique flour sack, and as a result she lost business and had to close her store.

According to her complaint, Guida, who said she regularly displays antique flour sacks for sale, said Ferrier called her a “racist” and “anti-Semite,” referred to her as “disgusting” in front of her children, and before leaving, said she would make sure everyone in the community knew she was a racist and ensure no one would shop at her store again.

The sixth count of enhanced damages alleges Ferrier's acts were “wanton, malicious and oppressive, and she was motivated by ill will, hatred, hostility or evil motive.”

In the summer of 2016, Guida said she acquired the industrial flour sack made in the early 1900s for Lucky Flour, an American company that had used a swastika-like symbol, then a good luck symbol unrelated to Nazi Germany.

In her claim, Guida alleges Ferrier used Facebook to publicly shame her and interfere with her business, and did so with a disregard for the truth. The result, she argues, was damage to her

reputation, harm to her business, and emotional distress.

In a December letter to The Caledonian-Record, Ferrier called the flour sack offensive, particularly in light of a post-election rise in hate crimes, many involving swastikas, and said displaying it without any context can harm a community.

Motion To Suspend Northern Pass Proceedings Denied

Northern Pass opponents encountered a setback Thursday after the N.H. Site Evaluation Committee denied their motion to suspend proceedings for six months.

They had requested a delay because it is uncertain who will pay for the construction of the transmission line.

The official order was not issued by Thursday evening, but SEC administrator Pam Monroe confirmed SEC's unanimous denial and said the adjudicative hearings - which some opponents call a trial, where both sides get to present evidence and contest that of the other - remain on track to begin next Thursday.

In a March 29 motion to the SEC, attorney Steven Whitley, who represents many North Country towns in opposition to and intervening in Northern Pass, said, “Hydro-Quebec

healthy moose population, as well as the challenges of trying to reopen a hunting season once it is stopped.

“Because of these challenges, we strongly urge the department to continue with a moose season, no matter how limited, and not cancel the season outright,” group vice president Bob Dufresne said in a letter on the proposal.

Others feel the permits should be suspended for a while to figure out a solution and let the moose population grow. Some feel it's time to stop moose hunting, period.

“One of New Hampshire's most treasured natural attractions and important to tourism, the moose population is already threatened,” Pam Cote of Gilford wrote to the department. “Why would you threaten it further?”

Moose population densities are taken into account in all hunting areas. Some permits have been lowered and others suspended because the number of moose fall below management goals.

“We continue to take a very conservative approach given recent regional and national trends of moose populations and health,” said wildlife biologist Cedric Alexander, Vermont's moose project leader. “Moose biologists from the southern tier of moose range across North America are increasingly concerned about the effects of warming temperatures on moose health. Moose can easily become stressed by warmer weather, causing them to feed less, and early spring snow melt that results in higher winter tick loads the following year.”

In New Hampshire, there were only about 50 moose in 1950. That number had grown to 4,100 by 1988, when the state started an annual hunt and issued 75 permits. Today, it has about 3,600 moose.

Rines notes the hunt is targeting about 1 percent of the moose population in New Hampshire. She said parasites are the bigger problem, and will continue to be so in the future.

“We're killing what will be four times as many animals by cars as we will kill in a hunt,” she said. “Is anyone going to recommend we stop driving? That will have a bigger impact ... We could stop (hunting) tomorrow, and what's going to happen to these animals will continue to happen.”

appears to be no longer willing to pay any costs for the project's construction, and HQ's willingness to honor the obligations under the [federal Transmission Service Agreement] are now apparently dependent upon being able to sell its power over the project at a profit.”

He argued intervenors, towns, and state employees should not have to spend more time and thousands more taxpayer dollars to continue a process for a project that might not come to fruition.

In March, Hydro-Quebec confirmed it will not pay for the construction of the line in the U.S., and Northern Pass representatives said they will now submit the project for the clean energy request for proposals the state of Massachusetts will soon be issuing.

Whitley unsuccessfully argued Northern Pass has a statutory obligation to prove it has the money to build and decommission the line and asked SEC to delay proceedings until the fall of this year, pending a decision in the Massachusetts RFP.

“If the project is not selected, or selected at a cost not deemed acceptable to HQ, it appears HQ is prepared to withdraw its support and involvement,” said Whitley.

If selected, Massachusetts and possibly other New England ratepayers would pay for the currently estimated \$1.6 billion construction that, according to the federal TSA filing,

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Friday, Apr 14

COMMUNITY

Community Story Hour Playgroup: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Rand Memorial Library, 160 Railroad St, North Troy. Sponsored by Early Head Start and Rand Memorial Library. There will be a story, a craft, and a hearty healthy snack. Free and all children are welcome with a parent/caregiver. Come play and make new friends. Kathlene Douglass, kdouglass@nekcavt.org, (802) 988-2262.

Saturday, Apr 15

COMMUNITY

Mosaic Pots: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Littleton Studio Store, 21 Mill Street, Littleton. Learn basic techniques, tools, and materials needed to make a mosaic pot. Ages 8+ 444-1066.

St. Johnsbury Winter Farmer's Market: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St Johnsbury Welcome Center, 51 Depot Sq, Saint Johnsbury. Presented by the Caledonia Farmers' Market Association, a non profit organization of local vendors.

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30-11:30 a.m., East Haven Library. Includes a story reading and snacks. All welcome. Dollinda Lund, dollindal@hotmail.com, (802)467-3200.

Bethlehem Emergency

Services Easter Egg Hunt: 1 p.m., Bethlehem Basketball Courts, 2155 Main St, Bethlehem. Annual East Egg Hunt free to all put on by the Bethlehem Emergency Services. Ages 1-12 in three separate groups. Over 5000 eggs total with prizes in each category. Rain/Snow/Shine, come one, come all. Lt. Richard Leslie, rbethlehem@yahoo.com, 603-616-1509. <https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEmergencyServicesNH/>.

Sunday, Apr 16

COMMUNITY

Sunday Meditation: 10-11 a.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury. Meditation instruction available. Caroline DeMaio, cdemaio5@gmail.com, 8027489338. <http://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org>.

Monday, Apr 17

COMMUNITY

Art class with Rick Tilton: 10 a.m., Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton. Any medium, all levels welcome.

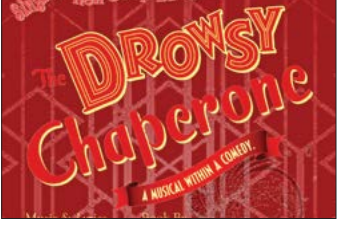
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Get Out

Arts & Entertainment In The North Country

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

The Upstage Players invites audiences to The Drowsy Chaperone presented at the Littleton Opera House on April 14, 15 & 16. For more information see story on facing page.



Instagram Boot Camp: 6-8 p.m., WREN in Bethlehem, 2011-2013 Main St, Bethlehem. Instagram is an important marketing tool for every small business, but it's one that you have to know how to use correctly. After an overview of the many ways to share photos and videos, you'll learn how to connect directly with your customers. Join Josh Simonds, owner of Face First Solutions and manager of dozens of social media business accounts on the path to success with Instagram! (NOTE: Smartphone required!) WREN Member \$24 / Non-member \$30. For more information or to register, go to www.wrenworks.org or call 603-869-9736. *Please note classroom is accessed through the classroom door located in the parking lot at 22 Park Ave. Nina Garfield, ninag@wrenworks.org, 6038699736. <http://www.wrenworks.org>.

Join the St. Johnsbury Band: 7-9 p.m., St. Johnsbury Band, Caledonia County Court House, Main St., St. Johnsbury. All musicians are invited to join the St. Johnsbury Band. The band meets weekly at the Caledonia County Court House. All genres of music are played and all ability levels are welcome. More information at manager@stjohnsburyband.org. Susan Gallagher, susgallagher@gmail.com, 802-626-5836. <http://www.stjohnsburyband.org>.

Tuesday, Apr 18

COMMUNITY

Story time: 10-11 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. For ages birth to 5. A fantastic time to borrow books, enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes! With a "letter of the day" and

a focus on one of the six early literacy skills, songs, crafts and the opportunity to meet new library friends! Abby Johnson, abbymjohnson3@gmail.com, 802-626-5475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

Pottery throwing: 6-9 p.m., Littleton Studio School, 21 Mill Street, Littleton. Open to beginners and those with some pottery throwing experience. Learn to make bowls, plates, pitchers and more. 444-1066.

Weekly Chess: 6-9:30 p.m., Vermont Liquor Outlet Bldg, Route 2 and Hill Street, Danville. All levels of chess players welcome. If you don't know how to play, we'll gladly teach you. Contact KingdomChessAssociationLtd@gmail.com for information. Brian Lafferty, KingdomChessAssociationLtd@gmail.com, 8022743346. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/700339456802664/>.

Compassionate Friends: 6:30 p.m., Orleans Federated Church, 34 Church Street, Orleans. Support for families after a child's death 802-754-2085.

Wednesday, Apr 19

COMMUNITY

Intuitive Abstract Painting: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Littleton Studio School, 21 Mill Street, Littleton. Use acrylic paint on large canvases to create expressive, dynamic abstract painting. First session of four. 603-444-1066.

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Knitters group: 1 p.m., Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton. Usually first and third Wednesdays, call to confirm 603-444-6050.

Natural Science Seminar-Interactions in Carbonate Lakes: 4-5 p.m., Lyndon State College in S-102 (LAB 2), 1001 College Rd., Lyndonville. The Department of Natural Sciences is pleased to share that Laura Grigg will be delivering our seminar this week. She will be discussing the interactions between sediment, productivity, water chemistry, and water quality in carbonate lakes. These events are open to everyone. Admissions Office, admissions@lyndonstate.edu, 1-800-225-1998. <http://lyndonstate.edu>.



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The Frost Place To Celebrate 40 Years

The Frost Place will celebrate its 40th anniversary July 21-23, 2017, with a series of poetry readings and community events. This summer also marks the centennial of the time Robert Frost lived with his family in the 19th-century farmhouse on Ridge Road in Franconia. The weekend-long celebration is expected to draw many visitors from the local area and the greater New England and Northeast region.

Highlights of the celebration include:

- Friday, July 21st – Evening poetry readings by Charles Simic and Nikky Finney and community reception at The Frost Place.
- Saturday, July 22nd – Afternoon poetry readings by The Frost Place Latin@ and Pardlo fellows Javier Zamora, Charif Shanahan, Diana Delgado, Willy Palomo, and Gerardo Pacheco.
- Saturday evening performance of A.M. Dolan's play This Verse Business by Emmy Award-winning actor Gordon Clapp.
- Sunday, July 23rd – Read-a-thon featuring prominent poets, local residents, and children reading Robert Frost poems in the Henry Holt Barn at The Frost Place.

Since its founding in 1977, when the town of Franconia purchased Frost's former home and the surrounding property, The Frost Place has

served as a museum and center for poetry and the arts. The house is open to the public from May to October, allowing visitors to see where America's most beloved poet lived and worked from 1915—1920. The house also serves as summer living quarters for an annually selected poet-in-residence to work and live in.

A short poetry trail through Frost's apple orchard and woods behind the house allows visitors to wander from poem to poem. The barn, in which Frost kept his dairy cow and chickens, is open daily as a gift shop and functions as a venue for regular poetry readings in the evenings.

Each summer, The Frost Place holds unique poetry programs allowing attendees to work closely with world-class contemporary faculty-poets. These programs cultivate both poetry education and engaging discussion.

While the landscape has changed since Frost and his family lived there, the front porch view of Mount Lafayette and the Franconia Range is just as stunning. Countless visitors and poets find inspiration in the place Frost once called home.

The Frost Place is located at 158 Ridge Road, Franconia, NH. Please call 603-823-5510, or email frost@frostplace.org with any questions.

Arts Briefs

The White Mountain School Presents Urbanity Dance

On Friday, April 21st, The White Mountain School will present an exciting evening of dance and theater featuring Boston's largest contemporary dance company and Best of Boston winner, Urbanity Dance.

Urbanity Dance will present Neruda's Book of Questions: An Exploration Through Music and dance, a cabaret style dance performance inspired by the works of Pablo Neruda. Urbanity invites questions with this series of original choreographed vignettes. Exploring themes presented by Pablo Neruda's Book of Questions, dancers move the audience quickly from nonsense to bittersweet humor to the grief of death and the gray area of fairness. Featuring guest dancers from all different ages, Urbanity unveils the drastic range of emotions throughout life, letting the audience rediscover their sense of wonder and questioning.

Urbanity Dance seeks to engage and inspire through the art of dance and movement. Urbanity presents imaginative performances that showcase Boston's diverse voices. Urbanity encompasses the foundations of modern, jazz and ballet, while utilizing the highly detailed gesture work and hard-hitting articulation of hip-hop. This hyper-athletic fusion creates a unique all-encompassing visual experience. The Company was selected as "Best of Boston" by Boston Magazine in 2015, and has been featured at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, The Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater, the Institute of Contemporary Art, and shown works by Pilobolus, Larry Keigwin, Carl Flink, and Andy Noble.

Presented by The White Mountain School as part of its Cultural Events Series. The performance will take place in the Lovejoy Chapel at 7 p.m. at The White Mountain School, 371 West Farm Road, Bethlehem, NH. The performance is free and open to the public; however, donations will be gratefully accepted.

For information, contact Becky Beno at becky.beno@whitemountain.org or 603.444.2928 x300.

'North Sea Siren' Sofia Talvik Making North Country Debut at Tillotson Center

Swedish folk and pop singer-songwriter Sofia Talvik, described as a "North Sea siren," will make her North Country debut at the Tillotson Center on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

"Unmistakably Nordic in flavor, Sofia Talvik somehow still conforms to American interpretations of her own original music, a North Sea siren blending sparkle and melancholy," according to her own record label, Makaki Music. Sofia is described as a "veteran performer with six full-length albums, as well as numerous EPs, singles and tours behind her."

Sofia has done several tours of the United States, including a 16-month, 37-state odyssey in an RV "that moved her music closer to the Americana tradition." That tour resulted in her most recent album, "Big Sky Country" and a book titled "Drivin' & Dreaming," which chronicles that journey and the people she met.

Sofia described that latest album as a "storybook of adventures and hardships, about sometimes doubting yourself but also finding strength within yourself."

Her other albums include "Blue Moon" (2005), "Street of Dreams" (2007), "Jonestown" (2008), "Florida" (2010), and "The Owls Are Not What They Seem" (2012).

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Theater

Upstage Players Present "The Drowsy Chaperone"

Four Performances April 7 Through 16

LITTLETON, N.H. — The Upstage Players invites audiences to The Drowsy Chaperone presented at the Littleton Opera House on April 14, 15 & 16.

This truly nonstop high energy musical is full of laughs and gags and it knows just the right way to poke fun at musical theatre while paying the perfect homage to the genre.

This show is the perfect night out with the family (PG), a great date night, a way to support local arts and, maybe more than anything else, an evening out of the house to laugh and forget about the craziness of life for a few hours.

Winner of five Tony Awards and seven Drama Desk awards including Outstanding Musical, this hilarious show-within-a-show features a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. The show pays homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age through the mind of one great fan and his well-worn LP of an old cast recording.

The fun begins with a die-hard musical comedy fan known simply as "Man in the Chair," who speaks directly to the audience about life, love and his favorite past time, live theatre. He then asks the audience to listen along with him as he plays them the well-worn cast album of his favorite (fictional) 1928 musical comedy called "The Drowsy Chaperone."

The play begins to unfold in his very apartment as he comments occasionally on the plot, songs or even the fictional actors playing his favorite characters. It is a loving spoof of and homage to golden age musicals that practically vibrates with dozens of over-the-top characters and toe-tapping musical numbers.

The Drowsy Chaperone has been called one of the wittiest, craziest shows ever to hit Broadway.

Chaperone is directed by Upstage Artistic Director, Andrew Lid-

estri, and choreography by Lidestri & Madalyn Sheehy. The cast will consist of some wonderful local talent including Dennis MacKay, Courtney Vashaw, Sam Brown, Fran Day, Grant Fuller, Wendy Muello, Peter Gair, Alyssa Comeau, Jess Griffiths, Owen Fogg, Madalyn Sheehy, Andrew Lidestri & Naomi Going.

There is also a wonderful chorus of local talent rounding out the production.

The sets and costumes will paint a picture of life in the roaring twenties and a full pit band orchestra will accompany these cast filling the hall with some excellent music and tunes you'll find yourself humming long after the curtain falls.

Performances on April 7, 8, 14, & 15 will be at 8 p.m. with two matinee performance on April 9 and 16 at 2 p.m.

They can be purchased online at www.catamountarts.org/shows/the-drowsy-chaperone, at the Littleton area Chamber of Commerce, as well as at the door.

Stay tuned for information on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/upstageplayersnh) and website (www.upstageplayersnh.org) in the next few weeks as Upstage Players will be partnering with restaurants in our community to offer theatre patrons options and deals for dinner and a show at different venues.

Upstage Players is a not for profit community theater company, serving the North Country with quality theatrical experiences for over 30 years.

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Catamount Arts

Catamount Bluegrass Night Season Finale Saturday

This Saturday, April 15, marks the final Catamount Bluegrass Night of the season, and special guests Northern Flyer will be on hand to celebrate. Hosted as always by Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, Bluegrass Night will kick off at 7pm in the Masons' Hall at Catamount Arts on Eastern Avenue, providing a family-friendly evening of good times and great music.

Burlington's Northern Flyer is Vermont's newest bluegrass band, but the group is comprised of four seasoned veterans who are no strangers to the Northeast's acoustic music scene. Front man Andy Greene was a long-time member of the Bluegrass Gospel Project and the founder of the popular newgrass group, The Modern Grass Quintet. Mark Struhsaker was the longtime guitarist for acclaimed country and swing band, The Radio Rangers. Mandolinist Andy Sacher and bassist Kirk Lord have been involved for decades in various bands in Vermont's acoustic scene. The quartet's latest project, Northern Flyer, presents a varied and entertaining program of traditional tunes as well as original modern material.

According to Catamount Bluegrass Night's tried-and-true traditional format, the evening will open with a set by Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, who will take the stage at 7:00. Northern Flyer will follow with an 8:00 set, and then comes the evening—and series—finale: a jam featuring both bands

plus any audience members who wish to join them.

Catamount Bluegrass Night is a well-established area event where musicians and music fans young and old have discovered new influences, enriched their musical knowledge and abilities, and created a rich, vibrant community. Don't miss the last Catamount Bluegrass party of the season!

Admission to Catamount Bluegrass Night is free, but donations are always welcome. For more information, visit www.catamountarts.org or call 748-2600.



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Also noted for using an array of acoustic instruments, including guitars, violins, and cellos, Sofia was also the first Swedish female artist to play at Chicago's Lollapalooza in 2008.

For more information, contact the Center at 603-237-8576. The Tillotson Center is located at 14 Carriage Lane, Colebrook, near the Colebrook post office.

Upright Citizens Brigade At LSC On Saturday April 29

Bi-coastal comedy powerhouse, The Upright

Citizens Brigade Theatre (UCB), a veritable incubation lab for comedic talent, is bringing their legendary touring company to Lyndonville. Known for smart, irreverent sketches and sizzling stand-up, not to mention a star-studded roster of A-list alumni, the UCB TourCo will play Lyndon State College's Alexander Twilight Theater on Saturday, April 29th at 7pm.

Founded by Saturday Night Live veteran Amy Poehler with comedians Matt Bessler, Ian Roberts, and Matt Walsh, UCB has helped launch some of the biggest stars in comedy today, including Kate McKinnon, Aziz Ansari and Horatio Sanz. UCB talent can be found on TV shows like Broad City, Saturday Night Live, and The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt; in films like Bridesmaids, The Hangover, and The Heat; and in the writing rooms of Key and Peele, The Daily Show, and Inside Amy

Schumer.

The April 29 UCB Touring Company show will feature Andy Bustillos of HBO's Girls, The OA, and Divorce, as well as Tanner Dahlin of Celebrity Ghost Stories and Guy Code. They will be joined by Jessica Morgan and Matthew Starr, who tour theaters and colleges nationwide with their characteristic wry ad-libbing and hip, hilarious improvisation. Long-form improv is known as the high-wire act of performing arts, but this quick-witted quartet makes fast, easy work of it in two sets, seizing upon random words, audience shout-outs, and odd props.

For tickets and more information regarding Upright Citizens Brigade on April 29th and/or upcoming KCP Presents performances, visit www.kcprepresents.org or call the Catamount Arts box office at 748-2600.



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Documentary on Black History in New Hampshire to be Shown at Tillotson

DURHAM, N.H. — How does New Hampshire, a state with the motto “Live Free or Die,” confront and understand its participation in slavery, segregation, and the neglect of African-American history? What happens to our identity as residents of this state and as New Englanders when we begin to acknowledge all of our past?

Shadows Fall North, a film produced by the University of New Hampshire’s Center for the Humanities in collaboration with Atlantic Media Productions of Portsmouth, will address those questions and more. The documentary will be presented on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kaufmann Theater of the Tillotson Center.

Shadows Fall North focuses on the efforts of two extraordinary women, historians and activists Valerie Cunningham and Jerri-Anne Boggis, to recover the stories of individuals who have been rendered nearly invisible—from men, women, and children laid to rest at the African Burying Ground in Portsmouth to the novelist Harriet Wilson to the twenty slaves who petitioned the state

legislature for their freedom in 1779... and many more.

Through on-site footage and interviews, Shadows Fall North reveals how the work of dedicated citizens has been central in the push to make Black history part of New Hampshire’s history. And it asks what is like for Cunningham and Boggis to live in the state now, long after the era of slavery, long after the fight for Civil Rights, but as issues of race, identity, and belonging continue to arise in the region and in the country.

The April 21 screening is free and open to the public. A conversation with the filmmakers and with featured historic preser-

vationists Valerie Cunningham and Jerri-Anne Boggis will follow. This event is supported by New Hampshire Humanities through an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, “Humanities and the Legacy of Race and Ethnicity in the United States.”

Read more and see the trailer at blackhistorynh.com. For information on the event in Colebrook, contact the Tillotson Center at 603-237-8576 or thetillotsoncenter@gmail.com. For information on the film and on future screenings, contact humanities.center@unh.edu



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Grade: Sophomore

Age: 16

College Plans: None Yet

Accomplishments

◆ Took second in giant slalom and third in slalom at the N.H. Division IV state meet, leading Profile to its second state title in three years and 17th overall.

◆ Raced to second place in giant slalom and fifth in slalom at the N.H. Meet of Champions.

◆ Competed in the Eastern High School Championships.

◆ Won seven races, four giant slaloms and three slaloms, during the regular season.

◆ N.H. All-State and Granite State North selection

Coach Phil Boone Says

"He's deserving of this award in every way. Obviously, as an athlete, his success speaks for itself. Just the fact that he consistently improved and he's a super hard worker; he's everything that a coach could ask for. Every day he wants to be better. He's just a very humble kid always trying to do better.

"The mountain was a very hard, icy surface this winter in New Hampshire. A lot of the fast kids were fast one race, but not consistently. Jack was. He worked hard on getting his upper body so solid so his lower body could be very fluid. He was super strong in difficult conditions.

"He improved a ton from his freshman season. He's always been coachable and worked hard, and that's why this year everything came together for him. This year he

found the gas pedal, going from technically sound to a hell of a fast racer."

Six Questions With Jack

1. Who has made your life better through sports and how did they do it?

The first name that comes to mind is my high school ski coach, Phil Boone. He truly taught me to love this sport. After every race, he would encourage our entire team to go freeskiing until the mountain closed. I have so many good memories of having a blast with my friends and my coaches on mountains all over New Hampshire.

2. Can you describe a moment when something you learned in sports made you a better person outside of sports?

One trait I love to see in the Profile team, as well as other teams, is acting responsible and showing good sportsmanship. I have always tried to show sportsmanship to all my opponents no matter who they are. I feel that this has translated into my life outside of sports, and I'm grateful that it has.

3. What's the best part of skiing for Profile? Can you tell me a moment that best demonstrates that?

The best aspect of the Profile ski team, is that we all act as one big family. We all respect each other on the highest level, and we are all caring of one another. One specific example of this is when the Profile boys won the D-IV State Championship. The entire boys team jumped onto the podium, and balanced there; all of us crammed together, yet smiles were on all of our faces and all of our arms were around each other.

4. Tell me your favorite moment off the field with your team this season?

The night before every race, one person from our team volunteers to host a spaghetti dinner for the entire team. We always have so much fun at these, especially when everybody shows up. These team dinners bring us all closer to each other, and these get-togethers are definitely memorable.

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5. What was your favorite or defining moment of the season?

My favorite moment of the season was being able to compete at the Eastern High School Championships. It gave me an opportunity to compete against the highest level competitors from around the nation, and it also gave me a large confidence boost, because of how well I performed and placed at that race.

6. Tell me something about you that might surprise other people?

Outside of traditional sports, I have two odd hobbies. I can ride a unicycle and also walk a slackline. I picked up both of these talents by practicing in my spare time. Though these talents aren't that flashy, they're still pretty fun to play around with.



Profile's Jack Sampo competes in the giant slalom at the Division IV boys' state championship on the Taft Training Slope at Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch, N.H., on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

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Center, Vt. Pauline is also survived by her 11 great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Andrew Menard; Brooke and Bailey Austin; Declan Pearson; Ella and Cole Sullivan; Charles, Nora and Lucy Butler; and soon-to-be born, Annabel Rautenberg. Other survivors include her three sisters, Bernadette Labonte of Elijay, Ga.; Ann Bronson of Groveton, N.H.; and Mary Weeks Depinea of Winchester, N.H.; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

A celebration of her life will be held on July 8, 2017 in Littleton. Details will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to CMF-Whitefield, c/o Lisa Romprey, 16 Highland St. #100, Whitefield, NH 03598.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an On-Line Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, please go to www.pillsburyphaneuf.com.

Phyllis Crawford

Phyllis Crawford passed away at her home in Sugar Hill, N.H. on April 2, 2017. She was born in the small village of South Westerlo, N.Y. on Nov. 12, 1929, daughter of Clarence and Alliene (Beers) Ingalls and step-daughter of Irene (Worth) Ingalls, and raised under the loving hand of the family housekeeper, Blanche Palmer.

Upon graduation from Greenville Academy, Phyllis moved to New York City where she was employed in banking. It was while living in Manhattan that she met her future husband, Alden Crawford, when they both had apartments in the same westside brownstone. Typical for young wives of that era, Phyllis became the family caregiver and moved as her husband's career required: Springfield, Mass., St. Louis, Providence and finally, Reading, Mass. where they lived for 36 years. Phyllis and Alden were to have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this May.

Phyllis re-entered the work force when her youngest child entered high school. She was employed by College Marketing Group

as the national book mobile scheduler, and later joined the advertising department of the Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. from which she retired in 1990.

Phyllis dearly loved and enjoyed her family and close circle of friends. An excellent cook and gracious hostess, she served up many delicious dinners over the years. She had a gifted talent for sewing, knitting, fine needle-point work and furniture refinishing. Phyllis took great pleasure in reading, spending long hours lost in her books. She enjoyed music, in particular listening to Pavarotti or Sinatra. She was an ardent sports fan as well, and took particular delight in watching the Boston Bruins.

Phyllis began skiing in the 1950s, enjoyed many ski jaunts with family and friends, and became a founding member of the Boggestow Ski Club. With her husband, Phyllis traveled extensively throughout the 48, Hawaii, the Caribbean and enjoyed several trips to Europe.

Phyllis lived a life of quiet dignity and her compassionate nature and kindness will be missed by her loving family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Alden, son Matthew of Sugar Hill, N.H., daughter Laura and husband Moe Mulkigian of Lyman, N.H., daughter Kate and husband Joe McGillicuddy of Southbury, Conn., granddaughters Jill and Molly Bromley, grandson Michael McGillicuddy, and step-children Lauren, Kate and Ben Mulkigian. Phyllis was predeceased by her brother Kenneth Ingalls, and sisters Ellen Applebee and Janice Dietz.

A service in celebration of Phyllis' life will be held Monday, April 17, noon at All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 School St., Littleton, N.H. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please make a contribution in her memory to Doctors Without Borders, donate.doctorswithoutborders.org or P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030. To share memories and condolences go to www.RossFuneral.com.



Phyllis Crawford

Helena Etta "Tootie" Boyle

Helena Etta "Tootie" Boyle, 91, Lyndonville, Vt., died on Sunday April 2, 2017 after a period of failing health. She was born April 28, 1925 in Gilman, Vt., the fourth child of seven born to Walter Boyle & Helen Boyle (O'Malley). Tootie grew up in Gilman, Vt. and lived in the Gilman area for most of her life. An 8th

grade graduate at Dalton School in Dalton, N.H., she went to work for the U.S.P.S. with her parents and sisters in 1939 at the age of 14. She married Raymond F. Bartlett (d.09/28/2007) on Sept. 5, 1943 and moved to Dalton, N.H. They had four daughters: Bonnie Anne (b.1947), Sally Jean (b.1950), JoAnne Helena (b.1954), and Cindy Patricia (b.1956). She married Noel J. Benoit, Jr. (d. 08/20/2007) on June 30, 1961 and moved to Victory, Vt. They had two children: Noel J. Benoit, III (1962) and Liane Lisa (b.1968- d.1968).

Tootie was a mother, homemaker, grandmother, aunt, store clerk, waitress, Avon representative, senior companion, neighbor, and friend to many dear people. She was a very talented, natural musician who could play piano, organ, accordion, keyboard, guitar, and base violin all by ear. She was a well-known performer at local functions, churches, and nursing homes. Her love of music brought so much joy to her family, friends and community.

In March of 2015 we lovingly moved her to The Pines Rehab and Health Center in Lyndonville, Vt. She had great end-of-life care at the hands of Dr. Joyce Dobbartin and the nurses and staff of The Pines. We express our heartfelt thanks for their love and support. We also want to thank Father Bernie Goudreau for being present at our time of need. On Sunday, April 2, 2017 at around 9 p.m. EDT, Tootie passed peacefully into the arms of angels, surrounded by the love of her children. She has left a huge impression upon us all and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her only living sibling, Margaret R. ("Monie") Moran-Tardy (b.1922) of Enfield, Conn. She is also survived by her children: Bonnie Bartlett Jones and Shirley Walter, Ocala, Fla.; Sally & Brian ("Buzzy") Young, East Concord, Vt.; JoAnne & Duane Gilman, Lunenburg, Vt.; Cindy & Dave Wilmott, Lunenburg, Vt.; Noel J. Benoit, III & Ken Hebert, Las Vegas, Nev. Grandchildren: Aaron Young, Shawn Young, and Angel Brown-Roy. Great-Grandchildren: Katlyn and Emily Young, Dylon and Brianna Bunnell, and Jayce Young. Many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by: Parents - Walter Boyle (1974) and Helen Boyle (1978); Siblings - Rita Frechette (1995), Eugenia ("Gina") Boyle (1986), Patty Sullivan (2009), Walter ("Buzzy") Boyle, II (2013) and Daniel Boyle (1963); Grandchildren - Brian S. Young (2014) and Kelly (Young) Bunnell (2008).

Graveside Services will be held at a later date to be announced. Condolences can be shared at the www.RossFuneral.com.



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would net Eversource Energy, parent company of Northern Pass, \$4 billion in profit over 40 years.

The SEC denial was not a full blow to opponents, however, as SEC member Patricia Weathersby said the committee will delve heavily into the financial capability of Northern Pass at trial. She also said the project is now dependent on the Massachusetts RFP and there is no guarantee it will win.

While one delay was denied, though, another was requested, this one by Northern Pass.

According to a recent filing with the N.H. Public Utilities Commission, Northern Pass has delayed its permit approvals, construction, and in-service dates by more than one year, citing "delays in the regulatory approval process."

In a March 23 lease agreement amendment request by Northern Pass and Eversource, the regulatory approvals date has been extended from March 2017 to June 2018, the construction commencement date from May 2017 to Dec. 31, 2018, and the line in-service date from Dec. 31, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020.

That makes the project six years behind its original schedule.

Budget Wrangling Moves To Senate After House's Failure

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire Senate is starting its work on the state budget after the House failed to pass a spending plan last week.

The House adjourned on Thursday after failing to reach a deal. House Republican leadership had backed the House Finance Committee's \$11.9 billion plan, which would have sent millions of dollars to cities and towns for property tax relief and increased spending in several areas. But a conservative bloc of Republicans felt the budget spent too much.

The unprecedented stalemate handed fresh power to the Senate to dictate the terms of budget negotiations. The Senate Finance Committee begins its work on Monday, using Republican Gov. Chris Sununu's proposed budget as a starting point.

Big Increase In Wait For Mental Health Beds

The average number of people waiting to gain access to a mental health bed in New Hampshire is now 46, up from nine in 2013.

The Portsmouth Herald (<http://bit.ly/2nXP9Yo>) reports that Republican Gov. Chris Sununu says he gets daily reports on

the issue which he calls a crisis.

The governor has a meeting scheduled for Monday to develop plans to tackle the problem.

The executive director of the New Hampshire chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness says the problem is exacerbated by hospitals closing their psychiatric units to focus on more profitable endeavors.

Other issues include the stigma attached to mental illness and the difficulty of finding enough psychiatrists, case managers and psychiatric nurses to staff existing facilities.

Sununu Asks Businesses To Increase Drug Abuse Prevention

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — Gov. Chris Sununu cited his own efforts at the ski area he used to run and urged businesses Friday to take on a greater role in preventing opioid misuse and helping workers connect with treatment.

Sununu, a Republican and former CEO at Waterville Valley ski area, spoke at a daylong summit organized by the Opioid Task Force for Strafford County. He said schools not only need to do a better job of educating children about substance misuse prevention, but that those prevention efforts need to seamlessly continue into the workplace.

Sununu said high turnover due to employee substance misuse was costing the ski area a significant amount of money, so about two years ago, he and others created a "buddy system" to watch struggling workers with those already in recovery and began encouraging employees to ask for help.

"It's amazing, within a week, the flood of staff that were coming in to the HR office confidentially, just opening up, talking about it," he said. "Then quietly, we would get them the resources and partnerships they needed, and we were able to retain such a higher number of staff."

Sununu acknowledged the company was largely "winging it," but said he hopes other businesses will tackle the problem in a formal way.

"We were just kind of doing it on our own," he said. "Now we're talking about it more across the state. Now we're understanding that prevention is more than just in schools ... prevention doesn't stop because you leave the 12th grade."

Sununu was followed by representatives from two companies that have already done what he's asking other businesses to do.

Pete Hanson is the personnel manager at Turbocam, an engineering and manufacturing company in Barrington whose products include jet engine parts. He said the turning point for him was investigating an incident where a worker came to work obviously impaired and finding out that half a dozen of his colleagues knew he had a problem but didn't talk about it.

"We've got to come up with a plan to make it more feasi-

ble for people to come forward and talk about things before there's a crisis," he said.

While the company requires drug testing before hiring new workers, those who fail subsequent tests are not automatically fired, he said. Instead, they are supported, closely monitored, and held accountable.

"You have a brief moment in time to extend that help," he said.

Bob Roy of TE SubCom, in Newington, said an employee's overdose in a bathroom at the start of a shift prompted his company to reevaluate its policies and approach.

The company, which makes undersea fiberoptic cables, has a "one and done" policy — those who fail random drug tests are fired. But supervisors have been trained to spot the signs of substance misuse issues and to guide workers toward help, Roy said. For example, those who notice troublesome patterns emerging in attendance or output, can ask employees about that, he said.

"Quite often once you start down that road of conversation that opens the lid and you get that information, and you can talk about where they may have a problem and what they may need for resources," he said.

Entrepreneurs

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It's sad to think of a generation of people not being able to start a business and that's a clear problem for the economy, said Elizabeth Penney, WREN'S executive director.

The bill might encourage young people to stay — or attract newcomers — because it would allow them to create a job that they would enjoy, said Jessica Bunker of the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce.

There is a federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, but one requirement is working for a non-profit, said Colebrook's Silfvenius.

"I'm seeing a need that doesn't fit in those categories," Silfvenius said.

The need she sees is helping businesses in the North Country prosper with better marketing.

There's also, Silfvenius said, a bigger issue in the North Country that the bill would address: attracting and keeping young people "who want to have lives of meaning in communities that are important to them, this would take one more barrier out of the way."

Hassan said despite the headlines about strife in Congress there are legislators willing to work together on issues of shared interest. And, she thinks this effort to help the economy is one of them.

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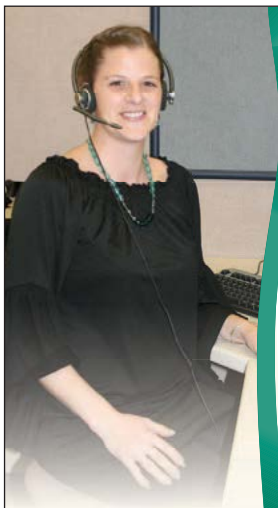
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Littleton's Nolan Sweeney competes at the U14 CanAms held at Mt. Tremblant in Quebec. (Courtesy photo)

Littleton's Sweeney Competes In Canada

FRANCONIA, N.H. — Teen terrors tearing up the slopes aren't just limited to Burke Mountain or other youth ski clubs.

A group of four Franconia Ski Club (FSC) members led by Littleton's Nolan Sweeney recently returned from the U14 CanAms held at Mt. Tremblant in Quebec.

Sweeney, 13, skied well in the USSA-sanctioned event. He and the other three FSC racers were skiing in Canada as part of team USA. The four skiers were the most FSC has sent to the CanAms, which is the highest level of competition in that age group.

This was Sweeney's first year in the U14 pro-

gram. FSC competes in the Northern Division in New Hampshire, which includes ski clubs from Loon Mountain and Waterville Valley and "is one of the most competitive divisions in the country," his mom, Erin Sweeney, said.

Sweeney qualified for the N.H. championships March 11-12 at Mt. Sunapee, where he won the GS. He was named No. 2 on the N.H. state team, and went on to compete in Maine at the USSA Easterns March 16-19 at Sunday River, where he qualified for a berth in GS on the US team at the U14 CanAms in Mt. Tremblant. He competed in slalom at Mt. Tremblant, and also took a crack at Super G for the first time.

His skiing improved greatly this year, and the first-year Taft Slalom training hill at Mittersill in Franconia Notch was a key reason, Erin Sweeney felt.

"The kids loved it," she said. "It's a great GS course, and they can also have Super G races, and with the runout they have at the bottom, and its own Tbar, it's worked out well."

Burke and some other ski clubs paid visits and trained there this winter, she noted.

The FIS Men's and Women's Eastern Cup was also contested in January at Mittersill, which also hosted the NCAA championships in March.

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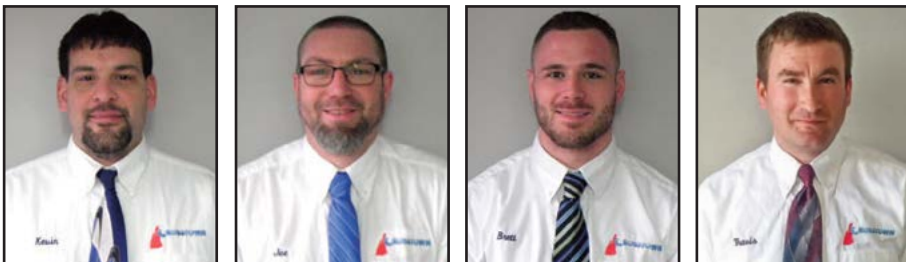
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