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married Edward, and they moved to California. She died aged about 41 and he six years later at the age of 42, leaving three minor children. Of seven Nutt sisters, only two lived to old age, both childless. Mary (the eldest daughter from first mother) remained single and moved to Nashua to live with their brother, and soon afterward Catherine (eldest daughter from second mother) at age 39, in 1866 in Nashua, married a widowed hotelkeeper of Alstead.

Amherst's First Fallen

Wm Waterman Sawtell, having fought at Bull Run, was the first Amherst soldier to die, in Oct. 1861 of typhoid fever at a Washington area hospital, age 23. His father Eli was a farmer on Mack Hill. Frank M. Holt, who had been a pedlar living on the farm of his father Edwin

M. Holt at 369 Boston Post Road in Cricket Corner, died of small pox in a Pennsylvania hospital in Oct. 1861, age 22. Henry S. Ober, who had been a laborer on his father Samuel's farm in the southern part of town, died from disease at Hilton Head in December 1861, age 19. Theirs are among the names on our Soldiers' Monument.

Sources:

Farmers' Cabinet, 19 Dec. 1861, 2 Jan. 1862, 10 July 1862, 17 Dec. 1863, 31 Dec 1863, 18 Feb. 1864. Samuel Nutt's probate record in State Archives, Concord, NH.

"Amherst in the Great Civil Conflict 1861-1865" by Edward D. Boylston, 1893, self-published & printed in *Cabinet* printing office at 109 Boston Post Road in the Village.

Second Sunday Series, The Reel Story

On the second Sunday of each month, a coalition of the willing is presenting a film series. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of Dennis Markaverich of the Wilton Town Hall Theater, this film series is being held at that famous, small-town theater at 4:30 p.m. on second-Sunday afternoons. Granite State Guardians, New Hampshire Green Coalition and Women Making a Difference are the three organizations coming together to select and present the documentaries screened for our communities. Our purpose is to confront the burning issues of the day. In January we proudly present Iron-Jawed Angels, a film about women who went through incredible trials to win the right to vote.

How timely this is, just two days before the New Hampshire Primary. That's January 8th; the primary is on January 10th.

Following each screening, a discussion will be held in the room downstairs from the theater. Light refreshments will be served.

The films to be presented are free to the public, but donations to defray expenses are appreciated. Watch for more news of what's coming up in 2012. Our plan is to bring films you won't want to miss.

For further information, please contact Mary Beth Ayvazian from Granite State Guardians, JoAnn Deckert of New Hampshire Green Coaition or Nan Stearns of Women Making a Difference.

The NH Christmas Tree Industry Donates Trees for Official Holiday Festivities

It has become a tradition for the New Hampshire Christmas Tree growers, through the NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board, to provide trees for "official" holiday decorating to the State House and for the Bridges House (site for numerous official functions) in Concord.

The New Hampshire Christmas Tree Promotion Board conducts numerous industry promotion activities throughout the year. These activities include brochures, advertising, displays and exhibits on behalf of the growers of New Hampshire. The group maintains a website with links to Christmas tree farms across the state: www.nhchristmastrees.com.

This year, the official state holiday trees come from Farmstead Acres of Westmoreland, owned by Marshall and Pati Patmos. Farmstead Acres is a cut your own tree operation, consisting of about 60 acres and 5000 trees. Between 400 and 450 trees are sold each year. The farm also offers a seasonal gift shop with wreaths, greens and other Christmas items made by Pati.

Marshall and Pati have been selling their Christmas trees for 29 years. Farm labor is provided by themselves and other family members, including the couple's three grandchildren and other area youth. Marshall and Pati are long time members of the NH/VT Christmas Tree Association and the National Christmas Tree Association. Marshall was a County Extension Forest Resources Educator with the Uni-

versity of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension from 1971 until his retirement in 2006. He also served as the Extension Christmas Tree Specialist from 1981 until 2006. He was a founding member of the NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board and the New England Christmas Tree Alliance. Marshall has served as a Christmas tree judge in contests throughout New England and recently was on a judging team for the National Christmas Tree Association to determine what farm would be providing a tree to the White House.

The New Hampshire Christmas tree industry is valued at over \$4 million annually and includes tree growing operations of all sizes. In addition to trees, other important products from this industry are wreaths, roping and related items. Fresh New Hampshire Christmas trees and Christmas tree products are available at retail outlets throughout the state, and right at the farm. Many operations offer the opportunity to select and cut your own tree as well as experience other seasonal treats such as hay/sleigh rides, hot mulled cider and browsing holiday craft shops. For more information about where to get a fresh New Hampshire Christmas tree near you, contact the New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food at 271-3788, or www.agriculture.nh.gov or visit the NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board website www.nhchristmastrees.com.

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Region

RiverMead's Expansion Project, The Village at RiverMead, Breaks Ground

(L to R): Pam Brenner; Peterborough Town Administrator, Lorrienne Smith; AIA JSA /Architects, Jim Warner; FAIA, principal, JSA/ Architects, Garth Johnson; Senior Living & Healthcare Div. Cutler Assoc., Ed Truscelli; VP of Project Development, New Life Management and Development, Bonnie Cohn; CEO, RiverMead, Mary Elizabeth McClellan; President Resident Council, RiverMead, John Morison III, Vice Chair, RiverMead Board of Trustees, Joseph Hart, Chair, RiverMead Board of Trustees, Peter Forssell, M.D., RiverMead Board of Trustees

Indoor Golf Popular at Birch Hill Terrace Retirement Community

MANCHESTER –The indoor golf program at Manchester's Birch Hill Terrace Retirement Community recently held its seasonal tournament with fifteen teams vying for cash prizes. The 18-hole golf course is laid out in the hallways, over three floors of the Birch Hill complex. It features felt "water holes" and "sand traps", and flagged putting cups. The entire course is played with putters.

Teams for this "Blind Draw Bash" were drawn from a hat prior to start of play. Competition was extremely close, with only six strokes separating the first four teams. At the end of play, top honors went to team #10, employee Jackie Brough and resident Ed Rogers, with a score of 65.5. The runners-up team was #8, Niki St. Cyr and Nick Donati with a score of 69. Judith Haven and Claire Stepnitz carded a 70 for third place, with team #2, Nichole Messier and Tom Wiley capturing fourth place with a score of 71.

The coveted individual low gross honors went to Jackie Brough with

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a 64, while Joe Couris and Chuck Smith tied for the men, each with a 65. Ed Rogers scored the only hole-in-one of the day, at hole #12. A humorous award for "Team High Gross" went to team #6, Am Rogers and Gary Morgan.

The next tournament, The Winnie Miller Memorial, will be played on Saturday, January 14th.

For more information, please contact Maria Hutchings at (603) 836-2300 or MHutchings@birch-hillterrace.com.

Boys & Girls Club Souhegan Valley

Riverbend School Of Theater Arts 2012 Winter Classes

COSTUME DESIGN AND SEWING with Michelle Withers
10 students (ages 11-18) Thursdays 4:30-6:00pm. 1/19-3/15
CREATE COSTUMES FOR "ANNE OF GREEN GABLES."
MOVEMENT FOR ACTORS with Bruce Williams
20 Students (ages 10-18) Saturdays 10:00-11:00am 1/21-3/24
RECOMMENDED FOR CAST OF "ANNE OF GREEN GABLES."
TAP with Bruce Williams
10 Students (ages 12-18) Saturdays 11:00-12:00. 1/21-3/24
VOCAL WORKSHOP with Laura Millar NEW !!!!
6 students (10-13) Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm 1/17-3/13
VOCAL AUDITION with Laura Millar NEW !!!!
6 students (14-18) Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm 1/19-3/15
PERFORMANCES
ONE-ACT PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL
Friday, January 27 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, January 28 @ 7:30pm
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Local Mom in Need of Transplant

Nashua Elm Street Middle School teacher Julie Spicer needs a life saving bone marrow match. Please give her or others the gift of life this Christmas and register as a bone marrow donor with DKMS Americas at the below listed bone marrow drives.

Julie has touched the lives of 100s of children during her 7 year career at the Elm Street Middle school and was recently diagnosed with double hit lymphoma. This is a very aggressive cancer and she needs a bone marrow transplant to live.

Julie is the mother of three children: Dani 8, Emily 21, Melissa 23, and the wife of Tom Spicer. Please help save a life this holiday season.

We need you! Every day thousands of patients search the national registry in hope for a bone marrow donor match. Only 4 out of 10 patients are lucky enough to receive a transplant. "I lost my mother to leukemia when I was 14," stated Katharina Harf, Co-founder, DKMS Americas, "and I have made it my mission to recruit more donors so that other families don't have to go through the pain we did." "We need your help so we can save more lives."

11am to 4pm Masiello Group Bone Marrow/Red Cross Blood Drive, Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063, (603) 880-9100
3pm to 9pm, Elm St Middle School, 117 Elm St, Nashua, NH 03060
3pm to 9pm, Milford High School, 100 West St, Milford, NH 03055

PETERBOROUGH – RiverMead is pleased to announce the ground has been broken for the future site of The Village at RiverMead.

RiverMead celebrated the event on Friday December 2nd with an official ceremony and party that included members of the RiverMead Board of Trustees, project stakeholders from construction, architectural and design firms, RiverMead residents and future Village residents. The 30 million dollar project will take about 15 months to complete. The Village is 75% reserved and is taking deposits for the remaining homes. The Village at RiverMead is a fresh, intimate campus in view of the original RiverMead located in Peterborough, NH. The Village will be built on 33 wooded acres directly across the street from the RiverMead campus. There will be 30 spacious apartments, 10 free-standing cottages with basements and two car garages and 20 assisted living suites. The Village will include shuttle service from RiverMead to the Village, additional dining venues, large fitness center with yoga studio, underground parking garage, a movie theater and much more! RiverMead is taking deposits on The Village now, please call Jan Eaton or Jennifer Coles if you would like any more information about RiverMead or The Village at RiverMead, 924-8611 or visit www.rivermead.org.

Registering to become a bone marrow donor is more than a cheek swab; it is a commitment to help save a life. You must be between 18 and 55 and in good general health. When you register with DKMS, you will also be listed on the national Be The Match Registry and can be found as a donor match for any patient in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Mention specific fundraising events that will be taking place in connection with the donor drive.

The cost to DKMS for registering a new potential bone marrow donor is \$65. DKMS does not receive government funding and is therefore dependant on donations from the general public. Every dollar counts!

About DKMS

The DKMS mission is to save lives by recruiting bone marrow donors for leukemia patients. More than 20,000 DKMS donors have helped save lives by donating their bone marrow. DKMS is the largest and most experienced bone marrow donor center in the world with over 2 million registered donors. DKMS Americas is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization.

For more information about DKMS and to learn more about registering as a bone marrow donor, please visit www.dkmsamericas.org
Contact: Michael A Guglielmo, Ambassador of New England DKMS Americas, 603-396-3014

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