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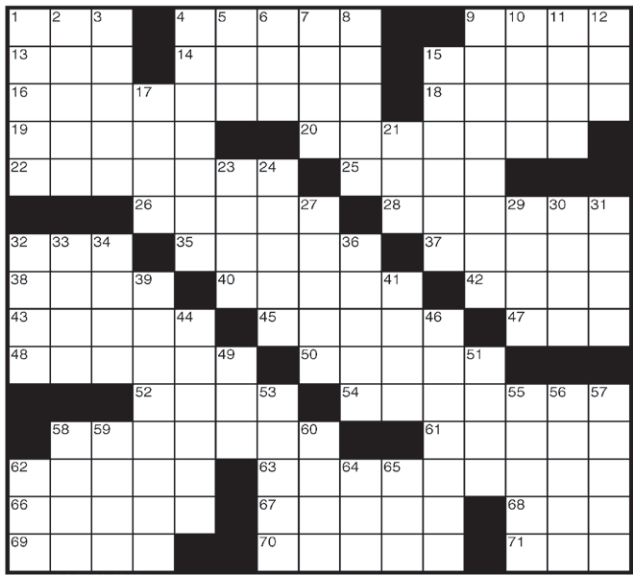

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ABOVE: Corey Bemis (16) is congratulated by teammates, from left, Micael Maccini, Cam Burt, Connor Maccini and Calvin Roy after Bemis scored the game winner as Woodsville beat Littleton in double overtime, 1-0, at Woodsville Community Field on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.

RIGHT: Sammy Sarkis, left, and Austin Marquis both deny the ball went out of bounds off of them.

BELOW: Littleton's Landon Bromley, right, looks to maintain possession ahead of Conner Maccini.





Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

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The Apple Path



BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY MCPHAUL

When our children were small, my husband began mowing paths through our field, grassy lanes that allowed little legs to maneuver more easily through the landscape of home. We still mow the paths – one up around the front field, another down to Big Rock, and "Auntie EB's Path" toward my sister-in-law's house. The one that gets the most use, though, is the Apple Path.

This one wends between what were, perhaps, once neat rows of apple trees. Long untended, the trees now are in various stages of wildness. Some have fallen over in recent years, their old trunks twisted and gnarled. Others, left unpruned for too long, have grown unruly, like wild-haired beasts, with shoots flying upward from branches at all angles and varying heights.

Some years ago, as winter merged to spring, I made an attempt to prune a few of the trees, cutting off new shoots and sawing away tired old branches. I vowed to get to each tree – nearly three dozen in total through the front field and the back one – over the course of a year or two. But it was hard work after so many years of neglect; I was indecisive in which limbs to prune and which to keep. And so the orchard remains mostly wild.

While some of the trees are gangly and awkward, others are tall and full – vastly larger than the neatly, purposefully trimmed trees of commercial orchards. Those trees are tended to optimize fruit production. Ours are simply a familiar part of the topography now, changing just as the other wild trees – the maples and pines and birches – growing, breaking, altering their shape through the course of weather and nature.

The woman we bought the house from told us these were Prohibition trees, planted to grow fruit for making hard cider. The house was built in 1929 – near the tail end of Prohibition – and I wonder if the trees were here before the house, tended by some thirsty farmer down the road.

Whenever it was planted, and despite our neglect of the trees, we have watched many seasons shift through the old orchard.

In mid-spring, the trees transition from bare, twisted limbs to a glorious display of pastel blooms. At first, the small, tightly-whorled buds of palest pink appear, then a few blossoms unfold here and there, until suddenly the field explodes into a sweet-smelling froth of white and pink flowers. The bees buzz through the apple trees then, happily seeking the nectar there.

By the time the flowers have gone, the landscape around the apple trees has greened toward summer, and our attention shifts to other things. But come fall, the apple trees stand out again – no so much for their foliage, which, frankly, is rather blah, but for the abundance they hold.

Some of the trees have red fruit, others yellow. The apples don't grow large, and they tend to be spotted, but they are ample in number. Some years – mostly when the kids were little and unencumbered by homework and soccer practice – we have gathered enough to make cider (not the hard kind) and apple sauce.

Mostly, though, our apple trees feed the wildlife. We have seen – either in live time or through images captured by the game camera – an array of animals traveling the Apple Path: turkeys, bears, deer, foxes, porcupines, coyotes, squirrels, crows. This year, there is a distinct, well-trodden trail pressed into the grass along the length of the Apple Path, leading from the densest cluster of apple trees down to the forest beyond our field.

The game cam is on the fritz, so I can't know for sure who has made the trail. But I suspect the regular travelers include the mother bear and three cubs we saw often through the summer, the cubs growing from tiny, black fuzz balls to what I imagine is teenage-hood for bears – which likely means those cubs are constantly hungry now.

Several years ago, when my own cubs were still tiny, we had a mother bear with four cubs in the neighborhood. When we inadvertently startled them one evening, she sent all four up a lanky apple tree just behind the vegetable garden. While they peered out from the branches, she remained calmly on the ground below, noshing on windfall apples.

Now, in the thick of autumn, many of the apples have fallen to the ground. Past experience tells me the deer will continue to eat the apples as far into the winter as they can, ambling along the Apple Path and scratching through the snow to reach the fruit that remains long after it ripened and fell.

When the snow becomes deep, the deer keep to their sheltered, hidden places. The bears, too, will have hunkered down by then, hopefully well fed on fall's bounty. Winter's starkness will again reveal the bones of the trees and lead me once more to thoughts of pruning – someday.

Meghan McCarthy McPhaul writes about many things for various publications. Some of her writing may be found at www.Meghan-McPhaul.com

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ON THE COVER: Woodsville's Conner Maccini, right, fends off Littleton's Matt Kelly during a game at Woodsville's Community Field on Tuesday, Oct. 8. In a game between two of the best teams in the north, the Engineers prevailed 1-0 in double overtime to improve to 10-1. Meanwhile Littleton fell to 7-2-2. The teamsplit their regular season series and, as of Tuesday, had five games to go in the regular season.

North Country: Biomass Industry Takes Another Blow

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

One day after a vote by the New Hampshire Legislature failed to override the governor's veto of a 2019 law that would have required electric distribution companies to purchase renewable energy credits from New Hampshire's independent biomass plants, a federal agency struck another blow to the wood-burning facilities.

On Sept. 19, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved a November 2018 petition by the New England Ratepayers Association, an Eversource-supporting group, that asked the commission to nullify a 2018 New Hampshire law and declare that it alone has the sole authority to set energy prices.

NERA had asked FERC to declare that SB 365, which required Eversource Energy and Unitil to purchase power from the states' five independent biomass plants at above-market rates, violates federal rules because it impermissibly set rates for wholesale sales of energy.

Filing an objection to NERA, 10 New Hampshire lawmakers had argued to FERC that SB 365 simply used the state's competitive procurement process law to require electric utilities to buy the energy of about 100 megawatts of eligible biomass at a 20-percent discount from the competitively procured rate and the law was passed because the New Hampshire Legislature "found it to be in the public interest to promote the fuel diversity represented by these renewables as part of the state's overall energy policy."

On Sept. 18, the New Hampshire Legislature fell short of a few votes to override the veto by Gov. Chris Sununu of HB 183, which would have created a subsidy to revitalize the state's biomass plants by requiring Eversource to purchase from them renewable energy credits.

Biomass supporters say they contribute to an estimated $254 million industry, keep forests healthy by using low-grade wood, and directly employ hundreds of people and benefit supporting industries in local communities.

As the plants struggle to find enough operating revenue to put them on a path toward self-sufficiency, their future remains uncertain.

In the North Country, PineTree Power, in Bethlehem, and DG Whitefield each employ about 20 area residents.



Pinetree Power in Bethlehem is not operating as the business considers how to move forward without legislation requiring the purchase of its power at above-market rates. (File Photo)

How the latest blows will impact PineTree Power remains to be seen, Julie Vitek, spokesperson for ENGIE North America, which owns Pinetree, said Sept. 23.

"Needless to say we are disappointed in the failure of the veto override vote," she said. "The Pinetree Power plant is not currently running. We are continuing to evaluate our options."

On Wednesday, state Rep. Troy Merner, R-Lancaster, who has supported the biomass industry and voted for SB 365 and HB 183, said DG Whitefield is still operating at the present time.

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Littleton: School Partners With Businesses For Workforce Training

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — As North Country employers continue their search to fill jobs with skilled employees, Above The Notch Community School and two local manufacturing companies have joined forces to launch a new workforce training program based at Littleton High School.

Debuting this semester at ATNCS, the year-old adult education program at LHS, is a Computer Numerical Control machine manufacturing course taught on two CNC machines, a mill and a lathe, that LHS received through a $170,000 jobs training grant through the N.H. Community Development Finance Authority and installed at the school in 2016.

"It's based on a need," Rachelle Cox, ATNCS coordinator, said Monday. "This is a pilot program to get people into the workforce with the skills they will need."

For more than a year, the machines had been idle from a lack of instructors.

Not anymore.

Enrolled in the 5:30 to 8 p.m. class held each Monday are two LHS students, several ATNCS students, and local employees of the two partnering companies in the Littleton Industrial Park - Burndy, which has six employees enrolled from its Lincoln site, and Rotobec USA, which has two employees.

Burndy is a manufacturer of tools, fittings and connectors for electrical utilities, repair and maintenance companies, residential and commercial contractors, and telecommunications firms.

Rotobec USA is a designer and manufacturer of heavy handling equipment for the logging, scrap, waste-handling and other industries.

On Monday evening, managers from Rotobec attended to see what the students are learning in the 15-week CNC class and to discuss employment opportunities in CNC operating that the company is offering.

"It's a great benefit to Rotobec, but more importantly, it's a great benefit to manufacturing as a whole," said Robin Byrne, industrial relations coordinator with Rotobec who attended Monday to hand out business cards, introduce the company's management team, and invite students on a tour of the company's plant and inform them of the several job openings at its site in the Littleton Industrial Park and at its new location in Groveton.

"We are excited to be partnering with Above The Notch," said Byrne.

The Littleton location for the CNC machines is the only location of its kind in the Littleton area, which makes it important and exposes area residents to a wonderful opportunity to learn in-demand skills, she said.

One of those residents is Shane Radwich, of St. Johnsbury, who works at Rotobec.

Radwich has been doing CNC machining since 1995, but he jumped at the chance to take the class as a refresher and get up to speed on the newest technologies offered by the machines.

"I can do basic programming, but tool compensation is what we are getting into now," said Radwich.

The class – whose subjects include machine safety, basic machining vocabulary, learning lot control and work orders, basic machine tool math, blueprint reading, quality control, an understanding of tooling, and workplace soft skills such as communication – is being taught by Matt Horne, a trainer picked up by Rotobec who is now an official instructor with ATNCS.

"They are looking to hire people," Cox said of Rotobec and Burndy. "It's a great opportunity for people to get in and see if they like the course and if this is the kind of work they want to get into. They have the potential of being picked up by one of these companies to work."

The second semester begins Jan. 6.

"People are excited to have it in the North Country," said Cox.

Other courses at ATNCS are also being offered.

"It's a great lineup this year and now we are moving forward to offer more workforce trainings for the North Country," said Cox.

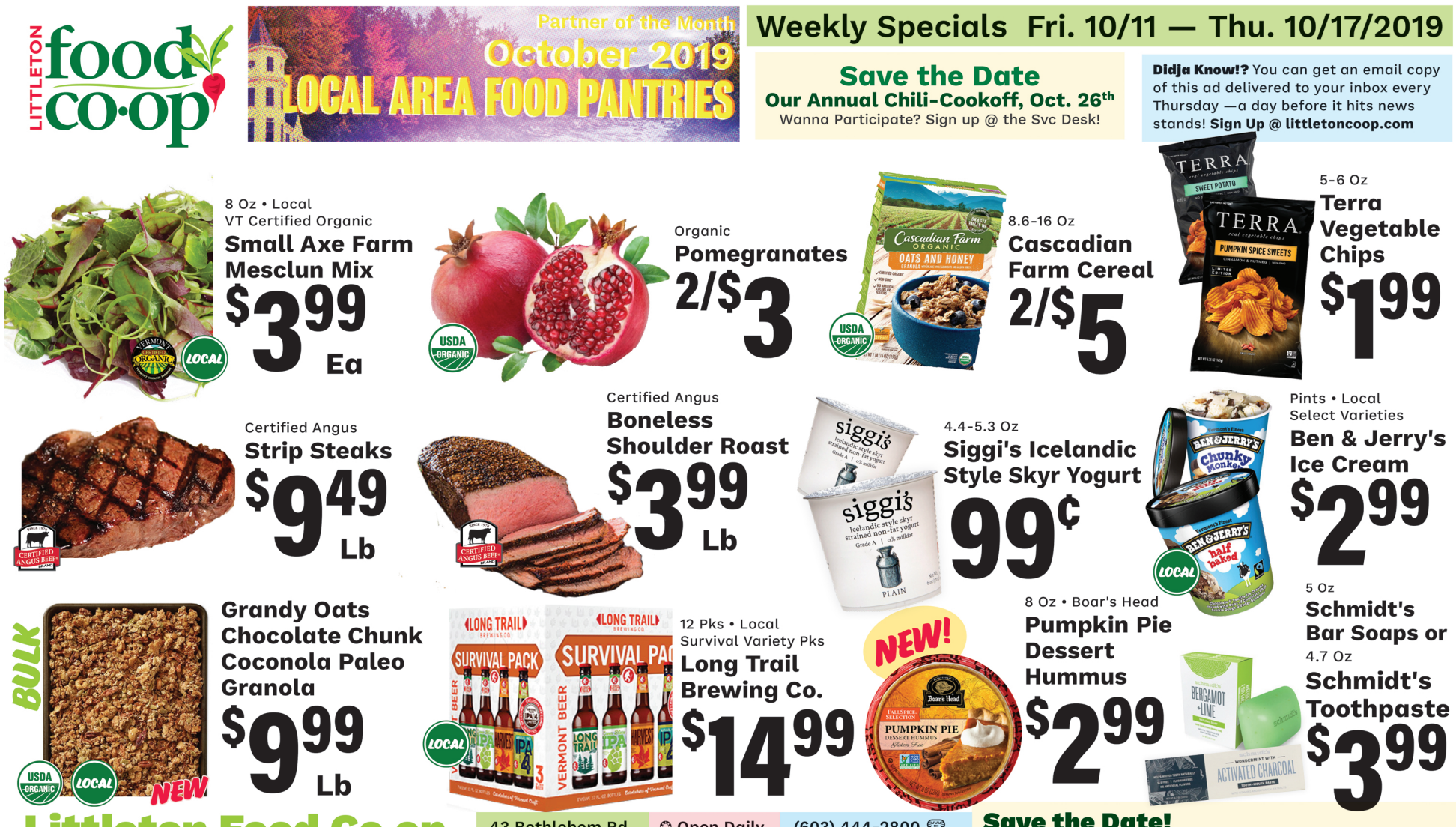
She is building other classes with Al Smith, director of LHS's Hugh J. Gallen Career and Technical Education Center.

They include a 3-D printer course to launch in January, and they are looking to begin a plumbing and electrical course and winterization certificate program in partnership with Laconia Community College, which is seeking to expand out to the North Country, said Cox.

In January, another business partner will come on board, the Lisbon-based New England Wire Technologies, which Cox said will need employees skilled in 3-D printing.

ATNCS also has a permaculture class, taught by Littleton resident Stacey Doll, that runs on Thursdays and that is a well-blended course that teaches students about landscapes and how to evaluate properties to cultivate them, she said.

The goal of all the classes is to enroll more people in the community, and all are welcome to give the school a call and sign up, said Cox

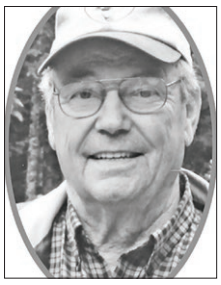


Obituaries

Albert Moulton Hagen

Albert Moulton Hagen "Al," born Dec. 18, 1932, died almost 5 years ago, on Oct. 28, 2014, at the age of 81. He was a long time resident of Manley Hot Springs and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Al was a charismatic, happy, enthusiastic, optimist of many talents and experiences, who said he always enjoyed life wherever he happened to be. He was born in Worcester, Mass. He moved to Peacham, Vt. with his parents when he was in the 7th grade, and lived on the dairy farm belonging to his grandparents. He grew up in that farm country and remembered it so fondly that he chose to have his ashes buried at the foot of an old maple tree in the pasture where he remembered fetching the cows when he was a barefoot boy.



Albert Hagen

Al attended his freshman year at the Trade School in St. Johnsbury, Vt. and finished high school at Peacham Academy where he excelled in the sports he loved, graduating in the class of 1952. That same year he entered the Air Force, with basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas, then to Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wy. In 1953 he was transferred to a remote radar station in Takotna, Alaska. In 1955 he was deployed to Lake Charles, La. and married his Alaskan sweetheart, Rose Miller. Upon Honorable Discharge from the Air Force in August 1956, he returned to Vermont with his wife and young daughter and farmed for several years until returning to Alaska in 1962.

Al lived his Alaska dream for more than 40 years, hunting, trapping, and flying his Super Cub aircraft. He was Maintenance Supervisor of the City of Cordova, Alaska for six years in the 1960s, and was a drilling supervisor on the Alaska Pipeline route in the 1970s. In the 1980s he lived in Manley Hot Springs, Alaska where he worked his small placer gold mine, had a small sawmill operation, built several cabins and met his second wife, Paulette Bea (Wagle) O'Brien. In the 1990s they happily lived summers in Manley and winters in Fairbanks. They had just begun spending part of their winters in Tucson, Ariz., when pancreatic cancer struck and quickly took Al's life.

Al is survived by his widow, Paulette "Bea" Hagen in Fairbanks and his adult children: Karen Andrulli Brooks in Wasilla, Alaska, and Douglas Miles Hagen in Cumberland, Wisconsin, as well as his sisters Gayle Hatch, Woodsville, N.H., Marilyn Petrie, Peacham, Vt., and brother Lee "Buddy" Hagen of Lynden, Wash. He is also survived by his grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Gwendolyn Somers Hagen and Oscar W. Hagen, his sister, Carole Hagen, and two adult children: Albert Hagen Jr., and Richard Dean Hagen, and his first wife, Rose Miller Hagen, of Takotna, Alaska, who was the mother of all his children.

Michael Kevin "Burger" Burleson

Michael Kevin "Burger" Burleson, 49, of North Haverhill, N.H., died unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 in Ryegate, Vt.

Mike was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., April 15, 1970 to Herman "Tunny" Burleson and Verna Davis.

He grew up in Woodsville, N.H. and moved to Tampa / Bradenton, Fla. area at 19 years old where he did carpentry and enjoyed cooking and barbecuing. Mike eventually married Vickie Macy and they were together for 23 years. He moved back to New Hampshire in 2016 to be with family. He enjoyed his favorite pastimes of hunting and fishing.



Michael Burleson

He was predeceased by his father, Herman "Tunny" Burleson and a step sister, Sharon Blood Franks.

Survivors include his mother, Verna Young of North Haverhill; four sisters, Laurianne Rowden of Ryegate, Vt., Sandy Parker of Ryegate, Bonnie Boyce of Newbury, Vt., and Dawn Burleson of Woodsville, N.H.; three step brothers, Steve Blood of Ryegate, Brian Blood of Ryegate, and Mike Young of North Haverhill; two step sons; three grandchildren who called him "Pop-pop"; several in laws; nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

A calling hour will be on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a funeral service to begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch St., Woodsville, N.H. with Melissa Gould as funeral celebrant to lead the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club, PO Box 60, Woodsville, NH 03785.

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.

Rita Bilodeau King

Marie Jeanne "Rita" Bilodeau was born on Feb. 6, 1928 in St. Albans, Vermont to Odilon Bilodeau and Germaine Lanoue Bilodeau. She was married to Albert Emery King for 69 years before he passed away in May of 2018.

She leaves behind five children: Lois Ann Michaud and her husband Michael Douglas Michaud of Burke, Vt., Donna King Bueb and her husband Thomas Donald Bueb of Lancaster, N.H., David Andrew King and his wife Mary Ellen Lynch of Shelburne, Vt., Carol King Bent and her husband Robert George Bent of Layton, Utah, and Nancy J. King of Websterville, Vt.



Rita King

She was grandmother to David Michael Michaud, Michelle Lee Harvey, Christopher Michael Fisher, Anna MacKenzie King and Sarah Elizabeth King. She has one great-grandchild, Tegan Alton Fisher and one great-great grandchild Mykiah May Fisher.

She was predeceased by her siblings Marcel Bilodeau, Lawrence Bilodeau, Denise Renaghan and is survived by siblings Gerald Bilodeau, Jeanette Schaefer, John Bilodeau, George Bilodeau, Dennis Bilodeau and Richard Bilodeau.

After high school she worked as a telephone operator in St. Albans, Vt., and later for the A&P market for 10 years in Littleton, N.H. Rita also volunteered time to Catholic Daughters, the SHARE program and other local programs.

Rita was an avid reader and instilled the love of reading in her children, making weekly trips to the public library when her children were young. Hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and drives in New England were favorite activities, as well as several cross-country camping trips across the United States to see the sites and visit various National Parks and churches along the way. Her family and her faith carried her through a long and rich life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Edmundite Missions (www.edmunditemissions.org), or Edmundite Missions, 1428 Broad Street, Selma, AL 36701, a charity Albert and Rita supported for many years.

A church service will be held at Saint Rose of Lima Church, 82 High St, Littleton, N.H. at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, followed by a reception in the basement of Saint Rose. Internment of Rita's ashes will occur in a private ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery at a later date.

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New Counterclaims In LRH v. North Country Healthcare Lawsuit

Several months after Littleton Regional Healthcare and North Country Healthcare agreed to mediation to settle their lawsuit stemming from LRH's decision to withdraw from NCH, a settlement appears to be elusive, and new counterclaims by LRH, including a count of defamation against NCH, have been filed.

On Oct. 1, Bob Nutter, president of LRH; Ted Duffy, LRH emergency department director and chief medical officer of LRH until he agreed to serve as interim NCH CEO in April 2018; Patrick Fitzpatrick, LRH physician and member of the LRH board of trustees; Roger Gingue, chair of the LRH board; and George Hunter, vice-president of human resources and physician practices for LRH, all of whom were named individually in NCH's suit against LRH, filed a motion to dismiss the NCH action against them, and, on Oct. 2, filed a counter-claim against NCH.

They seek a jury trial for three counts of defamation, false light invasion of privacy, and intentional infliction of emotional distress against NCH.

According to their counter-claim, NCH from the outset "prepared to oppose LRH's withdrawal from the system" and "also embarked on a plan to discredit and punish certain individuals who it believed were involved in the LRH decision to exercise its contractual right to withdraw …"

They argue NCH's public assertions, including in a NCH press release, that LRH's decision to withdraw was based on conflicts of interest, improper financial benefits, violations of bylaws, fraud and illegal actions, negotiating in bad faith and putting patients at risk are false and were made without a factual basis.

Through their attorney, Peter Callaghan, of the Preti Flaherty law firm in Concord, Nutter, Gingue, Duffy, Fitzpatrick, and Nutter argue NCH "failed to exercise reasonable care in publishing the false and defamatory statements" about them "and those statements "tended to lower" them "in the esteem of a substantial and respectable group" of people.

NCH has until Nov. 1 to answer the counter-claim against it.

In June, LRH and NCH agreed to a stay of legal proceedings so they can pursue mediation and try to reach a settlement out of court.

In August, they extended their mediation deadline to Sept. 30, with the mediation to include determining how much of a withdrawal payment LRH would be required to pay.

On April 4 at Grafton Superior Court, LRH filed the initial suit against NCH and the three other hospitals in the affiliation to seek a temporary restraining order during the LRH withdrawal process.

A week later in Coos Superior Court, NCH filed a counter-suit against LRH that alleges breach of contract and fiduciary duty, interference with a contractual relationship, and fraudulent misrepresentation.

Nutter, Gingue, Duffy, Fitzpatrick and Hunter are seeking to dismiss NCH's claims agains them of breach of contract and fiduciary duty, interference with contractual relations, fraudulent misrepresentation, and civil conspiracy on the basis that the claims are without merit and made by NCH "in their zeal to punish and attack the individual defendants for executing their responsibilities to LRH …"

NCH is the North Country hospitals affiliation and parent organization of LRH, Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook and Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, all of which partnered in 2015 to share staff and services and staff, reduce health care delivery costs in the North Country, and build a sustainable health care delivery system for the region's residents.

In February, LRH announced it is exercising its right to withdraw, saying its goals do not align with NCH, LRH's strategies and communities served are different, and LRH can better serve its patients and provide them more cost-effective health care without belonging to NCH.

LRH representatives have said the contract with NCH allows them to withdraw without cause upon the third year of NCH (it formally went into effect in March 2016), with the only stipulations that the withdrawing hospital give notice within the required time period (a 90-day window) and make a withdrawal payment per the agreed formula.

LRH's withdrawal announcement was made in a unanimous decision by the LRH board on Feb. 18 and came several weeks after NCH, on Jan. 23, offered Thomas Mee the position of CEO for NCH.

Representatives of LRH and NCH were contacted Wednesday and asked if mediation is completely off the table or if they see a resolution somewhere in sight.

Because the legal action is still pending, LRH representatives said they are unable to comment.

An email sent to NHC spokesman James Patry was not returned by press time.

Parties Formally Settle Pittsburg ATV Lawsuit

Out of the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle divide in Coos County, one lawsuit has been resolved.

The parties in the case stemming from OHRVs, or ATVs, in a residential neighborhood in Pittsburg have formally settled their lawsuit at Coos Superior Court and agreed to mutually release each other of all claims related to the dispute.

The suit with claims and counterclaims was filed in June 2018 by Sandra Canada-Thistle, Gary and Dorothy Bedell, Kevin Da-

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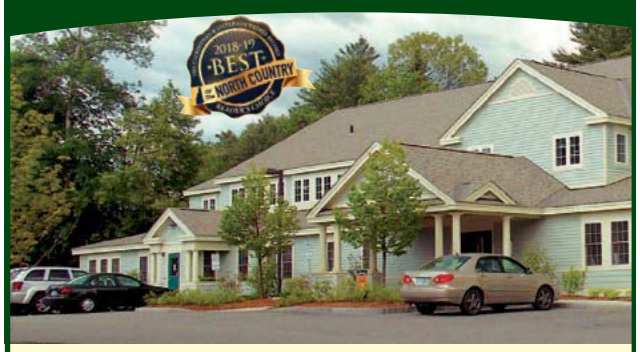

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vid, Al Edenstein, Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen and Wayne Sarette against Kimberly Meikle and her son, Cameron Meikle.

All own property in the residential Village at the Tarns and the parties on both sides accused each other of interfering with the roads.

A month later after the initial filing, the Meikles and Wayne Sapurka, another property owner in the Tarns intervening in the case, filed a counterclaim against Canada-Thistle, owner of the Buck Rub Pub, from where they said the machines access roads in the Tarns Village.

In their complaint, the Meikles argued the case is about the promotion of ATV traffic onto the Tarns residential roads by the Great Northwoods ATV Riders Club and state of New Hampshire, but the Tarns covenant protects its homeowners and states nothing shall be permitted that can become a nuisance or annoyance to its residents.

They argued the "OHRV nuisance" has substantially interfered with "the quiet enjoyment of their homes" and sought a jury trial for damages from the machines that they argued were interfering with the enjoyment of their properties.

They also sought an injunction barring the ATV club and state from promoting the operation of the machines in Tarns Village residential areas.

In their own petition for injunction, Canada-Thistle, the Bedells, David, Edenstien, Sarette, and the Karlsens asked the court for a temporary retraining order against Kimberly and Cameron Meikle to prohibit them "from stopping, impeding, blocking, harassing, or otherwise interfering with motor vehicles utilizing the common areas improved by roads at the tarns."

The conduct of the Meikles, they argued, "poses a substantial and immediate threat to public safety" and interfered with access to their properties.

The parties had a deadline of Oct. 4 to file the settlement with the court, but they filed it on Sept. 18, according to court records reviewed Tuesday.

Under the terms of settlement, the N.H. Department of Transportation, in November 2018, revoked the OHRV crossing permit it had granted into the Tarns, upon the request of the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

All parties agree they will abide by OHRV laws, ordinances, and covenants as they apply to traffic in the Tarns.

As part of the settlement, Canada-Thistle agrees to not promote, advertise or encourage the use of the roads within the village for customer access to the pub, except for those who live, permanently or temporarily, at the Tarns.

By court order in August 2018, the superior court found that the Tarns declaration of easements and covenants does not extend rights of ingress and egress to guests of the commercial lot owners of the Tarns.

As part of the settlement, the parties agree to not pursue lawsuit costs or attorneys' fees and agreed that the settlement "is made and entered into to resolve dispute claims and to buy peace" and is a full and final release of all claims by each party.

Attorneys Debate Motion To Disqualify Woodburn's Counsel

LANCASTER — If there's one thing attorneys can agree on in the domestic violence case against former Democratic state senator Jeff Woodburn, it's that it's unique – a misdemeanor case against a well-known elected official that is being tried in superior court and prosecuted by not just one but two attorneys from the state's top law enforcement agency.

Both, too, agreed there are no legal cases on point with respect to the specific facts in the Woodburn case.

That's where they stop, though.

During a hearing on Tuesday at Coos Superior Court, they offered opposing arguments on the state's motion to disqualify Woodburn's attorney, Donna Brown, for a conflict of interest stemming from the newer and separate investigation into who leaked a digital image of Woodburn's former fiancee, Emily Jacobs, the alleged victim in the case, that was put under a court protective order in July and provided to Woodburn as a case discovery file.

That image was put on the social media page of someone prosecutors said was linked to Woodburn shortly after Woodburn received the image and the court put it under the protective order that made it available only to Woodburn and his attorney and prosecutors and Jacobs.

Arguing before the judge on Tuesday for the disqualification of Brown was Assistant New Hampshire Attorney General John Kennedy, who said it was almost a given that Brown, who has already told prosecutors she did not disseminate the image, will be called on to testify in the investigation and could be a witness against Woodburn.

"Case law makes it clear that the state and this court have an obligation to look into a potential conflict if it arises," said Kennedy.

The court has an obligation to protect the integrity of any convictions and limit any reversals of convictions on appeal and "has a duty to make inquiry into this conflict," he said.

A district court case has concluded any attorney's ability to represent his or her client would be compromised if a conflict arises, said Kennedy.

"The court needs to determine whether this will burgeon into an actual conflict," he said to Judge Peter Bornstein. "Certainly, there does not appear to be no conflict here."

Brown disagreed and first addressed the issue regarding contempt of court, a charge that could be filed against the person leaking the image.

"Everything about this case is unusual and this is no exception," she said.

Most contempt charges stem from breach of bail conditions or divorce cases, said Brown.

"A theoretical conflict – that's what we have here," she said.

To date, no charges have been brought, and the state can't call a defense attorney to testify and won't need his or her testimony if there are other ways of obtaining evidence, said Brown.

"This is so speculative," she said. "As of right now, it's our position they haven't provided enough evidence for me to withdraw from this case."

If such evidence turns up to warrant excluding her as Woodburn's defense counsel, Brown said she would consider it then.

She also said Woodburn would be willing to waive any potential conflict under the guidance of Nicholas Brodich, a third-party attorney he has been consulting with.

To limit the number of hearings on the issue, Bornstein suggested affidavits or stipulations from Brodich, stating Woodburn is intelligently waiving a conflict, and from Brown, stating she did not

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advise Woodburn to disseminate the image (earlier, Brown said, "I never have or never will advise anyone to commit a crime").

The judge also suggested an affidavit from Brown on the extent of her involvement in the case and what she's done.

Brown said the many pages of documents she has reviewed would take much time for another attorney to review and get up to speed on and said Woodburn wants to keep her as his attorney.

As for him enlisting another attorney at this stage of the case, she said, "I could not overestimate the hardship this would cause."

Intervening in the Woodburn case is the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which in August submitted a memorandum of law in support of keeping Brown as Woodburn's attorney, arguing if Brown was disqualified it would set a legal precedent in the state that would impact other criminal cases.

Speaking on behalf of the association was attorney Alan Cronheim, who said under the U.S. and New Hampshire constitutions defendants not only have a right to defense counsel, but to counsel of their choice.

Although it is not of significant consequence to prosecutors who a defendant has as his or her attorney, it is of enormous consequence to defendants, said Cronheim.

"Attorneys are different and a defendant must have trust in an attorney," he said.

The concern by the association is that in every instance where the state raises the possibility of defense counsel disqualification in criminal cases, the court will go through the process of disqualification, said Cronheim.

"The concern here of Attorney Brown as a potential witness … is speculative and uncertain," he said. "It has not come to a point to argue."

Bornstein gave a deadline of Oct. 28 for the parties to submit their stipulations or affidavits.

When asked by Bornstein about the status of the investigation into the image and who disseminated it, Kennedy said it is still proceeding and Brown could be called on to testify before a grand jury.

The state is gathering information from the host web site, said Kennedy, adding it "takes time" and "progress is being made."

Kennedy did not say specifically if subpoenas will be served, but did say, "that would be one of the avenues the state would look into."

Woodburn, 54, was in his third term in the New Hampshire Senate and had been Senate Democratic minority leader when he was charged by the Special Investigations Unit of the office of the New Hampshire Attorney General, in August 2018, with four Class A misdemeanor counts of simple assault, two Class A misdemeanor counts of domestic violence, two Class A misdemeanor counts of criminal mischief, and one Class A misdemeanor count of criminal trespass for incidents prosecutors said occurred against Jacobs between August 2017 and June 2018.

He won his Democratic primary election in September 2018, but was defeated in the general election by Republican David Starr, of Franconia.

At the close of Tuesday's court hearing, Woodburn said the state had 84 days to investigate the leaked image and has asked for his phone, but hasn't taken it.

He has denied the allegations against him.

"This is an endurance test," said Woodburn "I'm committed to the truth."

State Education Aid Expected To Lower Local Property Taxes

Taxpayers rejoice.

The new state budget gives local schools a bump in state aid, which should provide short-term tax relief to most local communities.

The two-year spending plan increases education aid by $138 million and the majority of Upper Valley and North Country towns will receive a windfall.

Locally, Haverhill would collect an additional $1.5 million over the budget cycle, Lancaster would get $1.28 million, Northumberland would see around $1.05 million, and both Littleton and Lisbon would each gain nearly $800,000, according to state budget figures.

It provides relief to local school districts after years of cuts.

The state will deliver the extra funds in two installments: Twenty-five percent this fiscal year and 75 percent in the next.

School districts are expected to use year one funds for tax relief, because they cannot spend above town meeting-approved budget limits.

Districts will have more flexibility in year two, when they can consider the larger sum in budget discussions, but they are unlikely to commit new funds to staff or programs, because the added money is not guaranteed beyond 2021.

A portion of those second year funds could go towards smaller, one-time expenses, such as small capital or maintenance items, such as a vehicle purchase or sidewalk repairs, according to local school officials. Those budget talks are just beginning in most districts.

"The first year will be a great tax relief for the communities and the second year will depend on the school," said Pierre Couture, superintendent of SAU 35 (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Lyman, Sugar Hill).

The state budget restores a type of aid (stabilization aid) that had been cut annually and provides additional aid to needy communities, but much of that was accomplished with one-time funds, and it's uncertain how those increases can be sustained in the next state budget.

"It's one time money, not guaranteed after two years, so you don't want to hire people and start new programs if the funding won't continue," added Laurie Melanson, superintendent of SAU 23 (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren).

The new state budget brought a double dose of good news for the Woodsville High School district. In addition to the bump in education aid, the district was also awarded $3.277 million in building aid, covering 60 percent of costs of the ongoing high school construction and renovation project.

"I'm just thrilled for the taxpayers," Melanson said.

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New Accountable Care Organization Seeks To Improve Health Care For Medicare Patients

To better serve Medicare patients in the North Country, several area hospitals and health care organizations have teamed up to form a new accountable care organization (ACO), and another is on deck to join at the turn of the new year.

The effort to improve value and quality for Medicare recipients is called the New Hampshire Value Care LLC and the participating area hospitals are Ammonoosuc Community Health Services in Littleton, Littleton Regional Healthcare, Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster, and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, all of which are members of the North Country Community Care Organization.

In a statement issued by Catholic Charities, New Hampshire Value Care and UCHV CEO Scott Colby said "When we can communicate better between our organizations and understand what our patients need, not just in one community but across the organization, we will see better outcomes. Patients should be able to get the same level of care no matter where they access services."

New Hampshire Value Care, set up in 2018, was recently approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ACO, the missions for which are to encourage their members to better coordinate patient care and seek the best practices to reduce

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Madelyn Anita Page Frost

Madelyn Anita Page Frost, 85, of Mountain View Drive, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the Cottage Hospital, Woodsville, N.H.



Rita Frost

Madelyn was born in Haverhill, N.H. April 15, 1934, to Burns Frank and Mary (Carter) Page.

She graduated from Groton High School, class of 1952. Madelyn married Vern H. Frost Jr. on June 22, 1952.

Madelyn was a member of the First Baptist Church of Groton. She loved baking, making donuts, and taking care of her home. The most important thing in her life was her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and her relationship with the Lord.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vern H. Frost Jr. on February 7, 1999; two granddaughters, Holly M. Frost and Sarah E. Colby; a great grandson, Owen C. Colby; and ten sisters and brothers.

Survivors include four children: Harold V. Frost and wife Tonya of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Sewell B Frost and wife Patsy of Groton, Vt.; Paul A. Frost of Laconia, N.H.; and Kathleen L. Somers and husband Brian of Barnet, Vt.; twelve grandchildren; twenty five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Wells of St. Johnsbury; and Evelyn Dobbins and husband Leonard of Bradford, Vt.; a brother, Gerald "Jerry" Page and wife Ruth of Wells River, Vt.; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be on Monday, October 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, N.H.

A funeral service will be on Tuesday, October 8, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Groton, 1115 Scott Memorial Highway, Groton, VT, with Pastor Dennis Walton.

Burial will follow in the Groton Village Cemetery (Old Section).

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

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

Hazel B. Morrison

Hazel B. Morrison, 74, of Barton, Vt., passed away on September 21, 2019, in Barton, Vt. She was born on July 1, 1945, in Gorham, N.H., to Howard Bingham and Hazel Barlow.

Hazel loved fishing, helping out at the food bank in St. Johnsbury, going to the county fairs and was a member of Moose and the Grange in Groveton, N.H.

She is survived by her sister Ethel Matos of Island Pond, Vt., nieces Naomi Benoit, Tonya Beezup, Isabelle Marie Santana Matos, brother Howard Bingham Jr. of Island Pond, Vt., sisters Roena Bellanger of Oklahoma, Rachel Garfield of Eden, Vt., and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister Patricia Lewis.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Umbrella 93 East Main Street, Newport, VT 05855. On-line condolences at curtis-britch.com. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funeral Home, locally family owned and operated.

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redundancies and costs and improve quality through integrated and consistent care, said Catholic Charities representatives.

ACOs, which also focus on primary care, prevention, and population health, are under the umbrella of the Medicare Shared Savings Program that was created by the Affordable Care Act.

Members of ACOs share the financial and medical responsibilities of providing care to their total patient populations and when they meet the ACO standards they are eligible for shared savings payments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The other members of the eight-member New Hampshire Value Care are Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, all of which are part of the GraniteOne Health.

Slated to join on Jan. 1 is Indian Stream Health Center in Colebrook.

In a statement, New Hampshire Value Care CFO Rich Scheinblum, said "As we move from the fee-for-service to a fee-for-value model, we're changing the way we do business. Together, we serve about 20,000 Medicare beneficiaries in New Hampshire. That's 20,000 opportunities to ask ourselves, 'are we giving this patient the most effective care in the most efficient way? Are they getting the best value?'"

ACLU Challenges Deportation Of Man To El Salvador

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union is demanding that the federal government return a Salvadoran man to the United States after he was deported despite a court order allowing him to remain here.

In its brief filed Wednesday, the ACLU of New Hampshire said that José Daniel Guerra-Castañeda was deported last month by U.S. Immigration and Enforcement to El Salvador and is in a crowded jail there.

A federal judge in Boston ruled last month that Guerra-Castañeda could remain in the United States to fight deportation efforts over an alleged murder he committed in El Salvador. Guerra-Castañeda, who was living in Massachusetts, was detained in New Hampshire, has argued he would face "persecution and torture" in El Salvador

The ACLU said Guerra-Castañeda had been sent to a detention center in Louisiana ahead of his pending deportation. After the court ruling, court records show ICE officials in Boston sent an email to their colleagues in Louisiana advising them that Guerra-Castañeda should not be deported

Despite that correspondence, the ACLU said he was deported on Sept. 13, two days after the second of two court orders staying his deportation

"No one is above the law, and when the court issues an order, we are all bound to uphold it—especially the United States government," said Gilles Bissonnette, legal director at the ACLU of New Hampshire. "No human being should be sent by the United States to a country where they will be tortured or persecuted before they ever have an opportunity to challenge their removal."

The ACLU wants the federal government to return Guerra-Castañeda to the United States, where he was fighting deportation over alleged crimes committed in El Salvador.

If he is not returned, the ACLU wants the government held in contempt and fined $1,000 a day. In the court filings, the ACLU said that ICE had indicated it was seeking information about Guerra-Castañeda including the status of his criminal case and the possibility of returning him to the United States. But ICE also said it lacked the resources to facilitate a return.

A spokesman for ICE said the agency couldn't comment on the case in "light of the ongoing nature of this litigation."

The ACLU said Guerra-Castañeda's case is a part of a trend. Nationwide, it said, it has documented eight cases in which ICE attempted to deport someone after a court ruled the person could stay. In three cases, it said, the person was illegally removed despite a law prohibiting it. In five cases, an immigration lawyer intervened and prevented their deportation.

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Bethlehem Preparing For Second Annual Halloween Festival

BETHLEHEM — The second annual BOOthlehem Halloween Bash, scheduled for Oct. 24, 25 and 26, marks the return of several spooky activities from last year, with a few additional surprises.

Organized by Bethlehem Events, a volunteer, non-profit organization devoted to community enrichment, the weekend offers a multitude of family-friendly activities.

Community members are encouraged to kick off the weekend with a pumpkin carving party at Rek.Lis Brewing Company.

The event starts at 5 p.m. on Thursday, and several free pumpkins will be available for carving. Each of the completed jack o' lanterns will then be distributed along Main Street for the ninth annual Pumpkin Stroll the next evening.

On Friday, Oct. 25, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Bethlehem Elementary School parents' association, NEST, once again hosts their annual Trunk or Treat event. This year, they've decided to move the event to Bethlehem's Gazebo Park, where several other family-friendly holiday activities will immediately follow it.

The evening progresses with glow performers, haunted hayrides and ghost stories at Gazebo Park. All activities and refreshments offered throughout the evening are free, and the schedule of events will wrap at 8 p.m., allowing for both an action-packed evening and a restful sleep for younger children.

Saturday morning kicks off with the second annual Haunted Hustle 5K Fun Run at the Bethlehem Country Club. Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the race commences at 9. The gently rolling hills of this historic Donald Ross-designed golf course offers breathtaking views and a unique, off-road running experience for all ages and abilities. Early registration is available at racewire.com.

Volunteer meetings for the Halloween festival are scheduled for each Tuesday in October and will be held at 6 p.m. at the 42 Maple Contemporary Art Center. Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to attend these meetings.

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New Hiking Guidebook Explores New Hampshire's 52 With A View List

CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire's 52 With A View - A Hiker's Guide, a new comprehensive guidebook for the 52 With A View hiking list, was recently published by its author, Ken MacGray of Concord. The 246-page guidebook is the first of its kind for these peaks, which complement the popular New Hampshire 4,000-footers.

Inside the book you will find an historical overview of the Over The Hill Hikers, creators of the list, and how the list came to be; detailed recommended route descriptions for all 52 peaks (plus the delisted peaks), including historical tidbits, parking & road access, and summaries of additional routes. There's also information on overnight options for campers and backpackers, tips for hiking each peak in winter, and highlights of the views from each peak.

Said Mike Dickerman, a longtime New Hampshire hiker, author, and bookseller, "The 52 With a View list, which includes scenic summits from one end of the state to the other, all with elevations between 2500 and 3999 feet, offers adventurous hikers an alternative to the rougher and tougher 4,000-footers list. With this new guide, Granite State hikers now have an indispensable book that they can go to as they plan their next mountain outing."

New Hampshire's 52 With A View - A Hiker's Guide is being distributed regionally by Bondcliff Books (www.bondcliffbooks.com) of Littleton, N.H., is available to order online, and can also be purchased at bookstores around the state.

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Littleton Historical Museum Hosts 13th Cemetery Walk

The Littleton Area Historical Society will present the 14th Annual Cemetery Walk on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Glenwood Cemetery on West Main Street in Littleton. There will be three starting times for the tour: 3 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Admission is by donation.

Several Glenwood Cemetery residents will regale visitors with stories about their lives and the Littleton of past years. One of the storytellers will be Cyp Trombley, a Littleton barber for many years. There is a photograph of Trombley in the Littleton Area Historical Museum adorning the museum's newest exhibit, a replica of a 1950s barbershop. "His stories might raise your hair," noted historical society organizers.

Another denizen of the Glenwood Cemetery to entertain visitors will be Francis Hodgman, the grandfather of Eleanor Porter Hodgman, the creator of the beloved character Pollyanna. Mr. Hodgman will have many a tale to tell from his unique perspective on the Littleton of a bygone era.

For those interested in visting the museum, it is located in the lower level of the Littleton Opera House, 2 Union St. and admission is free.

It is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the museum or the event, call 604-444-6435 (Museum) or 603-444-6052 (Curator- Dick Alberini). Also, be aware of the upcoming event on October 25: Paranormal Night at the Opera House.

English teacher in Corrections Department gets annual honor

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award has gone to an English teacher who instructs inmates in the state prison system.

Kimberly Piper-Stoddard was honored Wednesday at a ceremony at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord. She's a teacher at Granite State High School, which is located within the walls of the men and women's prisons.

Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut said Piper-Stoddard teaches students who have gone down the wrong path, but are working to turn their lives around. One student said Piper-Stoddard is excited and enthusiastic about what she teaches, and that's created "an overwhelming positive change in me."

Finalists are Jeremy Brown, Littleton High School; Sarah Grossi, Con-Val Regional High School; John "Drew" Groves, Bow High School; Barbara Milliken, Oyster River High School; and Christine Stilwell, Robert J. Lister Academy.

Fly problem closes 3 operating rooms at VA medical center

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The Manchester VA Medical Center says three operating rooms have been closed out of an abundance of caution after flies were found in one of them.

A spokesperson for the Manchester VA said Wednesday that patient care hasn't been impacted. The medical center contacted all patients with scheduled surgery appointments to reschedule their procedures.

A licensed pest management service provided treatment, and a second service provided a consult.

The spokesperson said "we are vigorously working to fix the issue and reopen the operating room suite as soon as possible." It wasn't immediately clear how many operating rooms were open Thursday.

Flies in the medical center's operating rooms have been a problem before. In 2017, the Boston Globe reported complaints from doctors describing a fly-infested operating room, among other problems.

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Friday, Oct 11

COMMUNITY

Acorn Club Storytime: 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Family Game Night: 6-9 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org.

Music in My Pocket: Family Fun and Folk Music: 7-8 p.m., Piermont Public Library/ Old Church Building, 130 Route 10, Piermont. https://piermontlibrary.blogspot.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury School Auditorium, 257 Western Ave, St. Johnsbury. https://www.stjohnsbury-players.org/.

Saturday, Oct 12

COMMUNITY

All you can eat breakfast: 8-10 a.m., Lake View Grange Hall, 4770 Garland Hill Road, West Barnet.

Vermont Granite Festival: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Vermont Granite Museum, Jones Brothers Way, Barre, VT. http://www.vtgranitemuseum.org.

Sterling College Open House: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sterling College, 16 Sterling Drive, Craftsbury Common. https://sterlingcollege.edu/visit-sterling/open-house/.

Littleton Historical Museum: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Littleton Opera House, Union Street, Littleton. http://littletonnhmuseum.com.

Stand Up to Domestic Violence: 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Parking, 543 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. http://www.jessicaaikenhall.com.

61st Annual West Newbury Turkey Supper: 5 p.m., West Newbury Hall, 219 Tyler Farm Road, West Newbury.

Night Maze: 5 p.m.-12 a.m., River of Life Camp, 1145 Route 14, Irasburg. https://www.riveroflifecamp.newhopevt.com/.

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Studio of Archeo-Virtual Spiritings: 5-7 p.m., Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St, STOWE. https://www.helenday.com/exhibitions/upcoming/193-studio-of-archeo-virtual-spiritings.

Unbroken Current: 5 p.m., Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St, STOWE. https://www.helenday.com.

MUSIC

The Johnny Cash Tribute Show at The Abbey: 7-9 p.m., The Abbey Pub and Restaurant, 6212 VT Route 105, Enosburg Falls. https://www.facebook.com/events/688806504960734.

Sunday, Oct 13

COMMUNITY

Open Meditation: 10-11 a.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury. https://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org/.

Kingdom Chess Club: 2-4 p.m., Cafe Lotti, 603 Vt Route 114, West Burke.

SECON ANNUAL BOOTHLEHEM HALLOWEEN BASH

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Monday, Oct 14

COMMUNITY

RSVP Bone Builders: 8:30 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Golden Ball Tai Chi: 8:30-9:15 a.m., St. Johnsbury House, 1207 Main Street, St. Johnsbury.

RSVP Bone Builders: 9:45 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Join the St. Johnsbury Band: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Caledonia County Court House, 1126 Main St., St. Johnsbury. http://stjohnsbury-band.org.

Tuesday, Oct 15

COMMUNITY

Gentle Yoga: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Iyengar Yoga North, 23 Ammonoosuc Street Fourth Floor, Littleton. http://www.revealyoga.com.

Preschool Story Time: 10:30-11 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org.

Jewish folk tales from around the world: 3:30-4 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. http://www.cobleigh-library.org.

Frauds And Scams Coming to a Computer Near You: 7-8:30 p.m., Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 North Main Street, Hardwick. http://www.jeudevinememorial-library.org.

Lecture - New Hampshire Roads Taken - Or Not: 7-9 p.m., Alumni Hall, 75 Court St, Haverhill Corner.

Wednesday, Oct 16

COMMUNITY

Awareness Through Movement lesson: 9-10:05 a.m., Littleton Studio School, 3rd Floor, 23 Ammonoosuc St, Littleton. http://www.movementmentor.me.

RSVP Bone Builders: 9:45 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Littleton Historical Museum: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Littleton Opera House, Union Street, Littleton. http://littletonnhmuseum.com.

La Leche League - NVRH: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., NVRH, 3515 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury.

Awareness Through Movement - Mid-week Level Up: 12:15-1:15 p.m., Littleton Studio School, 23 Ammonoosuc Street, 3rd Floor, Littleton. http://www.movementmentor.me.

Whatever Wednesdays: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethle-

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Teen Creative Writing Series: 3:30-4:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Alzheimer Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org.

Thursday, Oct 17

COMMUNITY

RSVP Bone Builders: 8:30 a.m., Littleton Area Seniior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton.

Beginning Computer Class: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. http://www.cobleighlibrary.org.

Creative Kids: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org.

Chicken Pie Supper: 4:30 p.m., Sheffield Town Hall.

Thursday Parent's Night Out: 5:30-6:30 p.m., The Family Place At St. Johnsbury School, Western Avenue, St. Johnsbury.

Geoffrey Brahmer Presents Primo Levi - Life and Writings: 7-9 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St., Bethlehem. http://www.bethlehemcongregation.org.

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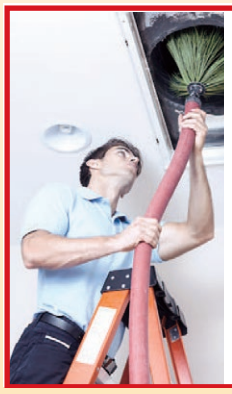
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