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Major arrest linked to Jaffrey

Jaffrey man, 26, arrested in Wyoming possibly en route to region with 39 pounds believed to be marijuana

By PRISCILLA MORRILL

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JAFFREY — A Jaffrey man who police said was driving cross-country with \$234,000 worth of marijuana was arrested in Wyoming Wednesday morning, following a motor vehicle stop for speeding.

was his destination. The Wyoming Highway Patrol stopped Samuel Quinlan, 26, of Jaffrey, who was eastbound on Interstate 80 in a rental vehicle, about 13 miles east of Rock Springs for a speeding violation, according to a highway patrol press release.

information about his travel plans, which didn't match rental car documentation. The dog gave police reason to believe drugs were in the trunk of the vehicle, and the suspicions were confirmed when police discovered approximately 39 pounds of high-grade drugs, believed to be marijuana, in the trunk. Quinlan was arrested and

charged with felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, according to the press release. "It is believed [Quinlan] was transporting the marijuana from Lake Tahoe, Calif., to an undisclosed location in Denver, Colo., and/or Jaffrey, N.H.," the press release reads. "Troopers and special agents from

the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation continue to investigate this case." On Monday, Jaffrey Police Lt. Terry Choate said he is working with Wyoming officials to determine what, if any, connection the recent drug bust has with Jaffrey. "That's big anywhere, but if he in Turn to DRUGS .....Page 9

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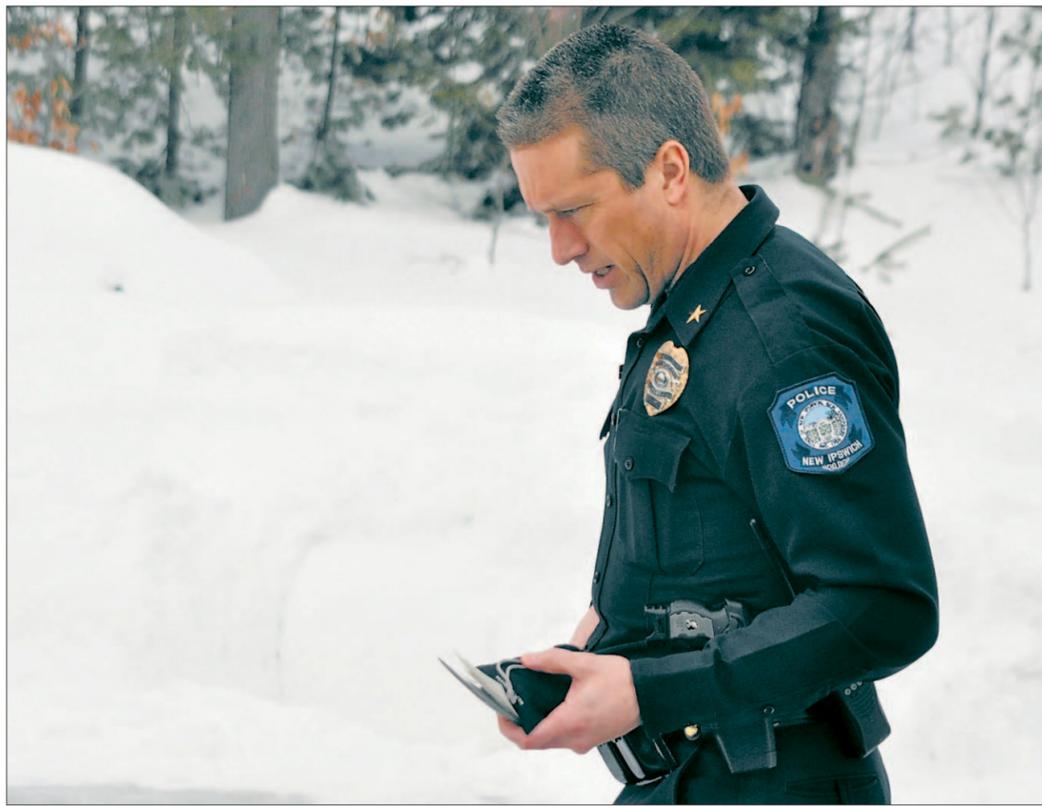
Monadnock Arts Guild: A place of their own

During a visit home in December of 2010, U.S. Army Captain Kale Sawyer, formerly of Rindge, his wife, Kristen Sawyer, formerly of Jaffrey, and their son, Colin, help out at an event for Santa's House. The Sawyers are now stationed in Georgia.

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NEW IPSWICH: A petition to replace a controversial police chief with an elected chief underscores a battle between duty and politics



STAFF PHOTO BY JESSICA CAMILLE AGUIRRE

New Ipswich Police Chief Garrett Chamberlain examines the ground for footprints at the scene of a recent burglary. Chamberlain has been the focus of a campaign to make the police chief an elected position.

CONTROVERSIAL PETITIONS

Frustrated voters in New Ipswich have filed four petitions that aim to reconstruct their town's government. Over the next two issues, we plan to take a closer look at two of those petitions — the one that looks to make the police chief an elected position and another that aims to eliminate the town administrator position and shift those duties to the Select Board.

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The New Ipswich resident who brought the petitions states her case for making the police chief an elected job. Q&A, Page 9

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Is New Ipswich too big of a town to go without an administrator, and if passed, how would the town manage its duties?

A movement to oust chief

By JESSICA CAMILLE AGUIRRE

Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

NEW IPSWICH — "Whoa," Police Chief Garrett Chamberlain said, swerving his unmarked cruiser to avoid swiping the front of an oncoming vehicle, "watch where you're going." Chamberlain was on his way to the scene of a burglary on a recent Monday, and he was in a hurry. As he drove, he scanned fields and houses along the road. He listened to talk radio and dispatch radio simultaneously while fielding questions about his proposed ouster.

Chamberlain has been at the center of debate over the past weeks as his position has come under attack from residents associated with the Mascenic Tea Party. Guided by New Ipswich resident Cindy Somero, they have led an effort to overturn town governmental structure by submitting three petition warrant articles that would eliminate the position of town administrator and make the jobs of police chief and director of public works elected positions. The petitions are all holdovers from last year, when Somero submitted them too late Turn to CHIEF .....Page 9

GREENFIELD, LYNDEBOROUGH

2 towns facing empty ballots

Write-in campaigns needed to fill vacant Select Board seats

By NICK MARTIN

Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

It isn't unusual to see a lack of competitive races for many of the elected positions in the small towns that make up the Monadnock region, but voters usually have at least a couple of candidates to choose from for Select Board seats. Not so in Greenfield or Lyndeborough this year, where no one stepped forward to sign up to run for a seat on the boards that oversee the day-to-day operations of the towns.

Selectmen from those two towns say the lack of Select Board candidates isn't unprecedented, but is unusual. Greenfield Select Board Chairman Jarvis Adams, whose term ends this year, said he isn't sure why nobody signed up for the seat he will soon vacate, but said it doesn't worry him.

"One way you could look at it is folks are satisfied with what is happening," Adams said. "I got in four years ago because I thought I could do a better job than the folks that were there. It has been a contested race in the past, but usually it is when a bunch of people are saying they could do it better, and that's not a bad thing."

Adams said many people are likely intimidated by the commitment and hours the position demands. Aside from a usually small stipend, selectmen aren't typically rewarded for their contributions.

"There is a lot of work involved. I hate to use the term, 'thankless task,' but if you talk to people who have done this before, you don't get a lot Turn to EMPTY .....Page 9

MILITARY FAMILIES: FIRST OF TWO PARTS

COPING & WAITING

A whole generation of young people has been growing up with the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which began in 2001 and 2003, respectively. Since then, a worldwide economic recession set in that, in some ways, has been overshadowing war in the Middle East for nearly two-and-a-half years. While some families have been coping with job layoffs and losing their homes, others who have loved ones serving in armed services have had other challenges to face. The Monadnock Ledger-Transcript recently spoke with a handful of families from the region that shared their experiences of family life in the military over the last decade, as well as the role communications technology has played in keeping them connected during this time.

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