

Scanning the ground for nails and rocks is like scanning the New York Times



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I've always been a ground-scanner. If there's a nail on the ground in my barnyard, anathema to anyone running tractors or other machinery, I'll spot it and pick it up. Newspapers are sort of like that for me too. I tend to scan, read whatever captures my

eye and interest, and clip it for later use.

About a year ago, I was walking up the back driveway, thinking about nothing in particular, when an oddly colored, oddly shaped stone caught my eye. It was part of a load of gravel Buddy Boude had delivered a year or so before, to thicken the mud soup that seems to win out over terra firma every three or four seasons.

The rock was purplish and looked like chert, or Jasper, and I instantly felt that it had been flaked, or struck to knock off chips, or thin flakes, in order to form a sharp edge. I'd seen more than my share of these ancient, worked stones from the Northeast's mysterious past. One that I'll never forget was a palm-sized, reddish hide-scraping tool unearthed by Herb Gifford, when he was part of the famous dig when



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Did some ancestor of the People of the Dawn Land strike flakes from this rock 12,000 years ago while sitting around a fire? Well, it's at least fun to think so.

the Azischoos Dam was being repaired half a century ago and the ancient streambed yielded hundreds of Paleo-Indian artifacts from just after the last glacier, some 12,000 years ago.

Of course, I went straight in and called Buddy up to find out where those couple of loads of gravel had come from, and it was smack in the middle of an ancient lake that once covered Colebrook and most of the surrounding region. But what was this flaked point doing in the middle of a gravel deposit that surely was part of the massive outwash as the last glacier melted? Doc Gifford's long-held theory was that the first people reoccupying the land would have camped around the edge of the lake, at about elevation 1800, and surely it would be more logical to look for tool-making artifacts there.

The rock has occupied a place on my kitchen counter ever since the day I found it, usually holding down the week's little stack of lottery tickets that I blow a few measly bucks on at Ducret's

Store in the vain but stubborn hope of striking it rich so I can take a cruise through the Panama Canal.

And by chance, as I was skimming the Science Times section the other day, the rock right there in front of me, I came onto a brief article about new discoveries in southern Africa that have pushed the date at which humans attached stone points to wooden shafts far back to 500,000 years ago — 200,000 years earlier than previously speculated.

But how could researchers be sure the new-found points were actually used on wooden shafts, instead of merely held in the hand for butchering, cutting and scraping? Well, chalk up another one for scientific ingenuity. After making new stone points similar to those discovered, scientists put them on shafts and fired

them into animal carcasses, and compared tip-damage to what they'd found on the ancient points — proving that the points had been used as projectiles.

No such scientific wizardry will ever be performed on my kitchen rock, and in fact as an untrained, un-schooled, shuffle-footed layman I can't even say for certain that it's hand-flaked at all. But in this far-flung corner of the world that has seen so much of its history lost to the ages, a hunch will just have to do.

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New Horizons Band announces holiday concerts

REGION — Holiday music will be everywhere and the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is spreading some of the musical cheer

with concerts scheduled throughout the Lakes Region during the month of December.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7

p.m., the band, under the direction of Mary Divers, will be playing a concert at the Veteran's Home in Tilton. This is a semi-annual event enjoyed

by the residents and staff. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the band will play at the Gilford Community Church to benefit the Community Wellness Center in Laconia. With a discretionary admission charge, the concert is at 2 p.m., and is open to the public.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., Moultonboro Academy will be the site of the next concert, and on Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., the band will be performing at Woodside at the Taylor

Community Saturday, Dec. 22, is the last of the holiday concerts and this

one will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Parade Road in Laconia at 6:30 p.m. All the aforementioned concerts are open to the public and are free of charge.

An added treat at all performances will be jazz numbers by the New Horizons Jazz Ensemble, the Lake-tones, so come enjoy some

music of the season at an afternoon or evening performance.

The New Horizons Band rehearses weekly at the Music Clinic in Belmont and all interested musicians are invited to join the group.

Beginning, intermediate as well as advanced musicians are welcome. Call the Music Clinic at 638-6672 or visit their Web site at www.newhorizons-lakesregion.org.

Violinist Katie Lansdale returns to Sant Bani School

SANBORNTON — Sant Bani School is pleased to announce the return of violinist Katie Lansdale for a recital on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist Wei-Yi Yang. The program will include Mendelssohn, Bach, Prokofiev and Brahms.

Katie Lansdale is a highly accomplished soloist, chamber musician and teacher, who performs actively both in America and Europe. Lauded for her Bach performances, she won high praise from the American Record Guide for her solo Bach CD: "This is one of the best recordings there is of this music." She has collaborated in chamber concerts with Yo Yo Ma, the Miami String Quartet, Robert MacDonald, Ron Leonard, and others, and was featured at the Amalfi Coast Chamber

Festival in Italy this summer. She is a founding member of the Lions Gate Trio, and is on the faculty at the Hart School of Music in Hartford, Connecticut.

Internationally acclaimed pianist Wei-Yi Yang enjoys a flourishing concert career, appearing before audiences in North and Central America, Asia, Europe, and Australia, in solo recitals, chamber music concerts and with symphony orchestras. Most recently, Mr. Yang was praised by the New York Times as the soloist in a "sensational" performance at Carnegie Hall; other recent collaborations included artists such as Fredrick van Stade and the Pacifica, Cassat, and Tokyo String Quartets. He joined the faculty at Yale University in 2005. The Chamber Music Series exemplifies Sant Bani

School's commitment to the arts. Bringing outstanding musicians for live performances helps foster a lifelong love of classical music. Faculty and students in kindergarten through twelfth grade enjoy a free concert during the school-day followed by a question and answer session with the visiting musicians. Sant Bani School is pleased to welcome Shaker Road School students who will be attending the in-school performance.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served at intermission. Concert tickets may be reserved by calling the school at 934-4240 or may be purchased at the door. Adult tickets are \$15 and children and students are free. For more information, visit the school's Web site: santbanischool.org.


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