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Artistic Journeys

Passing Through: The Allure of the White Mountains

By Cynthia A. Melendy,
Ph.D.

After our recent snowstorm, we all understand how, in a brief interval of time, everything can look very different. Our usual sense of place is suddenly altered, and with it, a new understanding of the White Mountains transforms us as well.

Such is the sense projected by the new Museum of the White Mountains (MWM) on the campus of Plymouth State University, in Plymouth. This is not your typical art museum; indeed, it is not an art museum at all, although there is some fascinating artwork never before the public eye. This is a museum of the White Mountains: its mountain peaks, railroads, rivers, lakes, farmhouses, bridges, geology, flora and fauna—in addition to some very fine paintings. It is supported by the University through its participation in training students in Museum and New England/White Mountains Studies undergraduate students, but it is entirely self-funded. It is a new 21st Century model of collaboration and inspiration. Its independent Board of Trustees' vision is self-evident.

Opening on Feb. 23, you can get your first gaze at a new museum in a beautiful newly renovated church, where it preserves and promotes the distinctive history, culture and environmental legacy of the region. It provides unique collections-based, archival and digital learning resources to serve researchers, students, and the public. You will see that it houses, digitizes, and makes available historic archives and data including collections of art, rare photographs, postcards and books.

Its scope is truly interdisciplinary in a new, 21st Century way. It is an institution taking a giant step toward becoming a transdisciplinary regional resource for those seeking to understand what the White Mountains have been about over the centuries.

It got its start from an extraordinary gift of history,



art, and culture. Just a few months prior to his passing in February 2010, the late Daniel Noel, of Intervale—life-long state resident, and White Mountains photographer and collector—gave to PSU a one-of-a-kind collection that he had been building for decades. The donated materials include thousands of archives and images, including rare glass-plate photographs, stereoscopic images, hotel ledgers, postcards, early and first edition books about the region, bird's-eye views and maps, framed Bartlett prints, paintings and other miscellaneous items.

Subsequent to this gift, as is often the case, many other gifts have followed. The museum has acquired a collection of White Mountain art by women artists from Frances “Dolly” MacIntyre, and also a collection of antiquities from the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel from Steve Barba, the former hotel general manager. MacIntyre's collection of art by women artists includes dramatic mountain vistas, pastoral valley scenes, rushing rivers and waterfalls and detailed renderings of the mountain flora by a variety of artists such as Maria a'Becket, Mary Porter Bigelow, Fidelia Bridges, M.E. Loring, Martha Hayes Safford, Susan Ricker Knox, Elizabeth Galbraith MacIntyre Jewell, Martha

Safford, Emily Harris Selinger and Lizzie Stevens. MacIntyre is excited about the possibilities the MWM pres-

ents to the public.

“I was looking for a place that would value it for what it is,” she said of the artwork. “It adds a new dimension to the art of the White Mountains and I felt that the museum would honor that and make it available to the public.”

Barba worked for 48 years at The Balsams Grand Resort, which has long been regarded as one of America's finest vacation destinations. Founded in Dixville Notch in 1866 as the Dix House, The Balsams counts legendary American statesman Daniel Webster as one of its earliest owners.

Barba collected many items over the years at the Balsams, and said “I just know that this is going to be the perfect place for my gift to complement that, and to further establish a base of authenticity this museum will have. There are few things that we do in life that really deserve to be perpetuated, and I believe this is one of them.”

Just recently, a significant collection of White Mountains related books, maps and historical material was by John W. (Jack) and Anne H. Newton of South Natick, Mass. The Newtons said they chose to donate the 6,000 volume collection to the MWM because the gift will allow the public to enjoy and understand the region's rich history.

The Newtons said, “By placing our collection at PSU's Museum of the White Mountains, this resource will



Courtesy

Plymouth State University's Museum of the White Mountains will feature several examples of 19th Century artwork and photography celebrating the scenic beauty of the area.

receive the curatorial attention it deserves and will now be available in perpetuity to scholars, researchers, students and interested members of the public. It is our hope that others will make similar donations in the future to augment the Museum's research resources and to keep the collection current.”

Over time, the MWM collections will become available digitally so visitors, regardless of their location, can enjoy the museum's offerings. MWM Director Catherine Amidon said Newton's generous donation transforms the museum into a comprehensive research site.

“First and then subsequent editions of early books and guides will afford opportunities to study not only the literature but the changes and edits over time,” Amidon explained.

In this way, environmental

and literary historians have a vast collection in which to understand visions of the White Mountains over time.

In this way, the collections of the Museum of the White Mountains offer a complex view of the region similar to the way its visitors and residents experience it: through painting, photography, science, travel, and physical expedition. Now, it is collected in one place and will be available to the public and historians online and in the museum in hands-on projects in the present and as time goes by.

The opening exhibition on Feb. 23 will be accompanied by a 300 page catalogue with full illustration, and will host programs for visitors of all ages throughout the year it will be on view. Exhibitions for the next three years are already planned. The White Mountain Museum is alluring!

On the Cover

Stormy weather

Snow continued to fall near the Honeymoon Bridge in Jackson into the late morning of Feb. 9, leaving approximately 17 inches of snow when it finished a short while later.

Photo by Dennis Coughlin

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Valley Feature

Sugar and Snow, a skier and chocolate lover's delight

24th Annual Chocolate Festival coming on Feb. 24

By Rachael Brown

While Valentine's Day is already here, there is more chocolate and snow (thanks to winter storm Nemo) to look forward to in the Valley: A bounty of both for the upcoming 24th annual "Sweetest Day on the Trails."

Traditionally, on the last Sunday of the month, MWV Ski Touring and Snowshoe Foundation, select trailside and area chocolate shops- inns and businesses- hold The Annual Chocolate Festival where guests can ski/ snowshoe on groomed trails, can also walk, or ride the shuttle bus to locations to sample delectable chocolate delights.

This year's participants include trailside, Riverside Inn Bed & Breakfast, Old Field House Country Inn Suites and Townhouses, New England Inn, Touring Center located at Ragged Mountain Equipment, 1785 Inn, Adventure Suites, Stonehurst Manor, Local Grocer, Eastern Inns, Whitaker Woods Meeting House, other stops, The Sugar Shack at 100-Acre Woods, Studio Intervale, Buttonwood Inn on Mt. Surprise and Briar Cliff Motel.

Believe it or not, the event is not weather dependent.

"The event attendance is weather dependent, but the event is not," says Barbara Sisson, marketing director for the Mt. Washington Valley Ski Touring and Snowshoe Foundation, who has been with the festival for 12 of the 24 years. She adds to this date they have never had to cancel the event.

It has been touch and go some years.

"In the 12 years, there have only been two years when we thought should we cancel. One year, there was so little snow, trails weren't open, but people still come out in droves; we had the shuttle running," says Sisson.

"The worst is if it is rainy or very icy, and you can't walk the trails. Last year, not a lot of snow, but was one of the highest turn-outs; 850-900 people," she adds.

She says that travel can sometimes be an issue.

"We pray that doesn't happen. It is amazing, one week before we say oh goodness, all that work, many years we have been down to the wire and then it snows," says Sisson.

Here is what to expect.

"Skiers can start at anyone



Courtesy

Delectable delights at The 1785 Inn.

of the stops. Most usually start trailside, where there are nine stops. If you visit every trailside, you are entered into a drawing to win a two hundred dollar gift certificate," explains Sisson, adding if skiing is too much the foundation provides a shuttle bus, too.

"Many people try to do trailside first and plan to shuttle or drive to the others. Often, people come with friends and leave a car at one end and ski end to end. Some begin at Riverside Inn, to New England Inn, to Old Field House, a short ski to touring center, or begin at the 1785 to Adventure Suites, then might walk to the Local Grocer, then Eastern Inns. We have suggestions how to approach," she adds.

Guests come from afar and year after year.

"We have repeat visitors from England. They were here on vacation, caught the festival and now plan their vacation around this. It is a fun thing, always the last Sunday of the month, usually the last day of school vacation, sometimes the numbers are reflected in this," says Sisson.

While the origin of the event is not exact, Sisson says other than to delight guests with chocolate its goal is to raise money for the foundation. The Nordic and Snowshoe Center connects trails and maintains 60 kilometers of trails between Intervale and North Conway offering free skiing to over 2900 SAU 9 and SAU 13 students, free grooming to Kennett High XC Ski Team, free skiing to Special Olympics XC team, free trail use for fund raisers, ESSEC and free grooming at Whitaker Woods, along with free skiing for Conway taxpayers.

Fund raising is crucial to our success.

"We only recently began to charge Whitaker Woods for non Conway residents. Skiing is free to Conway because of how it was set up in 1830's. Charles, known as 'Chubby' Whitaker purchased 300 acres, when he died he willed



Courtesy

Guests arrive at the Riverside Inn, trailside to sample a variety of chocolate offerings.



Courtesy

Skiers fuel up with chocolate and are off to the next stop.

that it be used for recreational purposes and free to Conway taxpayers," says Sisson.

"It is a great benefit. We have issued over one thousand passes," she says.

The cost of chocolate festival is 30 dollars, advance purchase, or \$35 on the day of the festival. The pass includes a daily trail pass and admission to ten trailside chocolate stops, including the Whitaker Woods Meeting House, four more chocolate stops, and a discount on tubing at Cranmore Mountain

Now, about the chocolate.

At Whitaker Woods, you will find treats by McKaella's Sweet Shoppe. The Old Field House has served a hot chocolate sundae, Riverside Inn offers five chocolate items, The 1785 a variety of chocolate and new on the tour this year Studio Intervale is planning big pretzel sticks drizzled with chocolate, white chocolate/ toffee. Three restaurants will be open during the day, The Local Grocer, The 1785 Inn and the bar at the Stonehurst Manor.

"The Stonehurst serves a chocolate fondue at dinner tables with white table cloths. They open up the bar where guests can purchase a chocolate martini. Many make the Stonehurst the last stop," says Sisson.

For more information: <http://www.mwvskitouring.org/Chocolate-Festival.html> or call 356-9920.

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Valley News

Valley's Got Talent to benefit White Mountain Community Health Center

CONWAY — White Mountain Community Health Center serves as a safety net healthcare provider for Mount Washington Valley and western Maine residents who are uninsured or under insured.

A sliding fee scale provides everyone access to a variety of health care services, including primary care for adults and children, family planning, children's dental services, and a prenatal program. Supporting services such as nutrition, social services, mental health counseling, patient care funds and a food pantry are also available to our patients.

Recent state and federal

budget cuts have made it difficult for the health center to provide services to our community members who need it most. The Valley's Got Talent is a fundraiser to help defray the impact of those cuts. The entire staff and board of directors of the health center would like to thank each of you for helping us continue to pursue our mission.

White Mountain Community Health Center, P.O. Box 2800 298 White Mountain Highway Conway, NH 03818

Competition is open only to amateur performers, 14 years old and up, defined as those who have not been paid any sum for a performance using

the same talent as listed above during the last 24 months.

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- No pyrotechnics, open flames or any other dangerous additions.
- Rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Talent Show organizers and all performers will be informed in a timely manner.

Auditions:

- 10 finalists will be chosen

on Feb. 25 to perform in The Valley's Got Talent.

• Finalists will be notified following the close of auditions at the phone number provided at the left of this form under "Primary Contact for Performer or Group."

Performers must confirm their intention to participate in the finals within 48 hours of notification of finalist status.

Tickets for the March 9 show are available at Northway Bank locations in Conway, North Conway and Intervale, Music Shop in North Conway • Spice and Grain in Fryeburg, Maine; White Mountain Community Health Center in Conway.

"There's no place like home" for Arts in Motion Theater Company

NORTH CONWAY — Arts in Motion Theater Company's search for a permanent home has come to a happy ending with the signing of a long-term lease at the Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse.

Residents of the Mount Washington Valley and visitors to the region alike have enjoyed countless classics by Shaw and Shakespeare, original works, and Broadway musicals on its storied stage. As its resident theater company, Arts in Motion (AIM) will continue the Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse's tradition of serving as a center of the Mount Washington Valley's performing arts while introducing a new and exciting variety of year round

programs and events.

While celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary, AIM's Board of Directors identified a critical priority for the next 20 years and beyond: a permanent home. AIM has over the past two decades positively influenced the lives of countless children and adults--

whether on stage, backstage or in the audience. In the last year alone, AIM participants numbered over 200 with more than 5,000 audience members at several different venues ranging from Jackson to Fryeburg, Maine.

"While we are so grateful for the venues who have hosted AIM over the past years, we are delighted now to have a wonderful space of our own," says AIM President Paula Sullivan Jones.

This agreement will help alleviate scheduling challenges and budgeting restraints freeing up critical resources to focus on AIM's ultimate vision: creating an accessible year-round live theater that will keep North Conway a premiere destination for professional and high-quality community theater, arts and entertainment.

AIM plans to begin using the theater immediately while simultaneously making any necessary upgrades and repairs. With a viable business model for consistent year-round

schedule, AIM will continue to produce the quality shows for which they are known, while expanding to establish a full schedule of plays and other events, conferences and fundraisers throughout the year. Additionally, AIM will explore opportunities for collaboration with other area performing arts groups, businesses and non-profits —

including the popular Mt. Washington Valley Theatre Company — who have interest in using the Playhouse for their own productions. With a history of successful partnerships with a number of non-profits and businesses throughout the Valley, AIM is well-positioned to steward the Playhouse through unprecedented growth.

AIM will kick off their season with a showcase in early April, followed by an exciting 2013 season—as well as other programs which will support arts and arts education in our community — which will be announced in the coming weeks.

Ms. Jones says, "This is absolutely a dream come to life for Arts in Motion, and we are honored that the Eastern Slope Inn has entrusted us with continuing the great legacy

of the vital and historic Playhouse. It's our biggest production yet!"

Arts in Motion Theater Company is a community theater education and production company which provides youth and adults of the greater Mount Washington Valley area with opportunities to learn basic performing arts skills while promoting the development of self-esteem, creativity, and self expression.

AIM not only brings affordable, high quality entertainment to the Valley's residents and visitors, but also gives community members the opportunity to participate in its diverse productions. For more information on AIM, its programs and productions, and volunteering opportunities please call 786-7325 or visit our Web site at www.artsinmotiontheater.com.

Visiting Nurses offer free "Walk-in Wednesday" services to the public

NORTH CONWAY — Has it been too long since you had your blood pressure checked? Do you have questions about home health services for someone in your family? Maybe you've just put off completing a Living Will and

Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare.

Whatever need you may have, the Visiting Nurses invite you to come by their new offices for "Walk-In Wednesdays" offered every week from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sandy Ruka, the agency's executive director, said the idea grew as a result of their easily accessible location and bigger space.

"We want to be available to the community when it's convenient for them to stop by our office," Ruka said. "Walk-In Wednesdays are an opportunity for people to come here for basic health screenings like diabetic foot checks and blood pressure readings. We'll answer questions about home health and long term care services, or help with advance directives."

A nurse will be on-site to talk with visitors anytime during the day on Wednesdays.

"Our staff sees this as an important way to give back to the community," she said, adding that there is no charge and no appointments are needed.

The offices of Visiting Nurse, Home Care & Hospice are located at 1529 White Mountain Highway, just north of the Green Granite Inn. For more information, call 356-7006 or 1-800-499-4171; visit them on the Web at www.vnhch.org.



MWV Habitat for Humanity embarks on new project

CONWAY — The Mount Washington Valley Habitat for Humanity is about to embark on its most ambitious project to date.

The organization has recently purchased a partially completed 6,000 square foot building on North Road in Conway that was originally intended to be six living units. They intend to complete the building reconfiguring it into four large 1,500 square foot, single story, condominium

units. When finished, these condos will be sold to families that meet Habitat for Humanity's qualifications. This is a huge undertaking for the local affiliate as they typically build one house a year, raising the funds and constructing it with mostly volunteer labor. The scope of this project is the equivalent of building four houses at once so the organization is seeking additional financial resources and more construction volun-

teers.

Since the building is already roofed and relatively weather tight, construction can begin as soon as building permits are received from the Town. Habitat volunteers will begin work on the exterior of the entire building when weather permits and also start framing the interior of the first condo unit. They hope to have the entire project completed within two years and have four new Habitat families living in

their new homes.

The organization is seeking applicants for these condominiums. The qualifications are the same as for any Habitat home, income between \$25,000-\$40,000 annually, live or work in a Mt. Washington Valley town for at least one year, presently living in some type of substandard situation, and the ability and willingness to work alongside Habitat volunteers and put 300 hours of their "sweat

equity" into the construction process. Habitat does not keep a waiting list so anyone eligible has an opportunity for these units. Interested persons should contact the Habitat Office at 356-3832, or by email at office@mwv-habitat.org. with questions or requests for applications. Donations to assist the project may be directed to MWV Habitat for Humanity, 2 Common Ct., N. Conway, NH, 03860.

House Speaker, Majority Leader support role of community health centers in NH at Legislative Breakfast

CONCORD — On Feb. 6, Patricia McMurry, Executive Director of the White Mountain Community Health Center, attended the Bi-State Primary Care Association's annual Legislative and Business Breakfast. A primary topic discussed was the need to restore the \$4 million in state funding cut from New Hampshire's community health centers in the last biennium. This cut included a \$137,000 reduction in state support for The White Mountain Community Health Center.

Sen. Bradley, a guest speaker, said, "It is my hope that if there is revenue, the \$2 million cut [per year of the biennium budget] from primary care will be restored. Investing in New Hampshire's Community Health Centers is a good use of scarce funds."

House Speaker Norelli said, "Community Health Centers provide our most vulnerable neighbors with comprehensive, cost-effective, high quality care."

New Hampshire's 16 Community Health Centers

provide access to primary medical, oral, mental health and behavioral health care to 125,000 people – one in 10 residents.

Also discussed was the upcoming potential Medicaid expansion, which would improve the lives of over 99,100 New Hampshire residents by giving them new access to health care services.

"Over the next couple of months, we will be deciding whether to expand Medicaid as part of the Affordable Care Act," said House Speaker

Norelli. "We have been reviewing the costs and benefits of expansion, both in terms of our health care system and our economy. Information so far indicates that our public health and the economic well-being of the state will benefit significantly when everyone has access to health care."

Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving Vermont and New Hampshire, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 charitable organization that promotes access to effective and afford-

able primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on underserved populations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

The White Mountain Community Health Center (WMCHC) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 healthcare provider located in Conway, New Hampshire. The health center is the "safety net" provider of the greater Mount Washington Valley providing care to the underinsured and uninsured population of the region.

Join Tin Mountain for Fly Fishing Film Tour

FRYEBURG, Maine — If you are a fishing enthusiast, interested in great outdoor entertainment or care to help support Tin Mountain Conservation Center's Brook Trout Project, then you'll want to be part of the Fly Fishing Film Tour 2013 on Friday, Feb. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Leura Eastman Performing Arts Center in Fryeburg, Maine.

In its sixth year, The Fly Fishing Film Tour has become the fishing entertainment event of the year. The Film Tour will be seen in well over 90 cities in 2013, and will showcase some of the best independent outdoor film

makers. The goal of the Fly Fishing Film Tour 2013 is to energize the industry and inspire film makers to create new cutting edge films to both entertain and educate outdoor enthusiasts.

Gray Ghost Productions filmmaker, Carter Davidson will join us and talk about his film, "Turning Tail," chosen for F3T 2013!

The Fly Fishing Film Tour 2013 is sponsored in part by S.S Flies and the North Country Anglers. For tickets visit Fryeburg Academy at www.fryeburgacademy.org. Lakes Region Catering will be on site with appetizing offerings and quenching drinks.

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(Right) If you are a fishing enthusiast, interested in great outdoor entertainment or care to 2013 Friday, Feb. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Leura Eastman Performing Arts Center in Fryeburg, Maine. Proceeds help support Tin Mountain Conservation Center's Brook Trout Project.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a Fly Fishing Auction and raffle prizes including a North Country Angler FISHPOND Messenger Bag, S. S. Flies - Yellow Dog Fly box filled with two dozen flies Northeast Fresh Water Collection, Patagonia Men's and Women's micro puff jackets and more.

TinMountain Conservation Center is a 501 9 (c) 3 nonprofit environmental education program serving the greater Mount Washington Area for over thirty years. For more information contact 447-6991, or visit our website at www.tinmountain.org.



Tamworth sled dog race cancelled

TAMWORTH — The Tamworth Sled Dog Race, scheduled to run this upcoming weekend of Feb. 16 & 17, has been cancelled.

Officials from the Tamworth Outing Club and the New England Sled Dog Club determined that the current six to eight inches of snow on the lake, in combination with the warmer forecast for this week, would not provide suitable conditions for sled dog racing by this upcoming weekend.

The Tamworth Outing Club looks forward to running what is arguably the most historic and scenic sled dog race in the East every year when conditions are favorable.

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For further information, contact Sheldon Perry at 323-7001.



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Ted Levin a veteran naturalist and award-winning writer will be presenting a stunning presentation on the Florida Everglades in the Tin Mountain Nature Program Liquid Land, Florida Everglades on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany.

Tin Mountain to host Nature Program on Everglades

ALBANY — Ted Levin, a veteran naturalist and award-winning writer, will be presenting a stunning presentation on the Florida Everglades in the Tin Mountain Nature Program “Liquid Land, Florida Everglades” on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany.

Ted has authored three critically acclaimed books — “Backtracking: The Way of a Naturalist,” “Blood Brook: A Naturalist’s Home Ground,” and “Liquid Land: A Journey Through the Florida Everglades,” awarded the 2004 Burroughs Medal for distinguished nature writing. His essays have appeared in Audubon, National Wildlife, Sierra, National Geographic Traveler, Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Yankee, OnEarth, and numerous other print publications. He co-authored The Curious Naturalist for the National Geographic Society and wrote a guide to the Everglades for Abbeyville Press. Warm up from the cold, sit back and relax on a journey through the Everglades where Ted will examine the delicate balance between water, people, flora, and fauna in this endangered ecosystem. Tin Mountain Nature Programs are sponsored in part thanks to L.L. Bean and the Evenor Armington Fund. Donations of \$5 per family or \$3 per

person are appreciated.

On Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m., Ted will lead a Tin Mountain Nature Course: Snow the Winter Blanket, where participants will learn how snow affects the area plants and animal life via the different types and densities of snow encountered in the winter. Bring a lunch and dress for the outside exploring in this workshop. Bring snowshoes or borrow Tin Mountain’s. Cost is \$10/members, \$15 for non members. To register call 447-6991.

Ted lives with his wife and three sons in Thetford, Vermont, where he serves on the conservation commission. He is currently working on a book about the life and times of the timber rattlesnake and the people who love them and hate them.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a mission to promote an appreciation of the environment among children, families, and the community through hands-on programs in the schools, at camps, and in the community; demonstrate responsible stewardship of natural resources through land protection, sustainable forestry, agriculture, and energy. For more information on Tin Mountain and upcoming nature programs visit www.tinmountain.org, or call Tin Mountain at 447-6991.

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Gibson Center auction

The Gibson Center for Senior Service's Valentine's Auction was held Thursday, Feb. 7. A large crowd of bidders turned out for the annual event which featured items from local businesses.



Fran Lampedis of the Gibson Center sells tickets for the 50/50 raffle.



Mary Seavey and Pat Fleck admire silent auction items at the Gibson Center's annual Valentine's Auction.



Gibson Center Activities Director, Jill Reynolds, models jewelry for the live auction portion of the Feb. 7 event.



Gibson Center Executive Director, and auctioneer, George Cleveland gets the crowd warmed up for some bidding during the live auction portion of the Feb. 7 event.



Jennie Blais (left) and Julie Lanoie (right) of Repeace attended the Gibson Center Valentine's Auction to promote their new business, with a donation to the event.

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Valley Education

SAU 9 Middle School Science Fair Weekly

As part of the curriculum for middle school, students in SAU9 will all be participating in a science fair in March that will prepare them for the MWV Regional Science Fair in May.

Students have been working hard, coming up with testable questions and writing their plans. Each week, The Mountain Ear will feature some examples in hopes that the community will support these student scientists.

Sarah McKinnon
Eighth grade, Team 3, Mr. Groves

“How does music impact memory?” is the question I am trying to answer with my experiment. Music is my passion. I love to play it, dance to it and it makes me feel good, but does it help me learn? Study? Do homework? In this experiment I made a list of 20 random words, gave it to a subject to memorize for one minute, then tested them on their memorization of the list. The next day, I did the same experiment to the same subjects with a slightly different list, but this time music was



Courtesy

Travis Arnold researching magnetism and balance.

playing in the background. I've done the experiment already and have some preliminary data, but you'll have to come to our science fair to see the results.

One of the things I really like about being a student scientist is taking a passion and transforming it into a project that could help people. I think it would be fun for you to try this at home. Get your friends together and give them a little test. It was more fun than I expected and the results may

surprise you. I had a great time with this experiment at home with whatever is interesting to others; music, sports, academics, things that you struggle with and experiment with ways to improve. You'll be surprised what you discover.

Travis Arnold
Seventh Grade, Team 3,
Mr. Groves

For Christmas, I got a bracelet with a magnet embedded in it, and the pack-



Courtesy

Sarah McKinnon testing Emily Wentworth's Memory.

aging said the magnets would increase my balance and keep me healthy. I wear it every day, and I think I feel better balanced. When it came time to choose a science fair project, I looked at my wrist and asked myself the question “Do magnets really improve balance?”

In this experiment, I am going to make two identical bracelets and embed magnets in one of them, and in the other one, I am going to put “fake” magnets. I'll have my subject stand on one foot while not wearing a bracelet and measure how long they can balance. Then the subject will be given the bracelet, and I'll tell them “Studies have shown that wearing a magnet-

ic bracelet increases balance.” Then they will all stand on one foot, and I will take the same measurement. I'll repeat this on 20 students, ten with the placebo and ten with the actual magnets. Each trial will be repeated five times, and the average balance will be recorded. I hypothesize that the students with the magnets will have better balance than the other students.

So far, this project is more work than I expected, and meeting deadlines has been a little stressful, but I am proud of the work I've done and look forward to seeing the results and will be happy to share them at our science fair in March.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 16

Attitash Freeride Series: Slopestyle

Flow through a mix of boxes, rails, jumps and jibs in the terrain park and show it with steez in this annual event beginning at 11 a.m.; details at attitash.com

Live Music Après Ski

Live! The Dream | 3-6 p.m. in Ptarmigan's Pub
Acoustic Den Sessions with Kristen Corrigan | 2-4:30 p.m. in The Den at Bear Peak

Sunday, February 17

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Mountain Garden Club announces 2013-2014 scholarship opportunities

NORTH CONWAY — College acceptances will soon be mailed to Mount Washington Valley seniors, and current college students may need funds to continue their studies.

Applications for the Alice T. Madden Mountain Garden Club Scholarships are now available. Named in honor of a lifetime Garden Club member, the scholarships were established to encourage post secondary education in plant science disciplines, such as horticulture, agriculture, forestry, environmental science, land management, and other related fields. This year, four scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be available.

Graduating high school seniors with plans to study “green disciplines” in college, or post secondary students presently studying these disciplines are invited to apply.

The Mountain Garden Club, in partnership with Dollars for Scholars, has streamlined the process this year. Students may obtain the application at the Mountain Garden Club website at www.mountaingardenclub.org or through the Dollars for Scholars Web site at www.dfsmwv.homestead.com. The application deadline is March 31.

The Mountain Garden Club was established in 1973 and is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs – District 1, and of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. – New England Region. The Mountain Garden Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

The Mountain Garden Club is dedicated to promoting horticultural education, civic beautification, and conservation through volunteerism and friendship in the Mount Washington Valley.

For more information regarding the club, its programs, and activities, visit the Web site at www.mountaingardenclub.org.

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KHS Key Club visits Genesis Healthcare Mineral Springs

NORTH CONWAY — Several members of the Kennett High School Key Club recently visited Genesis Healthcare Mineral Springs in North Conway. The Key Club members were there to provide a social opportunity by playing Bingo with some of Mineral Springs' residents.

Genesis Healthcare Mineral Springs offers skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapy to adults of all ages who need short- or long-term care. Mineral Springs has been awarded the Bronze National Quality Award from

the American Health Care Association. The staff at Mineral Springs strives to meet the social needs of their residents, and the KHS Key Club hopes to support that goal by volunteering their time at Mineral Springs with those residents.

The KHS Key Club also supports three children's charities through its fundraising projects: Camp Sunshine in Maine, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston, and Children of Peace

International. The Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley proudly sponsors the KHS Key Club.

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The Kennett High School Key Club meets in the KHS library at 5 p.m. on Mondays. All KHS students who love to participate in community service and develop their leadership skills are welcome to join at any time.



Courtesy
Kennett High School Key Club members Malcolm Badger, Shelby Bouchie, and Eliza Burke pose with Genesis Healthcare Mineral Springs' Director of Activities, Sharon Avery.

Local students named to Springfield College Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Springfield College has named the following local residents to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2012 term.

Laurie Payne of Glen. Laurie is studying Human Services (UG).

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is known worldwide as the Birthplace of Basketball® and for the guiding principles of its humanics philosophy—educating students in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to

others. With its foundation of academic excellence and rich athletic heritage, Springfield College prepares students with real-world leadership skills for careers that transform lives and communities. The college offers a range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in fields of health sciences, human and social services, sport management and movement studies, education, business, and the arts and sciences. It also offers doctoral programs in physical education, physical therapy,

and counseling psychology. The college is ranked in the 2013 edition of "Best Colleges" in the top tier of "Best Regional Universities -- North Region" by U.S. News Media Group, and is designated as a premier Leadership Development Center by the YMCA of the USA. More than 5,000 traditional, non-traditional and international students study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its School of Human Services campuses across the country.

Local students named to Dean's List at the University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester at the University of Vermont:

Catherine S. Hall of Center Conway, a sophomore majoring in Professional Nursing in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

Taylor M. Gardella of Chocorua, a sophomore majoring in Communication Science & Disorders in the

College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

Lisa A. Storer of Madison, a junior majoring in Nutrition and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences.

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Chartered in 1791, UVM

was the first college or university in the United States that did not give preference to a religious sect in its charter. UVM now has nearly 10,490 undergraduates in seven schools and colleges, 1,540 graduate students and 449 medical students. As a small, comprehensive university, it blends the academic heritage of a private university with service missions in the land-grant tradition.

GMCG to deliver fish eggs to local classrooms

EFFINGHAM — Green Mountain Conservation Group staff will be delivering hundreds of eastern brook trout eggs to five different classrooms next week as part of the Trout in the Classroom program that is sponsored by New Hampshire Fish & Game and Trout Unlimited.

Students will be raising the eggs in carefully monitored aquariums until they hatch. When the fry begin swimming up to look for food in Spring, students will be releasing them into cold water streams. If you'd like to volunteer to be a part of these fun hands-on student science programs, email Lynn Clarke, GMCG's new Youth Water Quality Coordinator. We're always looking for enthusiastic adults to help with spring and fall

youth water testing programs. Effingham office at 539-Please call GMCG's 1859.

Elmira College recognizes Fryeburg resident at Cowles Honor Scholars Celebration

ELMIRA, N.Y. — On Thursday, Jan. 31, Elmira College held its 2013 Cowles Honor Scholars Celebration, recognizing 74 Honor Scholars.

Elizabeth Delmonico '13 of Fryeburg has earned recognition as a Cowles Honor Scholar. Elizabeth is majoring

in Psychology and is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Delmonico.

To achieve standing as a Cowles Honor Scholar, students must be members of the Class of 2013, have attended at least two terms and hold a 3.6 cumulative grade point average.

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Support the Dollars for Scholars program

NORTH CONWAY — The Masons have designated Dollars for Scholars as their charity for their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 17. The hours are 8-11 a.m. in the Masonic Lodge over the old movie theatre in North Conway. They put on a full breakfast buffet and all donations will go to DFS. This is a fantastic spread and for a good cause. Tickets for a "Winter Fun" raffle basket will be on sale.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, Flatbreads is offering a percentage of their pizza sales to Dollars for Scholars, starting at 4 p.m. Come support a good cause! Raffle tickets will also be sold. The MWV Dollars for Scholars is a local organization raising money for local students, including adult learners. For more information, contact Barb Douglass at barbaradouglass4@gmail.com.

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Valley Business

Leadership MWV focuses on town government

MADISON — Leadership MWV is moving full force ahead, with two sessions already underway; the program has captivated some of the brightest young professional minds in the valley. With generous support from Northway Bank, the 16 students accepted into the program enjoyed their first meeting at the Snowvillage Inn, followed by a second session at the Mt. Washington Observatory Museum.

The initial meeting, held on Jan. 23, focused on a presentation by Jack Dunbar of Varsity Beverage on different communication styles used in business and how best to manage and collaborate with those of the same and different communicational approaches. A cocktail reception followed in the lounge of Snowvillage Inn, for students to network with past graduates and fellow classmates and enjoy Chef Brian's appetizer creations.

On Feb. 5, the class was welcomed by the MW Observatory Museum for a two-part session focusing on Town Government. Conway Police Chief Wagner, Carroll County Sherriff Richardi and

Major Conte from the New Hampshire State Police joined the class for the morning to discuss issues facing law enforcement from a town, regional and state level. Prescription drug addiction and related crimes was a focus on what is captivating the attention of our local and state police force. Budgetary issues, social media and technology and how they affect the landscape of safety today and the special training police officers go through that makes them unique to New Hampshire were all topics discussed as well.

During the second part of the session, Conway Town Manager Earl Sires, North Conway Water Precinct Superintendent David Bernier and Conway Fire Chief Solomon touched on all of the pieces of the puzzle that keep the town running smoothly. The Mt. Washington Valley area is unique in the sense, that it is a community united, yet has individualized entities for each town such as the water precincts and fire departments. Each presenter helped define details such as this and of course went over



Courtesy Leadership MWV students enjoyed a day with Town Manager Sires, Conway Fire Chief Solomon and NC Water Precinct Superintendent Bernier (all pictured here) as well as Conway PD Chief Wagner, Carroll County Sherriff Richardi and New Hampshire State Police Major Conte.

budgetary issues, administrative principles and helped point out areas in which the young professionals could get involved and use their voice.

Presenters were invited to join the class afterwards for a lunch catered by Flatbread Company. These lunches allow students a chance to analyze the information that was just presented and share their reflections with their fellow students.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Kennett Middle School and will focus on the educational product from k-12th grade as well as state colleges provided by the tax payers of New Hampshire.

For more information the

Leadership program, contact Jaimie Crawford, webface@mtwashingtonvalley.org or Sarah Verney sarah@mtwashingtonvalley.org or view the Leadership blog at <http://leadershipmtwashingtonvalley.blogspot.com/>

U.S. Cellular to host free device workshop in North Conway

NORTH CONWAY — A smartphone or tablet is aimed to make your life easier but not everyone has the time to learn how to use their device to its full potential.

To address this, U.S. Cellular is offering a free Device Workshop on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 1584 White Mountain Road in North Conway, where current or potential smartphone users can learn more about the features, tips and tricks of their specific device. At the workshop, U.S. Cellular associates will offer attendees hands-on assistance to get the most out of the features on their Android™-powered, Windows™ Phone and BlackBerry® devices, such as the Samsung Galaxy S® III™.

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The workshop is open to everyone. Please call 356-7900, ext. 3 to RSVP.

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upcoming events

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Sunday, February 17
RAMP Demo Day | Come try out the latest skis and snowboards that Utah based RAMP has to offer. Skis and snowboards will be available to demo at no charge. Valid lift ticket required and other manufacturer requirements may apply.
DJ Cooper Fox | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Wildcat Pub

Blues & Brunch Music Series

Sunday, February 24
Join us for the second Blues & Brunch Music Series event of the season. Mo' Blues will be playing in Wildcat Pub from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and brunch is \$8.95 per person and is served 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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After-hours job fair set on Feb. 19 for federal prison workers

Only "best-qualified" get interviewed

By Edith Tucker

BERLIN — The New Hampshire Employment Security office, located at 151 Pleasant St. in downtown Berlin, will host a two-hour after-hours job fair from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, for the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) that has some 100 posts to fill with qualified staff over the coming year at FCI-Berlin to bring it to full activation status.

"The goal of holding this event during the evening hours is to give individuals who are already employed — possibly under-employed — an opportunity to explore these exciting careers during non-daytime working hours," explained ES office manager Mark Belanger in a Friday

morning telephone interview.

Likely two or three uniformed Bureau of Prison (BOP) staff members with hiring authority will be on hand to discuss the rewarding career opportunities with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, Belanger said.

"It's great to have uniformed staff," he said, noting that he has not met any staff members who do not wear their uniform with pride. "The BOP is a para-military organization that maintains a clear chain of command, and all the BOP employees that I've met are happy in their careers."

Job seekers must be able to pass what Belanger calls "computer security" in order to get a face-to-face interview for a variety of positions.

Virtually all the federal prison jobs require that applicants — who must be U.S. citizens — be hired before their 37th birthday and pass a background investigation. There is flexibility in the age requirements for some veterans as well as for a few medical positions and clergy, Belanger said.

Many available positions are for Corrections Officers, he said.

Nonetheless, there are other positions available, including that of carpenter. He recommended that those who might be interested in a BOP career should check out job descriptions and career paths online: www.bop.gov.

For the next step, go to: www.usajobs.gov, which has

postings for jobs at FCI-Berlin. An applicant must register to participate.

Similar to the state's ES "job match" service, potential applicants can access a "virtual recruiter," Belanger said.

Being successful requires that an applicant use the "key words" found in the narrative language of federal job descriptions to accurately reflect his or her "knowledge, skills and abilities," he said.

All applicants should understand that what they are seeking is eligibility for a face-to-face interview.

Resumes or applications are graded into three levels, Belanger said. Despite their reassuring sound, neither "qualified" nor "highly qualified" lead, however, to an interview.

Only those whose resumes are judged "best qualified" do actually get interviewed, he explained.

"FCI-Berlin has jobs worth coveting with good wages, health and other benefits, and ultimately pensions after 20 years of service," Belanger said. "There are ways younger workers can prepare themselves to become 'best qualified' by legitimately boosting their experience," Belanger said. "Volunteering at a day-care center, by coaching or working with a youth group are good ways to gain experience. Corrections officers

must be able to serve as role models for proper behavior for inmates, and there are lots of volunteer jobs in which counseling and observation skills are honed."

Employer service representative Diana Nelson in the ES office has been very successful in helping applicants understand the ins and outs of filling in an online resume template. Nelson offers weekend and after-hour workshops at White Mountains Community College (WMCC) that take up to 10 hours to complete.

Those interested in taking advantage of this free service should telephone Tamara Allen (752-1113) at WMCC; when enough men and women sign up, she informs Nelson, who, in turn, then organizes a class.

Nelson also offers one-on-one follow-ups and assistance, Belanger explained.

He pointed out that NHES expects that potential BOP employees who live in Maine and Vermont, as well as those in New Hampshire, will be attracted to the

Belanger and Nelson are both members of FCI-Berlin's Community Relations Board that meets quarterly. He said, "Now that the federal prison is open, the Talent Team has morphed into this Board, which includes many branches of law enforcement."

Celebrate "Christmas in June" in Jackson

JACKSON — So many of our guests have said that they wish they could experience our Jackson Area during the Christmas Holiday season and the Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour, but they just couldn't get up down or around here at such a busy time... we thought about it and we wanted to be able to give you that chance thus... "Christmas In June!"

Join the local businesses of Jackson, Bartlett, Glen & Intervale as they open their doors to share their northern hospitality and holiday fun with you in June. Come experience holiday fun in warmer weather. Instead of skating, skiing and snowshoeing you can hike, bike, kayak or take a swim. If you weren't able to come and share the magic of the holidays with us in December now is your chance to see what it was like... a Holiday Cookie Tasting at the Inn at Ellis River or a Holiday Beverage Tasting at the Inn at Thorn Hill (events will be priced accordingly). Many local businesses will be hosting lots of fun and exciting things to do. The "Christmas In June" celebration continues

for three weekends in a row starting June 1st through the 17th.

Saturday, June 1 kicks off this community holiday in June celebration with Open House Invitations, Gift Give aways, and more.

We are very excited to report to you that on each Saturday, June 1, 8 & the 15th, "Summer Vacationing Santa" has agreed to stop by. Although Santa will be on vacation in the Jackson Area of New Hampshire he has agreed to take his time away from vacationing to meet with his favorite people... the children. Be sure you mark your calendar to come say hello to Santa. Parents and children can gather at the Jackson Village Gazebo at 4:30 p.m. on June 1, 8 and 15, where everyone can watch Santa arrive in style in an Austrian horse drawn sleigh. Santa will gift each child with a special holiday cookie that Santa had his Elves prepare for them before he left for vacation. Santa will want to hear all about your summer vacation plans.

By popular demand, the Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour will

be running Saturdays, June 1, 8 and 15, hourly, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, children three or under not taking chocolates and sitting on mom or dad's lap can ride free. You will board your summer sleigh at the Gazebo in Nestleok Estate, where you will receive your Jingle Bell, festive bag and first chocolate goodie. Then you will enjoy a sleigh ride through Jackson Village stopping at the Inn at Jackson, The White Mountain Puzzle Store, the Wentworth, an Elegant Country Inn, J-Town Deli & Country Store, the Snowflake Inn and Flossie's General Store... receiving chocolate treasures at each and every stop.

Be sure to call and book your sleigh ride early as they will sell out fast. You can book your sleigh ride by calling the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce at 383-9356 using any major credit card. Tickets are refundable provided you cancel outside of 5 business days of your ride, if you cancel inside five business days of your ride the tickets are non-refundable.

Cranmore racers finish in the Top Ten of Buddy Warner Qualifier Race

NORTH CONWAY — Cranmore Mountain Resort, located in the heart of the Mount Washington Valley, hosted the Buddy Warner Qualifier Race on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The race included one hundred and twenty four U-12 and U-13 boys and girl racers from Wildcat, Bretton Woods, King Pine, Attitash, Black

Mountain and Cranmore Mountain. Participants were racing to qualify for the Buddy Warner League State Meet, to be held at Loon Mountain and Waterville Valley March 8 & 9.


Cranmore race team member Cameron Easton, took first for U-14 girls, and Sara Gardner and Margaret Cote, finished in the top 10. For U-


12 Cranmore girls, Cory Easton, Abigail Novia, Ashton Coleman, Ava Regan and Courtney Pingree finished in the top 10 and for Cranmore boys U-12 top 10 finishers included Parker Coleman, and Jared Carr.

For more information on Cranmore Mountain, and the Cranmore Race Team, visit www.cranmore.com.

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Allenstown, NH


12:00 noon - 20 Al's Avenue, Allenstown, NH: 2-bedroom, 1-bath ranch with 1-car attached garage. The 1,121± sq.ft. home sits on a .4± acre corner lot. Tax Map 112, Lot 168. Assessed Value: \$172,300.

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Valley Business

The Wentworth named "The Most Romantic Restaurant in New England"

JACKSON — The Dining Room at The Wentworth in Jackson has been named "The Most Romantic Restaurant in New England" by diners at OpenTable.com. More than one million diners rated restaurants all over the U.S. after making reservations through Open Table and dining at the establishments.

Ellie Koeppel, who with her husband, Fritz, owns the elegant country inn, said, "We're delighted to receive such stellar recognition from the diners of Open Table. Dining is such an important part of the experience at The Wentworth, and

we pride ourselves on providing authentic New England dining with a European flair. It's especially gratifying to be at the top of the Diners' Choice Most Romantic list since it includes some of New England's finest restaurants, like the White Barn Inn, Cape Arundel Inn and Natalie's in Maine, to name just a few."

The Wentworth was also rated the most reasonably priced of the top 10 Most Romantic Restaurants, thanks in part to its nightly Prix Fixe offering, which enables diners to order any two courses from the menu, plus dessert for just

\$35.

The entire experience at The Wentworth is designed to appeal to romantics. The charming, 50-room inn is on the Jackson cross country ski trails, just steps from Jackson Falls.

"We have a variety of accommodations," explains Koeppel, "including deluxe accommodations, main inn rooms and condominiums."

The deluxe accommodations are suites with king bed, gas

fireplaces, bathrooms with steam showers, three flat screen TVs, DVD player and stereo with surround sound, a coffeemaker and refrigerator. Some include an oversized whirlpool tub, while others include a private outdoor hot tub.

"Couples love the tubs; they're lit by LED lights, and a flat-screen TV is viewable from each tub," Koeppel continues.

More on the awards can be

found on the Open Table Web site at <http://www.opentable.com/best-new-england-restaurants?li=428&topic=Romantic>.

For reservations or more information about The Wentworth, An Elegant Country Inn, visit TheWentworth.com or call 1-800-637-0013.

The Wentworth is at 1 Carter Notch Road in Jackson, NH 03846. Email reservations@thewentworth.com.

Pulmonology specialist now offering services at Memorial Hospital

NORTH CONWAY — In their continuing efforts to expand the availability of specialty care services close to home, Memorial Hospital's medical director Raymond Rabideau, MD has announced the addition of a pulmonologist to the staff.

Peggy Simon, MD, a board-certified Pulmonary and Critical Care specialist, is now seeing adult patients in the hospital's Specialty Care Clinic every Thursday by appointment.

After spending nearly ten years at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as an attending and consulting pulmonologist and clinical teacher, Dr. Simon decided to establish a practice that took her to various settings throughout northern New Hampshire. Last year, she affiliated with AVH Surgical Associates at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin and with Weeks Hospital in Lancaster, and now has office hours in North Conway. Dr. Simon said she finds it very fulfilling to provide her services to people who have the need for pulmonology care but may not have had prior access.

Dr. Simon received her medical education at the Medical

College of Milwaukee, Wisc., and completed her internship and residency at Barnes Hospital, Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Following that, she continued her postgraduate training in Boston at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School where she was a clinical research fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

From 1993 until 1998, Dr. Simon was an attending physician in medical intensive care at St. Mary's Hospital and the Mayo Clinic. She also served as a professional mentor for Pulmonary Fellows at the Mayo Clinic during that time. In 1998, she joined Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as a pulmonary consultant, clinical teacher and attending physician for pulmonary inpatients.

Dr. Simon treats patients with chronic lung disease, asthma, chronic respiratory failure, and more. Patients can be referred to her by their primary care providers or through self referral. To make an appointment, contact Memorial Hospital's Specialty Care Clinic at 356-4949, ext. 2219 or ask your primary care provider.

FairPoint expands Broadband Service in Madison

MADISON — More residents in the Granite State can quickly e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet now that FairPoint Communications has expanded broadband service to more than 100 additional homes and businesses in the town of Madison. FairPoint high-speed Internet is available for the first time to the eligible customers living in the areas described below.

Since April 2008, FairPoint has invested more than \$192 million in its communications infrastructure and technology to bring broadband to northern New England, including building thousands of miles of

new fiber across the region. FairPoint's new fiber-based, high capacity network offers customers a better, faster way to communicate.

"Broadband access opens doors to the world for the residents and businesses in New Hampshire and is fundamental to the state's future economic growth," said Pat McHugh, FairPoint's New Hampshire state president. "Our employees are working every day to build more broadband across the state. We are pleased to announce we have expanded the availability of high-speed Internet to more homes and businesses in Madison."

This expansion is part of FairPoint's plan to increase broadband access to 95 percent of its service areas in New Hampshire. High-speed connection areas include portions of the following streets/roads in Madison: Crest, Crooked Pine, East Madison, Eaton, Fox, Goe Hill, King Pine, Maple Grove, Pine Cone, Pokey Pine, Rabbit Run, Raccoon and NH Route 153.

To find out if you are eligible for FairPoint's high-speed Internet and to obtain information about prices and bundled plans, residential consumers can call 1-866-984-2001 or visit www.FairPoint.com.

New Beginnings

Welcome, Lilah Marilyn Brown

NORTH CONWAY — Martha Hill and Benjamin Brown of Glen are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lilah Marilyn Brown, at Memorial Hospital on Feb. 9, 2013.

The seven pound, eight ounce baby girl, who arrived at 6:59 a.m., was also welcomed by older sisters Sophia, age four, and Jordyn, age three.

Maternal grandparents are Ann and Tim Hill of Glen. Paternal grandparents are Michelle Boyer of Laconia and Tim Brown of Manchester.

Lilah was also welcomed by maternal great grandmother Marilyn Hill-Chapee and paternal great grandparents Joan and Ivan Boyer of Phippsburgh, Maine.

Women's sawmill the focus of next Wright lecture

WOLFEBORO — The Wright Museum will host the third session of its "2013 Cabin Fever Lecture Series" on Sunday, Feb. 17, beginning at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m.

The program that afternoon

will be "They Sawed Up A Storm - Women's Sawmill at Turkey Pond, New Hampshire," presented by Sarah Smith, UNH Cooperative Extension.

Author and UNH Cooperative Extension faculty

member Sarah Smith will discuss this fascinating story of a group of determined New Hampshire women, who in 1942 operated a sawmill on the shores of Turkey Pond in Concord. The sawmill was built by the U.S. Forest Service to saw up what remained of the logs stored in the water from the 1938 hurricane. Smith will talk about her book "They Sawed Up a Storm," detailing this extraordinary group of women, the 1938 hurricane, the timber salvage efforts, and the determination of the people of New England. Sarah will have

Sawmill, see pg. 13



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Charity Chatter

By Lisa DuFault

This week, I'm going to introduce you to the Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum. The MWV Children's Museum welcomes members and day visitors to explore the power of play. What began as one room and a gift shop area has now quadrupled in size. Executive Director Shelly Morin brings excitement and vivacity to her role and these are soaked up by the children she interacts with. She is not shy about stating, "Play is so important in our lives." There are a number of weekly programs at the museum, including Friday playgroups. These groups begin informally and subtly a pattern emerges, week after week, month after month. The children and the adults who participate in these groups often form friendships outside of the Museum. There is also a Mother's Group, an after school program and a music program coordinated with Mountain Top Music Center.

The Museum hosts birthday parties and other events; they are a site for social programs including the Tri County Cap Workplace Success Program and the ABLE Network's job placement program; they run a thrift store that sells gently used maternity, women's and children's clothing; and they are a resource for family activities throughout the Valley. They play well with other non-profit organizations and businesses, as witnessed by the numerous events they are involved with. The November Jammy Jam Pizza Party at Flatbreads is always a "not-to-be-missed" evening for children and their parents. The cheers for the rubber birds in the recent Great Penguin Race at Cranmore Mountain left no doubt about the excitement felt by the crowd. And now, one of the biggest events they have attempted is proving to be a super-star in the making...

The Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum will host its first annual Science Fair Feb. 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Settlers Green Annex next to Staples in North Conway. The event is perfect for the whole family and will have something for learners of all ages. The local community has jumped on board this project. There are many organizations that are focused in one way or another on science and its teaching as part of every day life. Aside from The Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum, participating presenters include The Mount Washington Observatory, Tin Mountain Conservation



Lisa DuFault

C-More the Penguin visits with a youngster at the Great Penguin Race to benefit the MWV Children's Museum.

Center, Saco Valley Gymnastics Center, Melissa Libby-The Hiker, The Mount Washington Auto Road, Memorial Hospital, Story Land, The Be Kind Committee, Hannah Surabian, The Evergreen Institute for Wellness, Roger Clemons, The White Mountain Aquatic Foundation, Animal Rescue League of NH-North, Gerrie Beck, The WILD Center, Sharon Novak, Carroll Country United School Readiness and Success Team, Jewelry by Tim Psalidakis, Fields of Ambrosia, Bartlett Community Preschool, Morris West, Marc Stowbridge, Hannaford and Coca Cola. New presenters are signing up every day.

The MWV Children's Museum is also running a Science Fair Camp at the Settlers Annex location Monday, Feb. 18 through Friday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is an interactive drop-off camp based on science themes and will be run by director Hannah Surabian.

The camp will host daily guests to enhance the learning experience and add to the fun. Each day, campers will also complete a project based on the day's theme that will be entered into the Science Fair on Friday. Campers must pre-register by calling 356-2992 or emailing smorin@mwvchildrensmuseum.org.

In addition to all the extra fun, The MWV Children's Museum is open Sunday, Feb. 17 through Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for special visits during vacation week. Locals and visitors are always welcome to explore the wonders of the Museum and to play safely within its walls. Regular hours are Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The MWV Children's Museum is located at 2936 White Mountain Highway in North Conway.

Anyone can become a member of the MWV Children's Museum for a small annual fee. In an appeal to the community, Morin notes, "Many hands built the MWV Children's Museum and many



Lisa DuFault

The Saunders kids, (l-r:) Earl and Maeve and their cousin Piper, love to explore when they visit the Valley. The MWV Children's Museum has something for each of them.



Lisa DuFault

Miriah Jones, of the MWV Children's Museum, does some face painting at the November Jammy Jam at Flatbread Company.

more hands are needed. We need you to believe in the power of play and become members. Membership is an investment in our community and in the greater community as a whole. Attend events. Donate your time, resources and invest in our development."

Mount Washington Valley Promotions is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to assist other non-profits in promoting their events and fund-raising activities. This is accomplished via an online calendar of events, a printed newsletter, a twice-monthly newspaper column in the Mountain Ear, a weekly television program, a Facebook page, email distribution and a website (www.valleypromotions.net).

Sawmill, from pg. 12 —

books available to purchase and have autographed.

Admission is \$7 per person, and free for Wright Museum members. Space is limited; RSVPs are strongly encouraged to ensure sufficient seating for all lecture attendees. Call 569-1212 to reserve your seat today.

All Mount Washington Valley (& vicinity) non-profit groups are invited to join and submit their information to share. The calendar is updated constantly with incoming information. To learn more, contact Lisa DuFault at 374-6241, or email valleypromotions@gmail.com.

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The Freedom Column

By Lisa Wheeler

Congratulations to Liam Devine, who made the KHS honor roll this past term, and was mistakenly left off the list last week.

Don't forget, the Freedom Community Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The guest speakers are Janice Crawford & Melody Mester of the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Peter at 539-5666.

The library pizza and movie night was postponed due to the weather last Friday, and will now be held on Friday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. The movie is "Hotel Transylvania." Get a bus pass to take the bus directly to the

library after school, and come join in the fun of board games and Just Dance 4 on the Wii. Call Elizabeth at 539-5176 if you can make cookies for this event.

Also rescheduled due to the storm is ParSem's very popular Valentine Brunch. It will now be held Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with the following Sunday as the snow day. Call Freedom's Jan Smith at 539-3323 for more information. Bring your sweetie for a delicious buffet!

Also on Saturday, Feb. 16 is the Friends of the Library book sale at the library from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. School aged children can select one book free just by coming to the library. This is an

opportunity to support your library and enjoy shopping a wide selection of books for all ages for a price that can't be beat.

The Freedom Elementary PTA will host pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. All donated proceeds benefit the PTA. Please RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 14 to Crystal at sundancedr2001@yahoo.com or nikki at sunflower51504@msn.com or 539-3357.

On Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m., certified exercise physiologist, nutritionist, and personal trainer Mary Lou Dow will speak on nutrition and exercise at the library. Her son, Colton,

a graduate of UNH agricultural school and a local organic farmer, will also discuss the tremendous benefits of healthy eating. This free program is open to all with light healthy refreshments served after the program. For more information, call 539-5176.

Join in the fun at the Winter Film Series at the library on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. with a showing of a French film, "The Intouchables." The movie and popcorn are free. Homemade soup and bread dinner to follow. For more information, call Elizabeth at 539-5176.

A reminder from the Freedom Historical Society that it is time to join, or renew your membership for 2013. We are a product of our heredity, traditions, customs, and environment, so all residence and landowners are invited (and needed) to help preserve Freedom's past and tell Freedom's story to future generations. The Allard house has been brought up to current fire and safety codes and has been nicely painted outside due to wonderful volunteers, in addition to several other advances. Plans for 2013 include continuing the excellent educational history programs, improving the focus of the museum collection, and bringing an awareness of Freedom's interesting artifacts and history to our residents and visitors. And, remember to participate in the photo contest for the 2014 calendar (see below). Please join us by calling 539-5799 for a membership application or go to www.freedomhistoricalsociety.com and click on 'membership.'

A group of local artists get together to show their work in a

small gallery in Jackson, on Route 16, two miles north of where it diverges from Route 302. Hours are noon-4 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturdays. This is a modest, collaborative effort, which has no gallery owner or corporate structure. Sizes range from tiny to eight square foot pastel to oil, acrylic, watercolor and one artist uses a kind of ceramic effect. Come, and be surprised to find something fresh and unusual. Artists include: Carl Owen, Valentina Kobilansky, Ernie Brown, John Girouard, Sean Stull, and Freedom's Terri Brooks and Ian Marshall.

News from the Freedom Village Store: new products are always being added to the FVS and the latest are from New England based illustrator Marc Roulstone. Currently featured at the store are his hand pressed buttons, magnets and high quality giclee prints on acid free matte paper that are all printed in the USA. The designs primarily feature dogs and cats in a bright, fresh, and modern manner. For a peek, visit his Web site at Marcartshop.com.

Don't forget, the deadline for the Freedom Historical Society photo contest is April 1. The theme for the 2014 calendar is "Freedom Community." We're looking for photos that represent the character and personality of Freedom. Be creative with the theme. Photo(s) must be taken in Freedom although it could have been taken at any time. The 2013 calendar was a sell out -- get the thrill of fame. The 2014 calendar should be fabulous! Don't wait too long. Go to freedomhistoricalsociety.org for contest rules and information.

G.A.L.A. launches Contra Dance series Feb. 23rd

OSSIPEE — With the ringing in of the New Year, it is once again time for G.A.L.A. to launch their Contra Dance Series, an exciting way to begin 2013!

Global Awareness Local Action (G.A.L.A.) is a non-profit located in Ossipee, with the mission to 'translate sustainability education into local action that is practical, effective, and fun.'

G.A.L.A. is hosting dance series at the Ossipee Town Hall Gymnasium every last Saturday from the month, January to April. The next contra dance will be on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The band that will provide lively and energetic music for the night is Puckerbrush. The night is sure to be one to remember, with the community coming together to share this New England tradition of dancing

and fun! The Ossipee Town Hall is located at 55 Main St. in Center Ossipee. The dance will run from 7-10 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 adults, \$5 students, and \$3 for youth 14 years and under, with \$1 off for G.A.L.A. members. Refreshments and snacks will be available. All ages and levels of experience are welcome! We hope you will join us for a night of fun!

Complete list of Contra Dance dates and band list:

Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.: Beverly Woods and Zythya Austen

Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.: Puckerbrush

March 30 at 7 p.m.: Briar Hill

April 27 at 7 p.m.: The Fiddling Thompsons

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On the Rock Pile

By Mike Dorfman
Summit Intern

Monday morning began under the influence of an upper level trough, allowing upslope snow showers to fall on the summit for most of the morning. As the trough moved east of the summit Tuesday evening, a Canadian high pressure system moved through the area allowing the summit to be in the clear. A clipper system moved through the area Wednesday morning, putting the summit in the fog and allowing one and a half inches of snow to fall. Temperatures plummeted behind this system as a Canadian high pressure ridge moved over the region, reaching the mid-teens below by Wednesday evening. This Canadian high pressure remained over the summit through late Thursday. Two lows barreled towards the summit on Friday, one from the Ohio Valley and another traveling up the coast. The summit was shrouded in fog with light snow late Thursday and early Friday as the weaker Ohio system reached the summit. The Nor'easter traveling up the coast allowed snowfall to intensify Friday night into Saturday morning, allowing storm totals from Thursday through Saturday to reach 24.5 inches. Light snow lingered over the summit for most of Saturday afternoon as the systems slipped offshore,



Courtesy

A cornice built up on the top of Huntington Ravine, one of the only signs that a significant snowfall took place.

and high pressure built in Sunday, allowing for a beautiful day on the summit. As we arrived on the summit last Wednesday, the media was in a frenzy as models were beginning to agree on a major snowstorm Friday through Saturday. Not having experienced a very heavy snowfall on the summit before, I was excited to see several feet of snow

blanket the exposed rocks. In the aftermath of the storm however, the summit looks almost as bare as it did before the nor'easter. The light and fluffy snow quickly blew off of the summit as hurricane force winds rolled over the Rockpile. This allowed the Mount Washington Avalanche Center to post in the first "extreme" avalanche rating in

over a year for parts of the mountain. The 24.5 inches that fell on the summit either collected in extremely protected areas on the summit, such as in our front entrance, or was blown completely off the mountain into the ravines to our East. After seeing how easily this can happen, it's no longer a surprise that snow can drift to near 100 feet deep

in the base of Tuckerman's ravine! For more information on the Mount Washington Observatory and our various overnight and day trip opportunities visit us at www.MountWashington.org. Also feel free to stop by the North Conway Weather Discovery Center on Main Street, and while you're there, considering becoming a member to support the non-profit Mount Washington Observatory!

Next Valley-Wide Kindness Weekend being planned

REGION — The next Valley-Wide Kindness Weekend is planned. And it's being called The Be Kind Festival!

Planned for May 17-19, the festival will bring back some of the most successful features of the 2011 event and will add some very exciting new and bigger events! Mark your calendars and "Like" us on Facebook to stay in touch. Visit www.bekindfest.com for updates.

The Mount Washington Valley is becoming known as the Kindness Capital of New England! That's great news, because according to The Kindness Center, kindness is the secret to happiness. This year, the weekend before Memorial Day weekend (Victoria Day in Canada), locals and visitors alike will be soaking up the kindness message as well as inflicting random acts of kindness on our community.

The Festival is supported in part by the sale of all-access wrist bands for only \$10 each, available in advance or at the event. The weekend begins

Friday evening with a free keynote lecture by returning best selling author and speaker Michael J. Chase, founder of The Kindness Center. Michael has a brand new book out this year to share as well! After the lecture at Kennett's Loynd Auditorium, we'll gather under The Kindness Tent in Schouler Park for Good Vibes Coffee and Dessert and enjoy the Candlelit Labyrinth.

Saturday morning, everyone is invited to gather in N. Conway Village for a little inspiration and to collect the tools of the kindness trade before fanning out to the community to commit all sorts of kindness on unsuspecting strangers. So don't be surprised if a stranger hands you a smiley face balloon, pumps your gas or pays for your coffee while you're standing in line.

Participants will come back with amazing stories as the result of the simplest acts. We'll gather together again at noon under the tent in the park to hear some of the morning's stories as a group. A

mid-day healthy food event is still in the planning stages. Throughout the day, the labyrinth will be open, and we'll enjoy free massages, free blood pressure screenings by the visiting nurses, free crafts for the kids with The Artery, hugs from the White Mountain Community Health Center Teen Clinic, and more kind fun in the park.

Saturday afternoon, enjoy a very fun and motivational presentation by Nancy Sporborg & Pat Piper, authors of "It's Not About the Hike."

Saturday evening will begin with an inter-faith service and a Butterfly Release as a service of our local hospice nurses. Saturday evening will close with a major music event being planned by Mount Washington Radio Group.

Sunday Morning, join Herbalist Heather Chase on an educational and really interesting walk from The Local Grocer, into the woods and fields to identify edible and healing plants we can find everyday.

WEATHER

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Date	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
4-Feb	-5	-18	0.28	2.7
5-Feb	0	-19	0.01	0.2
6-Feb	4	-18	0.09	1.5
7-Feb	2	-18	0.01	0.4
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Nooks & Crannies Powder and ice:

By Steve Smith

Over the past couple of weeks, winter trappers have encountered all kinds of snow conditions out in the woods. My own experience has ranged from wonderful powder atop a firm base, to bare ground with long stretches of flow ice that tested the upper limits of hiking with Microspikes. And, of course, everything changed again – for the better – with the welcome snowstorm last weekend.

The week before last, I encountered a variety of conditions while wandering off the East Pond Trail to visit several landslides on the steep north side of Mt. Osceola.



Steve Smith

Two large landslides converge on the northern slope of Mt. Osceola. On the day this photo was taken, the off-trail approach to this point followed a gentle frozen brookbed topped with soft powder, while the steep slides had a solid surface of "styrofoam" snow. Snow conditions change frequently in the mountains, and this dramatic spot could present avalanche danger after a fresh snowfall.

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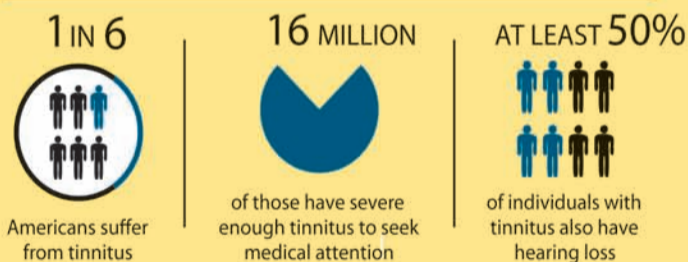


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(These slides are prominently seen from the Hancock Overlook on the Kancamagus Highway.) On the first trip, I followed a snowshoe track laid down the previous day by inveterate bushwhacker J.R. Stockwell of Gilmanton, whose passion is navigating remote and often difficult off-trail routes on White Mountain peaks.

J.R. had bushwhacked in on snowshoes and climbed (with ice axe and crampons) one of the westernmost slides on Mt. Osceola. Later that day, he told me about his route, which for a half-mile followed a wide-open brookbed that was completely frozen and snowed in.

"Great snowshoeing," he told me, "and the brookbed is like a road."

That sounded awfully inviting, so the next day, I headed up the East Pond Trail, found J.R.'s tracks, and followed them. The route led through some dense spruce thickets before popping out onto the open brook bed. Thanks to a spell of subzero weather, this branch of Pine Brook was completely muffled in ice and snow. It was just as J.R. said, a beautiful, powdery highway leading gently up the valley. A light snow fell as I slowly made my way towards the upper part of a large slide visible ahead.

I was easily able to snowshoe up to the point where the slide ahead was joined by an equally large slide plunging down from the right. The two slides merged to create a marvelous open expanse of solid, grippy "Styrofoam" snow. (After a fresh snowfall, this could be an avalanche zone.) Viewed through the falling flakes, I thought it one of the most impressive spots I've seen anywhere in the mountains.

Nooks, see pg.17

Nooks & Crannies

Meeting a variety of snow conditions in the woods



Steve Smith

The ledges of Peaked Mountain in North Conway's Green Hills provide a fine perspective on Mt. Washington and its Presidential neighbors. Last week trail conditions on the four-mile loop over Peaked were a mix of ice, bare ground and crusty snow. Conditions are much improved following last weekend's snowstorm.

Two days later, we had our second January thaw and heavy rain, which changed everything. In another two days I undertook a second bushwhack to visit another slide on Mt. Osceola, the huge gash under the main summit known to climbers as the "Dog Leg Slide."

The thaw had blown out all the frozen brookbeds, and it looked impossible to cross Pine Brook on the East Pond Trail without getting wet feet. So I bushwhacked up along the east side of the brook, crossing several smaller tributaries, until I reached the open brookbed that led up to the Dog Leg Slide. But this time the brook was an open channel in full flow, so there would be no soft snowy highway. I had to cross the brook numerous times on rocks, upon which my snowshoes made ugly grating sounds.

An open snow swath led me to the spot I was aiming for, where there was a view of the upper Dog Leg Slide ahead, dotted with cold blue ice bulges. The great ragged face of Mt. Osceola's Split Cliff loomed high overhead on the left. Despite the less than stellar conditions on the approach, it was another marvelous backcountry scene.

Last Tuesday was a different experience, when I hiked the four-mile loop over Peaked Mountain in North Conway's Green Hills. (A big thanks to Mike Anthony of the Profile Subaru service department, who provided a loaner to get me to the trailhead while my car underwent a major repair.) The beginning of the trail off Thompson Road was a sheet of ice, and I wore Microspikes right from the car.

It was hard to believe this was a February hike as I negotiated frequent stretches of bare ground mixed with treacherous ice flows and welcome patches of crusty snow. The views from Peaked's frozen ledges were crystal-

clear on this gorgeous sunny day, though the landscape did not look very wintry. Mt. Washington was a mottled white and gray, lacking its usual snowy luster.

On one of the higher ledges, I chatted with David and Betsy Finch of Glen, avid hikers on both local mountains and the Appalachian Trail, who go by the trail names of "Zig Zag" and "Wing Wing." They hike Peaked often for a good quick mountain workout.

I picked my way carefully over more ice patches as I climbed through red pine forest to the summit ledges. The top of Peaked was almost completely snow-free. I lounged in the sun on bare granite, taking in November-like views of the Saco valley, the Moats, Mt. Chocorua, and nearby Middle and Rattlesnake Mountains. (Chocorua, by the way, is featured on a new U.S. Mint "America the Beautiful" quarter honoring the White Mountain National Forest, to be unveiled later this month.)

The biggest ice bulge of the day was on the Middle Mountain Trail as it descends alongside a small hemlock-shaded brook. This spot required a bushwhack above or below, take your pick.

Back at the trailhead, two other hikers and three mountain bikers riding on studded tires were packing up to leave.

We all agreed some serious snow was needed to cover up the ice. Mother Nature apparently listened to our plea, and it's time to break out the snowshoes again!

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Making friends

Brian Ahearn, owner of Four Your Paws Only in North Conway, gets a kiss from a customer's puppy during the 15th annual Puppy Party on Feb. 10, featuring many activities, free samples, photos, store discounts, as well as refreshments for both humans & their dogs. For more information on the store, please visit fouryourpawsonly.com.



Throwing the stone

Eileen Neal, a member of the Mount Washington Valley Curling Club, "throws the rock" during a special outdoor curling demonstration for the public at the Schouler Park Ice Skating Rink in North Conway on Feb. 10.



Clean sweep

Mount Washington Valley Curling Club members Sue Bennett and Gary Sargent sweep ahead of the moving stone, trying to guide it toward the "house" or target area, during a special outdoor curling demonstration for the public at the Schouler Park Ice Skating Rink, in North Conway on Feb. 10.



Fluffy puppy

Joyce Mann, visiting the area with her husband from Rhode Island, met a new friend, Haylee, the 10 month old puppy of Brian Ahearn, owner of Four Your Paws Only in North Conway, on Feb. 10, during the 15th annual Puppy Party, which featured many activities, free samples, photos, store discounts, as well as refreshments for both humans & their dogs.



Fields of ambrosia

Deborah Jasien, owner of Fields of Ambrosia, Bath, Body, & Home in North Conway, shows off some of the many products her store has to offer on Feb. 9. For more information, please visit fieldsofambrosia.com.



Happy barbers

The Old Village Barbershop in North Conway was open for business as the blizzard was winding down on Saturday, Feb. 9. Barbers (from left) owner Cathy Hunter, Tim Martineau, and June Preece took a moment for a photo as customers were arriving. For more information on services & hours, please visit oldvillagebarber.com.



Fundraising for Philly

Members of the Kennett Middle School eighth grade class hosted a fundraising event for their trip this Spring to Philadelphia at the Shannon Door Pub & Restaurant in Jackson on Feb. 7. A silent auction featuring many items & gift certificates was held, and the management of the Shannon Door donated \$1 from every pizza sold during the evening toward the trip.

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Skiing with Sven

By Sven Cole

It looks like winter again, and with that new blanket of snow, I am excited to get out and do some exploring.

There is something about gliding through the forest on a pair of skis that both excites and calms my mind. It is a connection with nature, where I feel like one of the forest creatures — except this time, I'm the one best equipped to take advantage of the terrain. I can see the traffic patterns of the deer, the squirrels, the fox, the rabbits, and maybe turkeys. I can see all this on either my Nordic gear as I cruise the flatlands and rolling hills, or on my bigger gear as I venture off the groomed trail at my local ski hill in search of that secret stash of powder that the winds have deposited in place just for me to enjoy.

Regardless of the tools I use to play on the snow in the woods, the feeling of being connected to the roots of skiing always come to the surface. In my office, I have a poster of a painting of two Birkebeiners, Torstein Skevla and Skjervald

Skrukka, skiing through the Norwegian forest with an infant Prince Haakon Haakonsson in their care as they skied the young Prince to safety in Trondheim. The painting depicts an event that took place on New Year's Eve in 1206.

While I'm not ever trying to transport a future king to safety from warring factions trying to fight for control of their country, I do think of how skiing was originated as a form of transportation, and not just sport. That thought pushes me to want to sometimes "go somewhere" on skis. Most of the time that means heading out the door and just seeing where my gut takes me. I'll sometimes find some animal tracks and want to see where they go, or I'll see a line that just sort of beacons me to follow it through the woods. Or I might want to see if I can ski through the woods and end up at a particular spot—testing my navigation (not always such a successful endeavor).

At times, there may be a particular backcountry ski line

that I've been looking at for some time that I drive by on a regular, or not so regular basis and then the trick becomes parking the car and then making it to the goods without getting lost. This has gotten much easier in recent years with Google maps having become such a great resource for scouting routes.

The key to all of these adventures — common sense and following a few rules.

Ideally ski with a partner, and always tell someone where you are going.

Have a pack, even if it is small that has a few essentials:

- water
- waterproof matches
- a headlamp
- extra hat
- food
- extra layer
- extra gloves
- compass
- (and know how to use it)
- and a map
- whistle
- knife

You may want much more than this, but this will give you what you need if the weather

changes, you get a bit turned around, or in a bad situation if you need to hunker down for the night in the woods.

When you head out into the woods you have to take responsibility for your own route finding, unless you are following a set backcountry trail. That means you have to learn to read the terrain that is under the snow and keep an eye out for potential hazards. A few of the things to look out for — water, be it streams or small ponds, which are typically easy to identify as they will be the only places that are perfectly flat and don't have trees.

For those skiing down on the flatlands and rolling terrain you'll also want to keep an eye out for stone walls, often there will be enough snow to cover them up, but often not enough where you can just blast over them without hitting rock. They are usually easy to see as they'll either have parts of the wall that aren't snow covered and that's a major giveaway, or you'll just see this long, low ridge that just doesn't seem to make

sense unless it's a stonewall.

When I'm out on either my alpine skis or telemark skis and the woods beckon, I'm usually looking for a bit more of an adrenalin rush than a nature tour. However, I still treat it the same, and try to be prepared so that I can enjoy my rip through the woods, where I pretend that I'm Luke Skywalker on a speeder bike ripping through the forest of Endor. The key to skiing off-piste is to make sure you're not breaking the ski area's out of bounds policy. Nothing puts a damper on a great woods run more than meeting ski patrol at the bottom and having them pull your ticket, so make sure you read the areas policy before heading out. Also—always ski in the woods with a buddy to make sure both of you make it out. No need giving WMUR reason to have a "Breaking News Story" about a skier or boarder lost in the woods.

Now get out and ski.
Sven Cole is a local skier and writer, and you can follow him on Twitter @svencole.

Tin Mountain EcoForum to focus on salmon restoration in the Pemi



Courtesy

Atlantic salmon, one of the most popular fish species sought by anglers on the Pemigewasset River, are being restored through a joint project of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Learn more at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center Eco-Forum Salmon Restoration Efforts in New Hampshire on Thursday, Feb. 14 from noon through 1 p.m. at the NATure Learning Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany.

ALBANY — Atlantic salmon, one of the most popular fish species sought by anglers on the Pemigewasset River, are being restored through a joint project of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Matt Carpenter, NH Fish & Game's Fish Conservation Program Leader, will discuss the project's current status as well as future plans at the February EcoForum. Join Tin Mountain on Thursday, Feb. 14 at noon to learn more.

Matt Carpenter is a fisheries biologist with the Fish

Conservation Program at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The objective of the Fish Conservation Program is to protect and restore healthy aquatic ecosystems that support the full array of New Hampshire's native fish, including both resident and migratory species. Matt graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and from Antioch University with a major in Conservation Biology.

Atlantic salmon restoration in the Gulf of Maine has made great strides in recent years

with the proposed dam removals on the Penobscot River and cutting edge research on downstream smolt migration. Unfortunately, poor survival at sea has plagued recovery efforts and threatens to undermine gains in the restoration of freshwater habitat. In his presentation, Matt will discuss the latest research on the ecology of Atlantic salmon populations in the North Atlantic and what it means for the evolving Atlantic salmon restoration efforts in the Pemigewasset River watershed.

The EcoForum lunchtime lecture series is sponsored by The Flatbread Company of North Conway, the Rock House Mountain Baker, and Frontside Grind Coffee. EcoForums are free and open to the public and are presented at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center in Albany. The community is urged to attend to learn more about salient issues facing our natural environment and to hear the views of thought-provoking speakers.

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Skiing Hither & Yon

Norman H. Libby: First skier on Mount Washington

By Scott Andrews

In the earliest years of the 20th Century, skiing in New England evolved from basic utilitarian transportation into an exciting and pleasurable sport. A key figure in that transition was Norman H. Libby, a young businessman and part-time journalist.

Libby's most notable achievement was accomplished 108 years ago this week. On or about Feb. 15, 1905, he was the first person to ascend — and descend — Mount Washington on skis.

Although little is known about his personal life, Libby was unquestionably one of the first people in New England to undertake significant mountain adventures on skis. Several of these adventures were documented in newspapers of his day, sometimes in articles penned by Libby himself.

Libby spent at least two seasons as the assistant editor of *Among the Clouds*, the twice-daily newspaper that was published during the summer months at the top of Mount Washington. He also owned an insurance agency in Bridgton, Maine. As a reporter, Libby wrote for *Among the Clouds*, the *Bridgton News* and the *Portland Sunday Telegram*.

Libby's skiing adventures date from the 1890s into the first decade of the 20th Century. In later life, he became Bridgton's unofficial town historian. His legacy is a set of six hefty scrapbooks that are held by the Maine Historical Society in Portland.

Other key Libby material is owned by the Bridgton Historical Society. The Gladys Brooks Memorial Library, located in the Mount Washington Observatory's North Conway office, holds archives of *Among the Clouds* and the *Mountaineer* (not related to the *Mountain Ear*). Librarian Peter Crane helped research Libby's adventures in those two newspapers.

Started on Pleasant Mountain

Libby first factored into Bridgton history in 1893, when he moved from the Maine coast to help his father, Horace, manage an insurance agency he had recently acquired.

(Was it serendipity or simply coincidence? H.B. Libby and Son was the direct predecessor to the Chalmers Insurance Group, whose president, Bruce Chalmers, is a stalwart of the New England skiing community.)

Libby's earliest appearance in the recorded annals of ski-



Courtesy

At the turn of the 20th Century, Norman Libby was a businessman from Bridgton, Maine. He was the first person to ascend (and descend) Mount Washington on skis



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Norman Libby, a businessman and part-time journalist from Bridgton, Maine, was the first person to ascend (and descend) Mount Washington on skis. He wrote this account for the *Portland Sunday Telegram*.

ing is a second-hand account, written more than half a century after his exploits. Bridgton's official town history, edited by Eula M. Shorey, contains a brief, tantalizing passage on the early years of the region's recreational skiing:

"The principal winter sport now is skiing, and Pleasant Mountain is the place. As far back as the late 1800s, a few brave souls were pioneering on 'boards.' Three young men of the town, Norman Libby, Richard Cleaves and Perry Murphy, used to climb Mount Pleasant after a good snow storm, by way of the old carriage road on the west side, and ski down. It was a half day's venture but they considered it worth the effort. By 1904, ski trails were found on nearly any hill which provided an unobstructed course."

That must have been many hills! At the turn of the 20th Century, Bridgton was largely farm fields and vast clearcuts left by loggers. (Today's forests mostly date from the 20th Century.)

First skier on Mount Washington

On Feb. 22, 1905, readers of the *Mountaineer*, published in Gorham, learned that Libby had been the first person to ski on Mount Washington. His route followed the right-of-way of the Cog Railway, which ascends from the western side, not far from the Omni Mount Washington Hotel and the present-day Bretton Woods skiing complex.

"Mr. Libby made the ascent from the base station, and was accompanied by Mr. Marcotte, the caretaker of the railroad company's property there," the

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(Left) Norman Libby, a businessman and adventurer from Bridgton, Maine, often wrote for the *Bridgton News*. Among his journalistic colleagues was Eva Shorey, long-time reporter for the weekly newspaper and daughter of its owner.

Mountaineer reported. "Mr. Libby is devoted to skiing, and his visit to the mountain at this season was to slide a portion of the down trip, which he did without mishap. We believe he is the first man to attempt to slide down Mount Washington."

On Feb. 26, 1905, Libby's own account appeared in the *Portland Sunday Telegram*. In this article, Libby seems to be intensely interested in promoting skiing. One of several subheads prophetically read: "SKIING DESTINED TO BE A POPULAR AND FASCINATING WINTER SPORT IN THIS COUNTRY."

The first sentence of the

article continued in a proselytizing vein: "No one interested in out of door Winter sports can fail to have observed the growing tendency to make use of the Norwegian ski in preference to the old time snow shoe."

Libby's own account notes that the snow had mostly blown off the mountain above treeline, which is roughly halfway up the railway. He left his skis behind and accomplished the upper half of his trip on "creepers."

Always enthusiastic about skiing, Libby liked to editorialize. The article's concluding paragraph, although written more than a century ago, conveys a distinctly modern spirit:

"More and more, it seems is the possibility for enjoyable recreation being found in Winter. The first essential is to accept conditions as they exist, not try to modify them. To find pleasure in outdoor life at this season is no more difficult than in Summer, and the ski can be made an important factor in every program."

Libby made two skiing trips to Mount Washington. Next week's "Skiing Hither and Yon" will look at his 1907 adventure, which used the Mount Washington Auto Road.

Scott Andrews is a snowsports journalist who has been writing about skiing in Mount Washington Valley for 27 years.

Mountain Top Music presents Tangos and Trios in Jackson this Sunday afternoon

JACKSON — Mountain Top Music is delighted to present pianist and composer Ellen Schwindt, saxophonist Mike Sakash, and flutist Julia Hendrickson in a concert of Tangos and Trios on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m.

This special concert, the next in Mountain Top Music's popular series of At-Home Concerts, will be held in a stunning Jackson home, spe-

cially designed for concerts just like this one. If you like sweeping melodies, perfectly-blended woodwind tones punctuated by rhythmic piano percussion, and arcane musical humor, then you will love Tangos and Trios!

Parts of the trio's performance could be called neoromantic, as it incorporates ideas stemming from Schwindt's study of composers

often writing in more than one key at a time, like Germaine Tailleferre. Hendrickson's lyrical rendition of a flute piece by Tailleferre will illuminate the beauty of this kind of well-chosen dissonance. The idea for Tangos and Trios arose from a commission awarded to Schwindt last spring by the Music Teacher's National Association; the award-winning piece she com-

posed, which will be featured in the Jackson concert, was premiered at a meeting of the MTNA in Keene, on Oct. 6, with Sakash, Hendrickson, and Schwindt performing.

The concert also includes several Tangos: Sakash dazzling with a Piazzola etude, Schwindt playing another popular one by Martinu, and the trio joining together for a final tango also composed by Schwindt. Each number shows off the tonal feats of the instruments, evokes the Zeitgeist (or spirit) of the current musical moment, and illuminates threads connecting the music to earlier times. Sakash and Hendrickson will also showcase their own virtuosity by testing the boundaries of their instruments in a trio by Russell Peterson, which asks the players to play extremely high and incredibly fast. You will hear new tones created when the flute and saxophone combine in the upper registers, and experience new sound-colors while listening to this piece.

Reservations for the concert can be made by telephoning

Belle Stafford at Mountain Top Music at 447-4737; the cost is \$35 per person. Since the concert is offered in a private home, the concert location will be confirmed when reservations are made.

Mountain Top Music, the Mount Washington Valley's only community music school, attracts the best musicians to its At-Home Concert Series to raise funds for the school's operations. Attendance at these concerts helps to lower the cost of lessons, providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to study and enjoy music. For more information on the wide range of affordable courses available at Mountain Top — from private lessons by its dedicated faculty to supervised ensemble participation in groups such as Monday Morning Blues, Folk Band or Jam Band, and the Community Orchestra, as well as listening lectures in Music Appreciation and Music Development; check the current offerings on the calendar at www.mountaintopmusic.org.

Attitash Race Team to screen Ski Channel film Feb. 21

BARTLETT — Attitash Race Team will be hosting an event at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

We will be showing the film "Winter" created by the Ski Channel. "Winter" is an original Ski Channel feature length film starring extraordinary people, such as athletes Sarah Burke, Rory Bushfield, Kirk Bauer, Ted Davenport, Kirk Bauer, Julian Carr, Jen Hudak, Chris Holm, and many more! It appeals to, and is appropriate for all audiences, young and

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Attitash Race Team has been developing and fostering the growth of alpine ski racers in the U16, U14, U12, and U10 age groups for 25

years. Our mission is to foster the alpine ski athlete by providing an environment rich in expertise where an individual or team can reach their maximum desired potential. This environment promotes a positive development of an athlete's personal growth, respect for other competitors, a balance of personal objectives and responsibilities, and fosters a development, appreciation, and passion for the sport of alpine skiing. Your support provides funding for scholarship athletes, equipment and training tools.

Award winning magician to perform at Eastman Performing Arts Center

FRYEBURG, Maine — The Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center continues their family entertainment series with two performances of the amazing Magician Illusionist George Saterial on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for children, \$8 for adults and are available for purchase online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or by calling the Box Office at (207) 935-9232. The theater is located at 18 Bradley Street on the Campus of Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. Parking is free.

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George has become the first and only magician in the world to receive magic's highest and most coveted honors, the "Gold Medal of

Excellence," from the industry's foremost associations--The International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians. It's rare that either award is given--in nearly twenty years they have been granted a combined total of only seven times. George was awarded both honors in the same year.

The award-winning routine is entitled "Timeless Magic," as time literally seems to stand still when this classically inspired piece is set in motion. Set at the spellbinding hour of midnight, George uses an impressive grandfather clock as the act's centerpiece. Like clockwork, candles, handkerchiefs, and even doves magically appear and disappear. Simultaneously, the inner workings of the timepiece are incorporated into the illusion, right down to the clock's sphere and pendulum. Most importantly, it's George's endearing smile, playful, charming (and even a bit flirtatious) persona, and unparalleled magical talent and skill that win audiences over.

From the stages of

Broadway in New York to New Zealand's renowned Regent Theater, George has traveled five continents performing "Timeless Magic" along with the rest of his extensive repertoire of stage, close-up, and roving magic. He has conquered nearly every possible venue including theater, television, film, music videos, cruise ships, corporate

special events, and has even performed on ice at a six-thousand-seat arena. George has also entertained an impressive list of celebrities including Clint Eastwood, Mick Jagger, and Tony Randall, just to name a few.

Most recently, George's travels led him to another tremendous honor. He was among the few magicians

selected to compete at the World Congress of Magic in Lisbon, Portugal. George placed as a top finalist at this very prestigious international event, which is only conducted every three years. This marked the second time George was a featured performer at this conference.

Magician, see pg. 23

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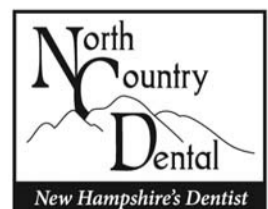
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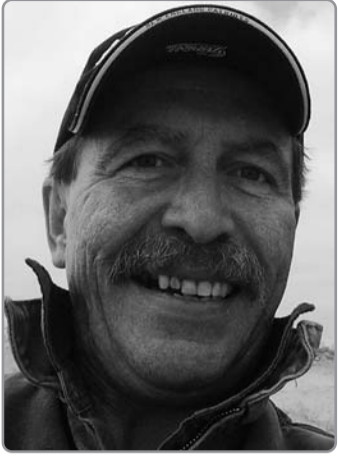
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Donald G. Clough

Donald G. Clough passed away and went to be with the Lord on Jan. 28, 2013 at the

age of 61.

Donald is survived by his wife, Delcia (Ayotte), originally from VanBuren, Maine, and their seven children and six grandchildren: Holly Clough of Conway; Matthew and three children, Teagan, Brayden and Nirvana, of Conway; Luke and his son, Dillon, of Madison; Timothy of North Conway; Andrew and his son, Sage, of Conway; Daniel of Conway; and Cammie Hudson and daughter, Brookelyn, of Madison.

He is also survived by his mother, Grace Clough, of

Gloucester, Mass.; a sister, Linda Higgins, of Queensbury, N.Y.; and two brothers--his twin Dana, of Bend, Ore. and Stephen of California.

Donald grew up in Gloucester, Mass., and was raised in Lanesville, where he attended the public schools. At the age of 10, he held a paper route and later worked in the local grocery store.

In 1967, Don moved to Conway to live with his father, Arthur Clough. He attended and graduated from Kennett High School in 1970.

His early employment included: Coleman's, Form-Top and Kearsarge Metallurgical. He also worked for Robert McCauley on numerous construction jobs in the Valley including the Linderhof Chalets.

Donald married Delcia in 1976 and joined the Carpenter's Union in 1979. He started work as a carpenter but later switched to the millwright trade, working as an industrial mechanic on such projects as Maine Yankee, Vermont Yankee, Seabrook Power Plant, Bow Power Plant and the Boise Cascade Hydro Plant in Berlin. Donald also had the opportunity to help build and work on the set of the movie On Golden Pond and also on St. Paul's School in Concord. Before his passing, Donald was working as a foreman at the Berlin Biomass Power Plant in Berlin.

When not employed by the union, Donald had a side carpentry business, "Clough & Sons", and did local work with his five boys. He also worked off and on in the Valley doing carpentry for Kevin Macmillan.

Donald loved the outdoors--the mountains, rivers and the night sky--and spent time with his family enjoying it all. He loved to ski, hike, camp, swim and snowmobile. He also made delicious maple syrup and enjoyed hunting, though he never succeeded in bringing home a catch. Don was a lover of "muscle cars" and worked on his own vehicles alongside his sons.

Donald's last years were devoted to enjoying his grandchildren and he spent his last summer teaching them about his flower and vegetable gardens.

Donald had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and Union brothers.

There will not be a funeral at this time but instead he will be cremated and a Celebration of Life will take place in May at The River Church. Date and time will be posted.

The Furber and White Funeral Home in North Conway is in charge of arrangements.



Annette Viola Dorer

Annette Viola Dorer passed away at her home in Madison on Feb. 3, 2013.

She was born Jan. 22, 1927, the daughter of Georg & Mary Fries, in Glendale, N.Y. Growing up, she spent much time on her father's boat and in later years would speak fondly of the time they would spend anchored off of Jones Beach on Long Island where she could go ashore and dance to bands that played in the bandstand off the boardwalk. After graduating high school in 1944, specializing in art, she went on to work for a shipping magazine for more than 10 years. It was during this time that she made the re-acquaintance of an elementary school classmate, Walter Dorer, whom she married on May 1, 1949.

The two moved to Elmont, N.Y. in 1953, where they lived until 1996. During that time, they helped to found Advent Lutheran Church in Elmont, N.Y. and Annette was one of the first women to serve on a church council. She was also an active Girl Scout leader and volunteer at Gotham Ave. School. Continuing with the love of art she had cultured in high school, Annette spent time painting and designing various handcrafts. In 1996, they moved to Valley Stream,

N.Y., then in 2005 to Madison, where they lived next to their daughter, Patricia, and her family. They had been traveling to Bon Air cottages in Moultonborough annually from 1949 until 2000, and it was a place the whole family loved enough to want to live here.

In later years, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and enjoying the friends she made online.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Dorer; her daughter, Patricia Aliventi; grandchildren Melinda Aliventi, Janine Aliventi, and Danny Aliventi all of Madison. She was also greatly loved by her god-daughter, Jackie Brewington of Spartanburg, S.C., who was as close to her as a daughter.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church in North Conway. To sign an online guest book, go to: www.baker-gagnefuneral-homes.com.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of West Ossipee is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Louise E. Mann

Louise E. Mann, 94, of Conway died Feb. 6, 2013 at the Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Tamworth, the daughter of Frederick and Ruby (Stone) Garland, she grew up in Chatham and lived in Dover from 1947 to 1987, when she moved to the Mt. Washington Valley. Last year marked the 75th year of her graduation from the former Tamworth High School, and she was also honored as the oldest graduate.

Mrs. Mann was married to the late Henry W. Mann, for 59 years, who died in 1995.

Louise became a mythical figure to her family and all around her. She endured much in life, and processed a vast knowledge of history and genealogy of the area. She had touched many lives and helped many others in her community. She had a love for history, sewing, reading, genealogy,

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Entrain returns to Theater in the Wood

INTERVALE — The band Entrain makes a return visit to the Theater in the Wood in Intervale on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The eclectic Martha's Vineyard-based six-piece Entrain has been impressing critics and fans since its inception. The Boston Globe wrote, "Entrain zips along like a lively summit conference between the Dave Matthews Band and Little Feat."

Their collective resume includes appearances with such diverse players as Bo Diddley, Carly Simon, Chuck Berry, Southside Johnny, James Montgomery, Blood Sweet and Tears and Bob Weir.

"The Theater in the Wood is a great music venue. We had a great time playing there. We need more venues like this in the country. We're looking forward to our next show there!" said Tom Major,

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In addition to George's onstage accolades, his peers have also recognized him as one of the best dove acts in the business. He regularly performs at the industry's most respected magic conventions, and is asked to give lectures on the award-winning techniques that have made his act so successful.

In a word, it's gestalt that is needed to become one of magic's most highly acclaimed

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quitting, crosswords puzzles and gardening at home and at camp in Chatham. During World War II she was a plane spotter in Fryeburg, Maine.

Louise had been a very active volunteer with R.S.V.P. for 26 years, the Gibson Center for Senior Services and up until last month she was active with the Conway Public Library and the Conway Animal Shelter Thrift Shop. She also had been a member of the Chatham Congregational Church since 1988.

The family includes three daughters (Lynda L. Kubeck and her husband Jerry of Ellenton, Fla., Rachel I. Pierce and her husband Richard of Westbrook, Maine, and Phyllis I. Mann of Springfield, Mo.); four grand-

founder and drummer of Entrain.

This is a BYOB show. Tickets for Entrain are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 356-9980 or by visiting theaterinthewood.org. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. The show is being hosted by the Believe in Books Literacy Foundation and net proceeds benefit the foundation's literacy programs.

Future concerts at the Theater in the Wood include Rek'lis on March 2, The Cold River Radio Show on March 10, The John Clavette Band on March 16, John Lennon Re-Imagined by The Nutopians: an Ensemble Presentation with special guest Devonsquare on March 23, and Adam Ezra on March 30. The Rogues return to the

professionals; the harmonious merger of theatrical, technical, and creative abilities, coupled with an enduring love for magic and entertaining. And thankfully for audiences and the magic community as a whole, that's exactly what George Saterial's truly timeless magic is all about. For more information about George Saterial please visit <http://saterial.com>.

children (Jeff Jones of Omaha, Neb., Cheryl Jones of Rochester, Lori Jones of Keene and ViJay Pierce of Australia); five great grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Lincoln Garland of Chatham and Gene Garland of New Durham; a sister, Eleanor Cutting of Lebanon; and several nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in the Conway Village Cemetery later in the spring.

Donations may be sent to the Gibson Center for Senior Services, P.O. Box 655, North Conway, NH 03860 in her memory. The Furber and White Funeral Home in North Conway is in charge of arrangements.



Courtesy

The band Entrain makes a return visit to the Theater in the Wood in Intervale on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Theater in the Wood on May 3. Visit www.theaterinthewood.org for more information.

The Believe in Books Literacy Foundation has a broadening mission to enhance the quality of life through exposure, education, and the

engagement of reading by bringing stories to life. The Literacy Foundation is a Charitable 501(c)(3) Non-Profit guided by the needs and involvement of the communities of which it serves.

The Believe in Books office, 100 Acre Wood property and

Theater in the Wood is located on Observatory Way in Intervale, just two miles north of the Scenic Vista, directly across from Town Hall Road.

For more information on the Literacy Foundation, please call 356-9980 or visit www.believeinbooks.org.

Entertainment

Almost There – Albany

February 15 – Simon Crawford Band/ every Friday @ 4pm

Attitash Mountain Resort – Bartlett

February 16 – Bear Peak Lodge, Den Sessions w/ Kristen Corrigan (A)

February 17 – Bear Peak Lodge, Den Sessions w/ Mitch Alden (A)

February 16 – Ptarmigan's Pub, Livin' the Dream (A)

February 17 – Ptarmigan's Pub, Those Guys (A)

February 18 – Ptarmigan's Pub, Mitch Alden from Now Is Now (A)

February 19 – Ptarmigan's Pub, Rek'lis(A)

February 20 – Ptarmigan's Pub, DJ Kristen Corrigan (A)

The Conway Café

February 16 – Every Sat. Mike's Mobile Tunes

February 20 – Every Wed. Red Gallagher's "Humortunes!"

The Corner House Inn – Center Sandwich

February 14 – Ed & Heidi Fayle, Storytelling Dinner

February 15 – Doug Hazard

Delaney's – North Conway

February 20 – The Dean Machine

The Inn at Thorn Hill – Jackson

February 16 – Mike Jewel

Lyceum – Tamworth

February 17 – Sundays "Live at the Lyceum", 1:30-3:30pm.

May Kelly's Cottage – North Conway

February 15 – Dennis & Davy (N)

February 17 – Irish Seisium, 3-7pm

McGrath's Tavern – North Conway

February 14 – Reklis, 9pm

February 16 – Jon Sarty, 9pm

Rafferty's Restaurant & Pub – North Conway

February 14 – Thursday Trivia Night (N)

February 18 – Monday Billiard-Golf Night

LOUNGES, TAVERNS & PUBS

Red Parka Pub – Downtown Glen

February 14 – Jonathan Sarty 5pm

February 17 – Full Circle, 9pm

February 11 – Open Mic' with Ryan St. Onge

Shannon Door Pub – Jackson Village

February 14 – Dennis O'Neil & Jon Deveneau, 7pm.

February 15 – Marty Quirk 8pm/ Apres Ski 4-6pm

February 16 – Marty Quirk 8pm/ Apres Ski 4-6pm

February 17 – Kevin Dolan and Simon Crawford 7:30pm

Shovel Handle Pub – Jackson

February 14 – Bob Rutherford & Susan Goyette

February 15 – Jonathan Sarty

February 16 – TBD

February 17 – Tim Gurshin

February 18 – Tom Dean

February 19 – Tess Erskine

February 20 – Justin James

Wentworth – Jackson

February 15 – Ronnie Chase (D)

February 16 – Ronnie Chase (D)

White Mountain Hotel – North Conway

February 14 – Mike Jewel (D)

February 15 – Mike Jewel (D)

February 15 – Heather Pierson(D)

February 17 – Sunday Piano Brunch with Mike Jewel

Wildcat Inn & Tavern – Jackson Village

February 16- Al Shafner, Apres Ski 2-4pm

The Revtones, 8:30pm-close

February 17- Jonathan Sarty, 6:30-8:30pm

February 19- Hoot Night, Open Mic with Jonathan Sarty

Wildcat Mountain – Pinkham Notch

February 16- Ski with WBZ (A)

February 17- DJ Cooper Fox (A)

White Lake Inn and Tavern – Tamworth

February 15 – Patrick & Dylan, 7:00pm

February 16 – Open Mic with Josh Vekos

Wolverine Grille – North Conway

Every Wednesday – Open Mike with Simon Crawford

February 15 – Simon Crawford Band

February 16- Lower Eastside Band

(N)=Nightlife, (A)=Afternoon, (D)=Dinner, (B)=Brunch



Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

Jen's Friends Cancer Foundation . 2nd Annual Pink Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser.
FMI: jensfriends.org

Ongoing Events

Alzheimer's Support Group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Merriman House, Memorial Hospital. Caregivers will find sympathetic and knowledgeable support and advice. Info 356 5461 X 194

Madison Library; Friday morning, 10am playgroup/preschool story time. Social time for babies and toddlers, parents and caregivers, age-appropriate stories FMI Call 367-8545 @ madisonlib on Twitter for a clue.

Blood pressure checks at the Freedom Village Store Tuesday mornings.

The Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth holds "Stories and Songs" a story time for young children on the first 3 Tuesdays of each month at 10:30. Tech Tuesday is held from 3:00-4:00. FMI Michael@tamworthlibrary.org 323-8510.

North Conway Community Legal Services (CLS) has a low cost legal clinic (by appointment only) every Wednesday in North Conway. FMI 888-696-3393 or 473-2002. CLS is a 501 c 3 non-profit Check us out at www.lowpay-law.org www.nhcommunitylegal.com

CoDA Meetings a Twelve Step Fellowship of men and women in the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. Tuesdays at 7pm at Eastern Slope Inn, Gibson Suite, No. Conway FMI 207-283-3267 or email Bill @ williambean@msn.com

Fryeburg Public Library offering FREE Tax Return HELP, 2.19-4.19. 9am-2pm. Both volunteer tax preparers are certified and trained annually by the IRS to prepare and e-file both State of Maine and Federal Tax Returns. FMI: 207-935-2731. To schedule an appointment.

The White Mountain Stamp Club meets twice monthly year-round on the second Wednesday at 1:30 PM & on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the home of Barbara M. Savary, 1724 NH Rte #16 on the corner of the South end of Bald Hill Road. Everyone interested in stamps is welcome! FMI 603-447-5461 or email Barbara @ bmsavary@gmail.com.

Overeaters Anonymous. 5:30-6:30pm at the Ossipee Valley Bible Church (near Napa Auto). FMI: Vikki at 323-3369.

Loss and Recovery Group. For those who have lost a loved one, this group meets Wednesday's at 5:30pm at Visiting Nurse, Home Care & hospice of Carroll County, 1529 White Mountain Highway (former Lenox Bldg). Experience shows that a group process aimed toward recovery from the loss of a loved one can significantly enhance one's quality of life. No registration necessary. FMI: F. Gardiner Perry, D. Min., CPC at 603 662 9552

Resale Shops to Benefit Animals at Conway Shelter. Retail Boutique featuring upscale clothing & acces-

sories located in Norcross Place across from the Courtyard Café; open Tues. through Sat. 10am to 3pm or The Harrison House offering a variety of domestic goods and much more; located at 223 E. Main St at driveway entrance to the shelter Shop or re-purpose your items to help the shelter. Open Tues. Thurs. Sat. & Sun. 10 am-3 pm. FMI Call 447-5605

Mt. Top Music for babies (free). Babies from birth through eighteen months play interactive games involving familiar songs, rhymes and rhythm. Every Thursday from 9:30-10:am. For toddlers and their caregiver's dance, play rhythm and acoustical instruments, sing and play games using familiar songs. Thursday 10:15 - 11:00 FMI call 447-4737

MWV Children's Museum 2936 Rt16 North Conway - Music For Tots held at MWV Children's Museum. Mountain Top Music with Sharon Novak every Friday at 11am. Kids History Tree House: A safe indoor Tree House for kids to play in with the near by History Tree exhibit. Dress-up Drama Center: for Kids 0-9 can dress-up in a multitude of costumes then put on their on performance on the little stage. Thomas the Train: kids can make an electric train weave in and out of rooms. Also play with a miniature "Thomas the Train" set. Outer Space Exhibit: kids can wonder thru the outer space hallway full of "glow in the dark" views and inspire curiosity of the mysteries of our universe. FMI for all events at MWV Children's Museum call (603) 356-2992 or www.mwvchildrensmuseum.org \$ 5.00 suggested donation per child. Some programs with Healthy Kids Gold /Maine Care are free

Recurring Events at the Gibson Center:

Mondays:

*Chair Exercise at 10:30am.
*Bowling after lunch. Board the bus and travel to Saco Valley Sports Center; bowl two strings.

Tuesday:

Second Tuesday each month: Blood pressure Clinics and VNA foot checks at 11:am to 12:00 and the last and blood pressure checks.

*Lunch & games at Silver Lake Landing. Lunch is at noon, followed by games or a movie.

*10:00am Strength, Balance & Stretch with Bobbi Broeme.

Wednesday:

Last Wednesday of the month: Ambulance Blood Pressure Clinics from 11:45 to 12:45.

Blood Pressure Clinic, 3rd Wed. of the month, 11:15-12:15 at the Center.

*Wii practice from 10:30 to 1:30. Practice your golf swing, tennis game or bowling. Game day at 12:30. Play bridge, scrabble, Cribbage, Canasta, Rummy or board games.

Thursday:

*Belly Dance Class at 9:0am.

*Chair Exercises at 10:30am.

Friday:

*Swimming at the MWV Aquatic Center after lunch - board Center bus Gibson.

*Walking Club. Fridays at 10am. Walk the sidewalks in North Conway and back to the Center for lunch.

Friday:

*Ballroom Dance Class at 12:30pm. Learn to waltz, foxtrot, swing, and some Latin dances. 6 weeks. \$30./members. \$0./non-Gibson members.

*Stretch, Balance & Strength. 10-11am in the activity room.

"Care for the Caregiver Support Group" Self-care for those caring for a loved one at home is the focus of this support group that meets Wednesday's at the Gibson Center at 12:30pm. No registration necessary. For more information, call F. Gardner Perry, D. Min., CPC at 603-662-9552..

Gibson Center for February & March. AARP Income Tax Preparation. Free for low income and over 60. Monday-Wednesday, starting February 4. Please call for your time: 356-3231.

"A Course in Miracles, a study course. Thursday s, 10-11;30am. Bidson Center. Facilitated by David Brand. The course is on going, weekly attendance is not necessary. You may join at any time. This is an independent study group, not affiliated with any church, religious group or organization.

TAOIST TAI CHI offers classes for the beginner, continued learning and health recovery in North Conway, E Madison, Tamworth and Brownfield ME. In North Conway at the Eastern Slope Inn Plaza. FMI call 603-356-5581 or visit newengland.usa.taoist.org.

St. Margaret of Scotland Church 85 Pleasant Street, Conway NH holds a weekly adult study program. The study group will meet every Sunday from 11:00 AM to Noon, in the parish hall after Sunday service.

The Breakfast Club, the monthly M&D Productions' Executive Director meeting is held the 1st Monday of each month at M&D Productions, call Mark at 603 662 7591 to reserve your seat.

There will be a FREE Adult Learner Study Group meeting by appointment on Saturdays for 10am-noon at Carroll Academy, 11 Runnell's Hall, Chocorua (cross from the Chocorua Library). Focus will be on all 5 content areas: Reading, Social Studies, Science, Math and Writing. FMI: Elisabeth Swiriduk at 603-323-5100. There are a limited number of seats available, so call now to reserve. Remember: You can do it!

Mount Washington Valley Choral Society rehearsals are held in the Kennett Middle School Choral Rooms on Mondays. We will gather at 7:00pm. Nancy Farris and George Weiss will be with us again this season. FMI: MWVChoralSociety@yahoo.com. Share this information with others who like to sing. Need altos and tenors!

Open Door Bible Church, 2324 Rt. 16. Next to West Ossipee Post Office. Sunday worship at 9:30am. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 6:30pm. Saturday Community Prayer at 9:00am. FMI: Paster John Donovan 508-380-0471.

BINGO! Sponsored by Theatre North, every Friday night at 6:30pm, doors open at 3:30pm. Located at St. Anne's Hall on School Street, Berlin Largest payout in the area

Walk -in -Wednesdays. 9am-4pm. Visiting Nurse, home Care & Hospice of Carroll County, 1529 White Mountain Highway, NC. Next to Green Granite Inn. Basic health screenings, blood pressure, foot checks, advance directives, questions about home health care services. Free and open to the public. FMI: 356-7006 or 1-800-499-4171.

Kiwanis Club of the Mount Washington Valley meets every

Wednesday evening at the New England Inn and Lodge at 6pm. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one hild and one community at a time. FMI: 603-722-7267.

Jackson Public Library hosts monthly storytime ; held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am. The program is free and open to all. Call the library for more information at 383-9731.

Gibson Center Carriage House Thrift Shop. Gently used clothing, housewares, and more. Monday -Friday 10am -2 ish; Saturday, 9am-1ish.

Carroll County RSVP has recently started Bone Builders, a low impact exercise program for seniors who are interested in a mild program to strengthen their bones and muscles. At the Eaton Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday for 9-10am; at the North Conway Congregational Church on Tuesday and Thursday for 11am-noonpm. FMI: CCRSVP Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm at 356-9331.

Friends of the Conway Public Library. Monthly meeting at 4pm, the third Wednesday of each month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 2.14

Wine Down. Thursday at the Snowville Inn. One Price. Sample featured wines, enjoy a glass and choose from three appetizers. FMI: 447-2818

Conway Public Library. 5:00pm. Young adults , Next Gen Teen Advisory Board hold its monthly meeting. Next Gen resumes next week on Thursday, Feb. 14 with a party to celebrate Valentine's Day. FMI: 603-447-5552.

Conway Public Library. Snowflake Story Time for 3 & \$ year olds. 10:30am. 45 minutes of fun with Winter songs, rhymes, and stories. No registration necessary. Guests ad older siblings always welcome.

February \$1 A BAG SALE. Thrift shop of the Lovell United Church of Christ. Rt. 25 in Center Lovell. Shop hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays. 10am-12 noon.

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. 7:30pm. "The Loons on Golden Pond". This Emmy nominated film follows the life of a loon pair as they court, bathe, dive, hunt, protect their eggs, and teach their fledglings how to fly.

M & D Productions will present the first show of their 2013 season. "Of Mice & Men". Directed by Dennis O'Neil, this tells the tragic story of two misplaced migrant ranch workers who move from place to place in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in California. Doors open at 7pm, show at 7:30pm. FMI: 603-662-7591.

Red Parks Jr. Challenge Cup Race at Attitash. Free race for all middle school ski teams in NH. Starts at 11am with award sat 3pm. FMI: 603-383-4344.

MWV Ski Team's Comedy Night and Scholarship Benefit Auction features comedy star Bob Marley. Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, Bartlett. Doors open at 6:30pm with appetizers, cash bar, silent and live auctions, and more fun and

games. Tickey and auction proceeds support MWV Ski Team and its athlete scholarship fund.

Friday 2.15

Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center Friday Flicks! Join us for an after dinner movie. AMC Staff picks the flick, and you sit back and enjoy. Movie starts just after 8:00 pm Programs are free & open to the public. FMI AMC at (603) 466-2727.

"Of Mice & Men" . M & D Productions. First show of the 2013 Season! Directed by Dennis O'Neil tells the tragic story of George Milton and Lennis Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers, who move from place to place in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in California. Doors open at 7:00pm, show at 7:30pm. Performed on 16,21,22,23.FMI: 662-7591.

Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center. 7pm. Liquid Land, Florida Everglades. Join renowned author and photographer Ted Levin on this slide journey to the Everglades. Ted will examine the delicate balance between water, people, flora, and fauna in this endangered ecosystem.

Friday Painters - meet every Friday from 9:00 - 12:30 begin studio work. FMI 356-2787 www.mwvarts.org Meet in Downstairs Gallery of MWVArts, 16 Norcross Place, North Conway Village. Will have a studio schedule available shortly. Bring something of your own to work on this week.

Eric's Awesome Waxing Demonstration at the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation. Eric will teach you how to maintain wax less and wax skis - classic and skate.3:30-4:30pm. FMI: 603-383-9355.

Go RED for Women's Heart Disease at Great Glen Trails. February is heart month! Red is the color of the day, so come to Great Glen Trails wearing your best red sweater or outfit and receive 50% off trail passes, rentals, and a GO RED DRESS pin. Help raise disease awareness.

Friday Gliders at Jackson Ski Touring. 2 hour ski with classical technique lead by ski school instructors and friends. Technique tips. After skiing the group gathers in the Touring Center for refreshments and socializing. \$10pp for the day pass or annual members can join for the season for \$45.00.

Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. 6:30pm. Fly Fishing Film Tour. A Tin Mountain Conservation Center Fundraiser for the Trout Research Project. Auction bidding begins at 6:30pm when the doors open. Tin Mountain will have a raffle drawing during intermission.

Saturday 2.16

2nd Annual Pink Flamingo Fundraiser from 2.16-24 to help community members with the financial challenges they face during their battle with cancer. Help raise funds by Flocking your friends. Suggested donation of \$10 to have Pink Flamingos land on your friend's lawn. FMI: flamingos@jensfriends.org or call 978-376-9886.

Jackson Ski Touring Foundation. Snowshoe Instructional Nature Tour. Offered 10am-12 noon; and 1-3pm. Pre-registration is suggested. FMI: 603-383-9355.

Scrub Oak Scramblers

Valley Vision Channel 3 Schedule:

FEB. 15-21, 2013

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 website: www.vv3tv.org
 phone: 603-356-8941

Friday, 2/15

5:30a Conway Budget Committee (2/13)
 7:30a Let's Move!
 8:30a Your Workout
 9:00a Around the Valley
 9:30a Lost in Movies
 10:00a Eggs & Issues
 12:00p Recreation Weekly
 12:30p Breakfast with Willie
 1:00p Left & Right
 2:00p Conway Budget Committee (2/13)
 5:00p Around the Valley
 5:30p Lost in Movies
 6:30p LIVE Kennett Girls Basketball
 8:10p Charity Chatter
 8:40p Remember When
 9:10p Conway School Board (2/13)

Saturday, 2/16

5:30a Conway School Board (2/13)
 7:30a Let's Move!

8:30a Your Workout
 9:00a Charity Chatter
 9:30a Remember When
 10:00a Conway Selectmen (2/12)
 12:00p Around the Valley
 12:30p Lost in Movies
 1:00p Conway School Board (2/13)
 3:00p Conway Budget Committee (2/13)
 5:00p Charity Chatter
 5:30p Remember When
 6:00p Conway Planning Board (2/14)
 7:00p Conway Budget Committee (2/14)

Sunday, 2/17

6:00a Rec Weekly
 6:30a Breakfast With Willie
 7:30a Let's Move!
 8:30a Your Workout
 9:00a Charity Chatter
 9:30a Remember When
 10:00a Conway Budget Committee (2/14)
 12:00p Pastor Tim
 12:30p Fryeburg Programming

Monday, 2/18

6:00a Conway Planning Board (2/14)
 7:30a Let's Move!

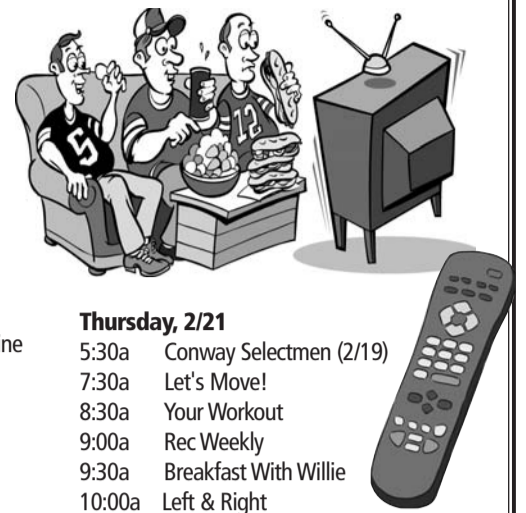
8:30a Your Workout

Tuesday, 2/19

9:00a Kennett Girls Basketball
 12:00p Charity Chatter
 12:30p Remember When
 1:00p Conway Planning Board (2/14)
 3:00p Kennett Girls Basketball
 5:00p Hockey: Kennett vs Belmont-Gilford
 7:00p Harvest Hills
 7:30p Hockey: Kennett vs Hollis Brookline
 9:15p Carroll County Commissioners

Wednesday, 2/20

6:00a Carroll County Commissioners
 7:30a Let's Move!
 8:30a Your Workout
 9:00a Harvest Hills
 9:30a Hockey: Kennett vs Belmont-Gilford
 12:00p Kennett Girls Basketball
 3:00p Hockey: Kennett vs Hollis Brookline
 5:10p LIVE Kennett Hockey
 7:00p Rec Weekly
 7:30p Breakfast With Willie
 8:00p Left & Right
 9:00p Conway Selectmen (2/19)



Thursday, 2/21

5:30a Conway Selectmen (2/19)
 7:30a Let's Move!
 8:30a Your Workout
 9:00a Rec Weekly
 9:30a Breakfast With Willie
 10:00a Left & Right
 12:00p Harvest Hills
 1:30p Hockey: Kennett vs Hollis Brookline
 3:00p Conway Selectmen (2/19)
 5:00p Rec Weekly
 5:30p Breakfast With Willie
 6:00p Left & Right
 7:00p Scholar Bowl (adult games 1 and 2)
 8:00p Lost in Movies
 8:30p Couch Potatoes
 9:00p Conway Budget Committee (2/20)

Snowmobile Club. Winter Carnival Ride-in. 10am-3pm. Weather permitting at the Freedom Town Forest/Trout Pond/ Airstrip. Registration 10-12noon. Radar Run 10am-2pm. Machines must be registered, Waivers must be signed. Vintage Snowmobile Show. Food, sponsors, prizes, raffles, parking available.

Brownfield Lions Club. Valentine's Dance at the Lions Den on Rts. 5/113 in Brownfield, Maine. 8pm-12 midnight for adults 21 and older. Music is by Linwood Cash and "The Ridge Riders". 50/50 raffle. Bring your own beverage; smoke free. Proceeds benefit the Brownfield Lions Community Projects. FMI: 207-935-4617 or Earl at 207-935-2911.

Chairlift Speed Dating at Black Mountain. The lift of love will be loading will be loading participants from 2-4pm on the double chairlift with registration starting at 12:30pm in the main base lodge. FMI: blackmt.com

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Sweetheart's Chocolate Tour. 10am-4pm. Spend the day cross country skiing or show shoeing for tasty treats at 6 different destinations along the Bretton Woods Nordic System.

Highland Center, Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Kid's Movie Night: "over the Hedge". 7:30pm.

Tin Mountain Learning Center. 9am-1pm. Nature Course: Snow - the Winter Blanket. Explore the world of snow with naturalist Ted Levin and learn how it affects the area's plant and animal life via the different snow zones and different types/ densities of snow encountered through the winter. Bring a lunch and dress for outside!

Great Glen Trails. 7-8:30pm. Moonlit Snowshoe Tour. Pinkham Notch. Prowl the trails of Great Glen to see Whoooo is out and about on a mid-winters night. Dress warm and bring snowshoes or borrows ours. Space is limited. Call 466-3988 for reservations.

"Of Mice & Men" . M & D Productions. First show of the 2013 Season! Directed by Dennis O'Neil tells the tragic story of George Milton and Lennis Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers, who move from place to place in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in California. Door open at 7:00pm., show at 7:30pm. Performed on 21,22,23.FMI: 662-7591.

Cranapalooza at Cranmore. A celebration of winter, skiing, fun, friends and family! Join us this

afternoon for s'mores roasting, face painting and family fun. All Saturdays 12.29.12 through 3.9.2013. Fireworks Jan. 19, Feb 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 2 and will start at 6:30pm. FMI: 1-800-SUN-N-SKI.

Theatre in the Woods, Intervale, NH. Believe in Books Character Breakfast. 9:30-11:00am. Join for a continental breakfast with one of the Believe in Books characters!

Madison Church Supper. 5:30pm. Held at the Madison Elementary School. Homemade baked beans, BBQ pulled pork, salads, rolls, brown bread and an assortment of pie for dessert. FMI: 367-4705.

FREE Adult Learner Study Group, 10am -noon. Carroll Academy, 11 Runnell's Hall, Chocorua, NH; across from the Chocorua Library. 10 week course will focus on all 5 content area: Reading, Social Studies, Science, Math and Writing. Call Elizabeth Swiriduk at 323-5100 to sign up.

Every Saturday. MWV Ski Touring. 1:30pm. Guided snowshoe walk along the East Branch and Saco rivers. The tour will depart from the Touring Center and last 1.5-2 hours covering a distance of less than 2 miles at an easy pace for all ages and abilities. Reservations are required. FMI: 603-356-9020.

Tamworth Farmers' Market will hold a Winter Market, 10am-1pm at the Town House in Tamworth Village. Shop locally for lettuces and hearty greens, cheese, yogurt, lamb, beef, chicken, smoked trout, duck, bread and sweets, eggs, herbal teas, homemade soaps, preserves, cider and more!

NEDS at Bretton Woods. Don't miss out on a competition of wit, agility, and humor as we search the trails of Bretton Woods for hidden treasure! New England Disabled Sports provides a day of prizes, food, skiing or riding to fun loving people. FMI: Zoe Norcross at 603-278-3398 or email info@bwadap-tivesports.org.

Joe Dodge Lodge at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. 8pm. Stories Behind the Stars. Join local naturalist Matt Krug for a discussion on the night sky followed by a trip outdoors to view the stars. Matt will show some of the major winter constellations, how to locate them, and some of the mythology connected to them.

Prescott Farm Environmental Center. Laconia. 11am-3pm. Come and enjoy the Farm at wintertime. Enjoy a cup of cocoa by the bonfire adfter a nice snowshoe hike or another activity including sleigh

rides, sledding and much more. FMI: 356-5695 or visit prescott-farm.org.

Whittier Lions Club. Roast Pork Dinner. 5-6:30pm. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Moultonville Rd., Center Ossipee. Proceeds to benefit Ossipee Concerned Citizens. 50/50 Raffle.

Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. 14:30pm. Metropolitan Opera Live presents Rigoletto. FMI: 207-935-9232.

Ossipee Main Street. Penny Sale. At Ossipee Town Hall. Sale sat noon. Tickets on sale at 2:00pm. Drawing begins at 4:00pm. Refreshamnets.

Sunday 2.17

Ski with a Naturalist at Great Glen Trails. Really get to know Pinkham Notch. Learn about the flora and fauna that make our corner of the world so special. You'll scout for tracks in the snow. You'll learn about the different trees in the Glen, listen for distinct bird calls. Understand how the ecosystem works in Pinkham Notch. FMI: 603-466-2333.

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Kid's Movie Night: "Up". 7:30pm.

Benefit Breakfast Buffet. MWV Masonic Lodge will host its monthly benefit buffet breakfast, 8-11am, at the Masonic Lodge. Benefit Dollars for Scholars of the MWV. Admission to the breakfast is by a donation to Dollars for Scholars. Raffle tickets will be sold. FMI: 356-0665, Linda Prushinski

Wright Museum, Wolfeboro. 2:00pm. Cabin Fever Lecture Series: They Sawed Up a Storm-Women's Sawmill at Turkey Pond, NH. Presented by Sarah Smith, UNH Cooperative Extension. In 1942 this group of women operated a sawmill. The mill was built by the US Forest Service to saw up what was left of the logs stored in the water from the 1938 hurricane. FMI: 569-1212 to reserve your seat.

Joe Dodge Lodge at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. 8pm. Intrepid Descent. This documentary captures the classic backcountry skiing experience of Tuckerman Ravine on Mount Washington and explores the rich history of the ravine, which has been home to triumph and tragedy since the early 1920's.

Monday 2.18

The Mount Washington Stompers Square Dance Club is holding a Square Dance Workshop every Monday night from 6:45-9:00pm at the Conway American

Legion on Tasker Hill Road, 2nd building on the left. Lots of good music, food, fun, excellent exercise and friendly people! FMI: Arthur447-5527 or Barbara 356-5546

Gibson Center closed to observe President's Day.

Great Glen Trails. Penguins & Polar Bears Ski Camp. Open for ages 6-11; class is 9:30-11:30am. FMI: Sue@greatglentrails.com. Or 603-466-2333. Feb. 18,19,20.

Arts in Motion Theater's Children's Musical Theater Workshop. 2.18-22. Monday-Friday. 9am-3pm at Jeanne Limmer Dance Studio.

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Kid's Movie Night: "Finding Nemo". 7:30pm.

Joe Dodge Lodge at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. 8pm. Over the Hedge. A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food, by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating...and learns a lesson about himself.

Tuesday 2.19

Great Glen Trails. Nordic Warm-up. It's been months since you have been on snow, but you can pick up right where you left off. Join the Great Glen Ski School Director and Olympian Sue Wemyss for the Nordic Warm-up. Every session 9-10am Sue will have an optional waxing clinic. Ski session to follow 10-1:30am.

Wildcat Kitty Litter Cardboard Box Race. Build your own vessel out of cardboard boxes and go head-to-head in a series of heats. FMI: skwildcat.com.

Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser at Flatbreads in North Conway. DFS will also have their "Winter Basket" full if goodies to be raffled that evening. Located at Eastern Slope Inn.

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Kid's Movie Night: "the Lorax". 7:30pm.

White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Rd., Berlin. Small Business Launch Box Party. Launch Box Party is for those individuals who are thinking of starting a new business.

Small & Beginning Farmers of NH Carroll County Chapter. 7pm. Lycuem in Tamworth Village. Paul King will talk on seed saving, there will be a seed swap and a general discussion on seed varieties.

Conway Public Library. 10:30am. Winter story time begins for 2's. Features short stories, songs, and finger plays. We invite all children and their caregivers to enjoy and open play group after the story time begins. FMI: 603-447-5552

Attitash Race League, a 9 week race series every Tuesday at Attitash. All are welcome to race, regardless of participating in the Attitash Race League.

Nordic Meisters at Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center. For eight weeks, skiers of all abilities challenge themselves on the race courses with prizes awarded in age categories and through a raffle. No meisters on February 10. Race between 9am-3:45pm. FMI: 603-466-2333. An awards and pot luck dinner will be held on Friday, March 15.

Begins again in January. Every Tuesday. Walk through the Grades at White Mountain Waldorf School. 8-9:30am. This is a great opportunity to see how Waldorf Education is taught in the elementary and middle school classrooms, by educating the whole child: academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Parents only please. FMI: 603-447-3168 or email info@whitemountainwaldorf.com

Jackson Ski Touring Foundation: Tuesday Trekkers Snowshoe Social Trek. Beginner to expert. FMI: 603-383-9355.

Joe Dodge Lodge at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. 8pm. Beavers: The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw. Take an intimate swim with beavers and experience the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers. Set in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains this film follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play, and transform the world around them.

Wednesday. 2.20

2-4-1 Wednesday X/C Skiing. Go online eat www.jacksonxc.org to download a coupon for 2-4-1 Wednesday.

Highland Center. Rt. 302, Bretton Woods. Kids Movie Night: "Wall-E". 7:30pm

Conway Public Library Winter Story Time begins for Babies. 10:30am. Our infant story times are the perfect combination of board book stories, music and movement. We invite all children and their caregivers to enjoy an open group play after the story time program ends. FMI: 603-447-5552.

Round-Ups

Award-winning humor from Frost Heaves on Village Players Stage

WOLFEBORO — As unofficial spokesman for the mythical town of Frost Heaves, New Hampshire, Fred Marple will bring to Wolfeboro at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15, his one-man campaign to put Frost Heaves back on the map, since, as the town's motto goes, "you can't get there from here."

Marple — a.k.a. humorist and songwriter Ken Sheldon — is a proud graduate of the Frost Heaves Academy, as well as the East Coast School of Knife Sharpening and Carburetor Repair, and has appeared on WMUR's "New Hampshire Chronicle," in the pages of Yankee Magazine and New Hampshire Magazine, on radio, and in the viral Internet hit "Yoga for Yankees." He also has stopped by town halls, church basements, and the homes of most of his friends — usually around dinnertime.

On March 15, he'll stop by The Village Players Theater — not in the Basement, but in the comfortably heated auditorium with lights and sound system — sharing his wacky award-winning New Hampshire humor as part of Glamour in Mud Season®'s weekend of events.

Audiences never know what tidbits from Frost Heaves Marple will share. Perhaps he'll point out mistakes in the latest church cookbook, when Spellcheck inserted words it thought best.

He just might report on the most recent town meeting in Frost Heaves, where past discussion has tackled such topics as the need for an anti-terrorism tank, "cause terrorism doesn't hit just metropolitan



FRED MARPLE

areas like Dublin."

Quite possibly he'll tell folks everything they need to know — and probably more than they need to know — about the amenities of Charlie Dingle's new spa, installed in his former storage room at Dingle's Hardware as a new enterprise.

He might offer ideas from the folks in Frost Heaves who have devised their own methods of determining the severity of an upcoming winter and take advantage of old-fash-

ioned technology to stay warm.

There's always the chance he'll weave the talent of a few Village Players actors into his presentation. The public is urged to attend this fundraiser event to find out just what Fred Marple has up his sleeves besides hairy arms.

Tickets will be available for \$15 at the box office an hour prior to the show. Those wanting to purchase tickets in advance can do so at Black's Gift Shop & Paper Store in downtown Wolfeboro starting Feb. 15 or at www.glamourinmudseason.org.

This annual fundraiser for The Village Players that encourages community participation has several other activities on the agenda.

On Saturday, March 16, glamorous and exotic animal

ambassadors from The W.I.L.D. Center will be introduced to families at 10:30 a.m. in The Village Players Theater. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12 accompanied by an adult. Also at the theater that day, The Traveling Wolfeburys will vibrate the walls with

rock, blues and folk music starting at 7:30 p.m., tickets selling for \$8 per person.

Sunday, March 17, from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., folks can eat breakfast at Strawberry Patch on North Main Street in Wolfeboro knowing that a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to The Village Players.

From 4-6 p.m., the doors of several galleries will open for an Art Slog — normally, folks would walk, but during mud

season they slog! As part of the Art Slog, Lydia's Meeting House on North Main Street will host the opening of the Glamour in Mud Season® Art Show, offering a cash bar and tapas menu to those who stop by 4-7 p.m. The public can

view the display of juried artwork and vote for their favorite while enjoying the ambience of Lydia's and the camaraderie of other visitors.

All that week prior to and including the weekend, chefs, bakers and bartenders around town will serve their special Glamour in Mud Season® creations; and stores will dress their windows and staff for the occasion, giving the public more opportunities to cast their votes for favorites. Information can be found at www.glamourinmudseason.org

Learn how plants and animals adapt to the cold at Tin Mountain nature program

ALBANY — Have you ever wondered how plants and animals adapt to the winter cold, and why? Don't miss this opportunity to learn from noted author naturalist Ted Levin in the Tin Mountain Adult Nature Workshop, "Snow the Winter Blanket" on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center.

Participants will learn how snow affects the area plants and animal life via the different types and densities of snow encountered in the winter. Bring a lunch and dress for the outside exploring. Bring snowshoes or borrow Tin



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Mountain's. Cost is \$10/members, \$15 for non members. To register, call 447-6991.

Ted has authored three critically acclaimed books — "Backtracking: The Way of Naturalist," "Blood Brook: A Naturalist's Home Ground," and "Liquid Land: A Journey Through the Florida Everglades," awarded the 2004 Burroughs Medal for distinguished nature writing. His essays have appeared in Audubon, National Wildlife, Sierra, National Geographic Traveler, Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Yankee, OnEarth, and numerous other print publications. He co-authored The Curious Naturalist for the National Geographic Society and wrote a guide to the Everglades for Abbeyville Press. Tin Mountain Conservation Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a mission to promote an appreciation of the environment among children, families, and the community through hands-on programs in the schools, at camps, and in the community; demonstrate responsible stewardship of natural resources through land protection, sustainable forestry, agriculture, and energy. For more information on Tin Mountain and upcoming nature programs, visit www.tinmountain.org, or call Tin Mountain at 447-6991.

FREE SEMINAR ON NEW HAMPSHIRE & MAINE PERSONAL INJURY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost: **FREE**

Location: Town & Country Motor Inn
Route 2
Shelburne NH 03581

Presented by: Christopher E. Grant, Esquire - Partner
Boynton Waldron
82 Court Street - Portsmouth, NH 03801



This seminar will tell you what you need to know about personal injury cases, your rights and benefits under the workers' compensation system and social security.

There will be a question-and-answer period following the seminar.

Attorney Grant's practice includes personal injury, workers' compensation, social security and employment law.

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Call Pam at (800) 333-3073 to reserve your seat.

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3rd Annual Cupcake Battle

NORTH CONWAY — Mount Washington Valley Promotions will host their Third Annual Cupcake Battle Saturday, Feb. 16 at Settler's Annex (next to Staples) in North Conway.

Up to 30 bakers from throughout the area will participate in this event which will offer prizes in three categories: Home Bakers, Professional Bakers, Child Bakers (12 and under). Each baker will supply 250 miniature cupcakes

of the same flavor (and oh, the flavors). The winner will be determined by a vote of those in attendance. Each \$10 ticket will also be a ballot.

Guests will sample a cupcake from each participant then drop their ticket segments in a ballot box for the cupcake baker they believe to be best in each category. Doors will open to guests from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Votes will be collected and counted from 4 to 4:30 p.m., and the winner will be announced at approxi-

mately 4:30 p.m. Only 250 tickets are available and they are selling quickly.

This is a fund-raising event for Mount Washington Valley Promotions and all money raised will be used to continue its mission of promoting the non-profit organizations of the Mount Washington Valley. Any questions should be directed to Lisa DuFault at 374-6241 or emailed to valleypromotions@gmail.com.



Courtesy

"Let them eat cupcakes!" Beth Carta-Dolan will defend her title at the third annual Cupcake Battle on Feb. 16.

Met in HD series continues with "Parsifal"

FRYEBURG, Maine — The Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center continues its Metropolitan Opera Live in HD 2012-13 Season with "Parsifal" on Saturday, March 2 from noon-5:40 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$23 for seniors (65 and older) and \$18 for students, and are available for purchase online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or by calling the Box Office at (207) 935-9232. The theater is located at 18 Bradley St., on the Campus of Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. Parking is free.

Plan to come early and have lunch in the Eastman Performing Art Center's beautiful lobby. Beginning at 11am, Lake Region Caterers will be offering a unique variety of fresh sandwiches and hearty soups as well as delicious desserts and other tasty snacks, both sweet and salty. Reservations are requested in advance. You may contact Lake Region Caterers directly at (207) 787-3327 or lrcjv@fairpoint.net

Also, the Fryeburg Academy Opera Lecture Series continues this season on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Parsifal." This series, designed to help opera goers prepare for each of the Met Operas, is led by Fryeburg Academy's own opera enthusiast Joe DeVito. Join Joe as he summarizes the plot, introduces the music, shares some reviews and gives an interpretive view of the



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upcoming Met simulcast. All are welcome, no previous opera knowledge is needed, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. For more information, call the box office at (207) 935-9232.

Jonas Kaufmann makes his Met role debut as the title character in Parsifal, conducted by Daniele Gatti and directed by noted film and opera director François Girard in his Met debut. "Parsifal is not just an opera—it's a mission. At the end of his life, Wagner was trying to reconcile all the aspects of his spirituality. It's a sacred piece in the history of music," Girard says. The cast also features Katarina Dalayman as Kundry, the

mystical woman who tempts Parsifal; Peter Mattei in his role debut as Amfortas, king of the Knights of the Holy Grail; René Pape in one of his greatest roles, the wise old knight Gurnemanz; and Evgeny Nikitin as the magician Klingsor. (Approximate running time: 320 minutes.)

For more information about the Met Live in HD, visit <http://www.metoperafamily.org>.

Give the gift of life in Tamworth Tuesday

TAMWORTH — The American Red Cross is asking eligible blood donors in the Tamworth area to make a special effort to attend the upcoming blood drive at the K. A. Brett Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Donor hours are 1 to 6 p.m., and all blood types are needed at this time.

Winter weather conditions often affect blood drive attendance and, ultimately, blood inventories at local hospitals. Each and every blood drive scheduled during the winter months needs to come in on target or better. The goals set for these drives are not just

numbers. They are based on projected patient need. We must ensure that blood is readily available for patients whenever and wherever it is needed. It is the blood on the shelves, ready and waiting, that saves lives..

Potential donors must be at least 16 years of age (with parental consent), weight a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health on the day of donation.

Please schedule your appointment today by visiting our Web site, redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Round-Ups

Winter wildlife tracking and x-country skiing with GMCG

EFFINGHAM — Have you ever wondered what has been leaving tracks in your backyard? Ever wished you knew how to identify signs of wildlife activity while out in the woods?

Come join the Green Mountain Conservation Group and naturalist Barbara Bald on Saturday, Feb. 16 for a fun and informative lesson on animal sign and tracks, followed by a tracking excursion into the edge of a vast tract of unfragmented land straddling the border region of Maine and New Hampshire. The land behind the Green Mountain Conservation Groups offices in Effingham offers easy access to a variety of wild habitat excellent for this fun winter activity.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the GMCG offices at 196 Huntress Bridge Rd. in Effingham. The morning will start with hot chocolate and a brief instructional session on tracks, pelts, and a variety of clues to look for when determining animal signs. The group will then head out into the snowy woods for two hours, stopping frequently to examine the signs of wildlife. While not required, snowshoes may be helpful for this

workshop depending on the snow conditions. Please dress for the cold in order to stay warm while standing outside for two hours. The workshop is free, but space is limited. Please call GMCG at 539-1859 to register.

Following the tracking

workshop, GMCG Program Director, Eric Senecal will lead a cross-country ski excursion in the vicinity of the Watts Preserve, a large wetland complex on the ME/NH border. This intermediate level ski will leave from GMCG's offices at 1:30 p.m.

and take a leisurely pace along old forest roads and may require some trekking through thicker woods to access trails. To register for the ski, please call 539-189. Bring water and snacks and plan to be outside for up to three hours.

Please note that both of these events were originally scheduled to take place in the Freedom Town Forest, but have been moved to GMCG's offices because of other events planned for the Town Forest on Feb. 16.

White Mountain National Forest Artist-in-Residence Program seeks applications for Summer/Fall 2013

CAMPTON — The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire are pleased to announce the third year of the WMNF Artist-in-Residence program.

Interested artists in all media are invited to apply for the 2013 residency, a celebration of the connections between forest, landscape and culture. The deadline for applications is March 9.

The WMNF Artist-in-Residence program offers professional and emerging artists from around the country -- visual and performing artists, craftspeople, writers, composers, eco artists and media artists -- an opportunity to pursue their particular art form while being inspired by

the surrounding forest and, on several occasions, sharing their work and their artistic process with members of the public. The goal of the residency program is to use art and creative expression to explore the many ways in which people relate to forests- and to the WMNF in particular.

The program was inaugurated in 2011, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Weeks Act, a milestone in American conservation history that enabled the federal government to purchase land in the eastern U.S., leading to the creation of the White Mountain National Forest and more than 50 other national forests. It has now become part of the Forest fabric.

During the third year of the Artist-In-Residence program, one artist residency of at least three weeks will be offered between July and September. The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for the selected artist to spend an extended time in the forest, creating work and sharing it

during a weekly public session, when visitors can learn more about -- or possibly participate in -- the artistic process, and be encouraged to think about the connection between art, the forest and conservation. Public programs may include demonstrations, talks, exploratory walks or hikes, or performances, based on the medium, interest and experience of the artist.

The artist will be provided accommodations on or near the forest as well as limited reimbursement of travel expenses and the cost of supplies and materials.

"Artists have been inspired by the beauty of the White Mountains for hundreds of years," notes Tom Wagner, WMNF Forest Supervisor, "and they've played an important role in shaping the public's view and understanding of our landscape. We're very pleased that through our partnership with the Arts Alliance, the Artist in Residence program is continuing into its third year. The Artist-in-Residence program helps us

broaden the ways in which we experience and communicate the value of the national forest."

"All of our selected artists so far have really connected with the forest -- as well as with the local community and with Forest Service personnel," says Frumie Selchen, Executive Director of the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, a nonprofit working to promote, support and sustain cultural life throughout northern New Hampshire. "Now that the program is established, there's a sense of expectation and excitement about each new artist, and the ways in which he or she will help us see and understand our landscape and the incredible resources the forest offers all of us who live and work here -- as well as those who are coming to the region for the first time."

Find more information and an application for the program at www.aannh.org, or contact the Arts Alliance at Frumie@aannh.org, 323-7302.

North Conway Public Library presents Thursday Night Program Series 2013

NORTH CONWAY — The North Conway Public Library is pleased to invite you to the 2013 edition of its Thursday Night Program Series.

The programs take place once a month on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weather Discovery Center on Main Street in North Conway Village. There is no charge, although donations are greatly appreciated and refreshments will be served. Special thanks to Frontside Grind of North Conway for providing the coffee.

For more information, con-

tact the North Conway Library at 356-2961 or check www.NorthConwayLibrary.com.

Feb. 21: "Walking in England: the Countryside, the Coast, and the Rivers" with Theo & Melanie Stibbons

This presentation and slide show explores the many and varied opportunities that exist to hike in Britain. The Stibbons are concentrating on areas other than the more well known Lake District, Scotland and Wales. Instead, it focuses on walks in their native England including the North Norfolk Coast Path, sections

of the South West Coast Path in Cornwall, two entirely different types of coastline, as well as part of the River Thames Path from central London to the Greenwich Meridian. All three of these are designated National Long Distance Footpaths.

The program also features the development of ancient rights of way into an extensive network of public footpaths along with other aspects of access to the open countryside.

Theo and Melanie Stibbons are retired High School teachers from the UK, who spend up to six months a year living in North Conway, enjoying skiing, hiking and cycling in the area, as well as the many other outdoor opportunities that the region has to offer.

Please join us for an evening of hiking/walking along the coast and rivers and through the countryside of England.



STAFF RN - Full-time (36 hours, 7:00pm-7:30am)

Work Med-Surgical Unit. Job Requirements: Current NH RN license, BLS and ACLS required. Minimum of 1 year experience in acute care Med Surg. This position is benefit eligible.

STAFF RN - Full-time (36 hours, 7:00pm-7:30am)

Work in the Emergency Department and float to Med-Surgical Unit - Job Requirements: Current NH RN license, BLS and ACLS required. PALS and ENPC preferred. Minimum of 1-2 years ED experience. This position is benefit eligible.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST/MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN FULL-TIME

Primary responsibilities involve the testing of body fluids and other specimen samples submitted to the Laboratory for analysis. Medical Technologist (ASCP, AMT or equivalent) preferred; or Medical Laboratory Technician (ASCP, AMT or equivalent). Medical Technologist must possess a Bachelor of Science degree that meets the academic requirements of the ASCP Board Registry or academic experience by recognized accrediting agencies and is certified within one year of hire by either AMT, ISCLT, HHS, or NCA in the Laboratory Technologist category. Medical Laboratory Technician must possess an Associate's degree that meets the academic requirements of the ASCP Board Registry or academic experience by recognized accrediting agencies and is certified within one year of hire by either AMT, ISCLT, HHS, or NCA in the Laboratory Technologist category. Generalist Technologist/Technician preferred. Computer literacy and Laboratory Information Systems experience desirable. A pleasant demeanor, good patient manner and the ability to communicate with patients is essential. Candidate must demonstrate excellent customer service skills. Full-time, 40 hours/week, shares call and holiday coverage. This position is benefit eligible.

If interested please apply online : www.ucvh.org

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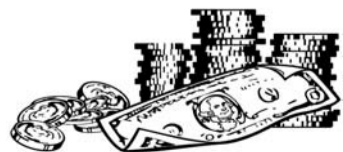
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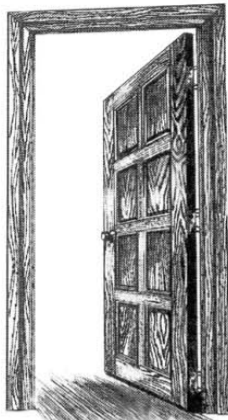
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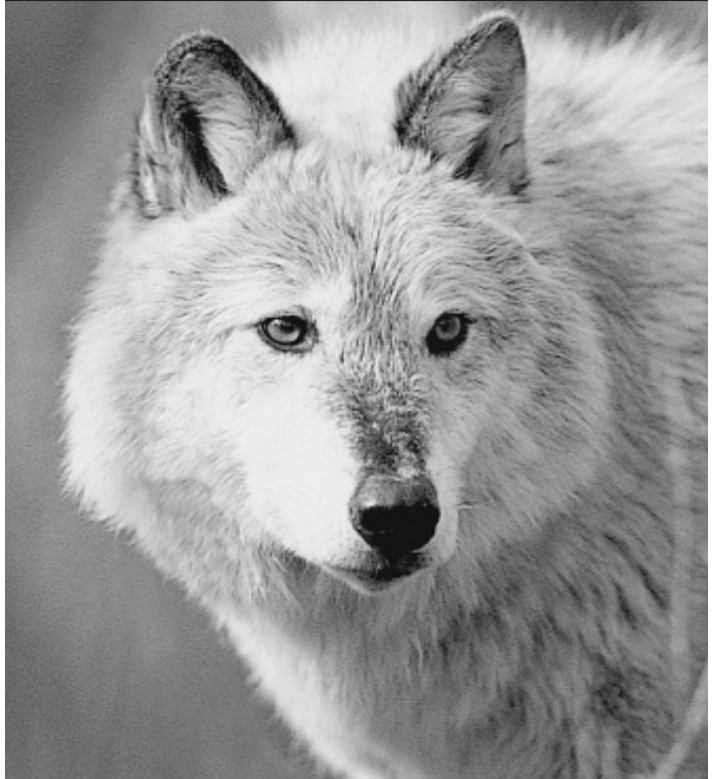
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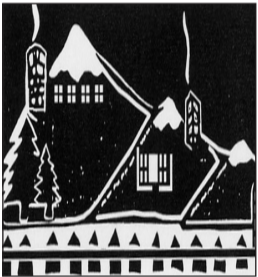
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