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Community School Principal introduces students to the art of juggling

BY DONNA RHODES

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NEW HAMPTON — Principal Annmarie Holloran of New Hampton Community School has been presenting students in grades three through five with innovative ways to learn new skills while having some fun at the same time, and this month the extra-curricular fun is a juggling class.

"I studied physical education in college and learned to juggle, so I decided to teach it to kids who were interested," she said.

Hollaoran found that as many as 10-15 of her students wanted to spend some time on Friday afternoons learning how to juggle, even if it meant stay-



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Students at New Hampton Community School had fun after school last Friday practicing some juggling skills with Principal Annmarie Holloran.

gan practice at tossing a tennis ball in the air and catching it. Last week they reviewed those skills as the second session got underway.

"The hardest part is passing the balls from one hand to the other but I like how, if you get good at it, the movement of the balls look effortless," Nick said.

As they all practiced their techniques of scooping the ball and catching it, Holloran reminded them of some of the science involved in juggling.

"If you throw the balls too low, you don't have a lot of time before they come back down. You need to get them up just a little bit higher so it won't be so hard to catch them," she said.

Posture is also important, as is focus.

Third grader Jayden said juggling is challenging, a fact she en-

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SEC denies construction permit for Northern Pass

BY TARA GILES

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REGION — "We are shocked and outraged by today's SEC outcome," said Eversource spokesman Martin Murray in a statement released on last Thursday, Feb. 1 following the decision of the state Public Utilities Commission's Site Evaluation Committee to deny the Northern Pass project a construction permit.

The Northern Pass project had sought to run 192 miles of new power lines from Canada, through New Hampshire and into southern New England. After seven and a half years of protests from Granite State residents, numerous impact studies, business deals, hearings and conversations, the Site Evaluation Committee voted unanimously, 7-0, not to grant the necessary permits that would have allowed for construction to begin.

Those who have spent years fighting the project raised a glass to

toast the victory, and of course, those in favor were scratching their heads trying to plan their next move.

Northern Pass was asked to prove to state regulators that the project would not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region. After deliberating, the SEC decided that the evidence presented by Northern Pass did not meet an acceptable burden of proof that the project would not negatively impact the area's economy.

Reports out of Canada say that Northern Pass could seek alternate routes through Vermont and Maine to reach Massachusetts. Last week, in

Massachusetts, a panel chose Northern Pass out of 46 proposals to deliver clean energy to the state. The plan was to fuel over one million homes with the new energy.

The biggest argument for those against the project was the impact the power lines and towers would have on the environment, and the detriment it could cause to New Hampshire's tourism industry, particularly in the North Country. Northern Pass, however, claimed that more than 80 percent of the power lines would be constructed along an existing right of way or be placed underground. Proponents

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ing after school.

"My brother was signing up so I did, too. I've done all the intramural things so far. They're fun," said

Nick, a fifth grade student at NHCS.

Beginning two weeks ago the group watched a video on juggling and then be-

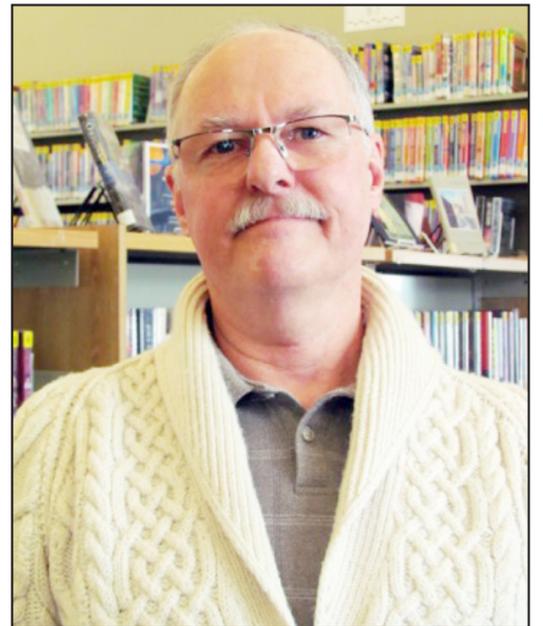
Anderson seeks selectman's seat

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — Wayne Anderson has decided to bring his business background to bear on the issues confronting the town of Bristol, and is throwing his hat into the ring in hopes of winning Paul Manganiello's seat on the board of selectmen.

Manganiello, currently serving as vice-chair, is not seeking re-election in March, which leaves the seat open for a new face. Anderson, current vice-chair of the Bristol Budget Committee, will be facing Budget Committee Chair Robert "Bob" Glassett, who also



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"Antiques Road Show" appraiser shares stories from a life in books

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PLYMOUTH — From books worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to unique finds in family letters, book antiquarian Ken Gloss shared many stories of his time as an appraiser as part of both his famous bookstore in Boston and as a consultant on a hit TV show.

Gloss is the proprietor of Brattle Book Shop in downtown Boston, and is a guest appraiser on the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow." Gloss spoke with an audience at the Pease Public Library last Wednesday evening about his shop, details on book appraising, and a number of interesting stories of books and other printed artifacts he



Ken Gloss, owner of the Brattle Book Shop and an appraiser on "Antiques Roadshow," discusses the analysis of antique books at the Pease Public Library.

has discovered.

At the end of the program, Gloss appraised a few books in front of the audience. After the presentation was done

anyone with a book they wanted to have appraised could come to him.

The Brattle Book Shop opened in the

1920's. By 1949, it was almost out of business and Gloss' parents took it over.

"My father built it on

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wants the job as selectman.

"We have people with goodwill and good intentions," Anderson said, "but the town has a lack of acumen in taking it where it needs to be."

Anderson said he approaches matters from the center.

"Some people will want to spend any amount of money, and the other side gets disappointed and angry," he said. "Neither one is able to persuade the folks in the middle. If I get elected, I hope to bring a more cogent center argument. There's plenty of money to do what we need to do, and people are paying enough taxes. What we need is to make a business decision on where to spend that money."

He believes the town's leaders are caught up in the way things were done in the past, and

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Tax money to decrease borrowing for building project

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

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BRISTOL — Selectmen hope to sweeten the incentive for building a new town hall and renovating the existing home of the Bristol Police Department by foregoing some of the set-asides the town normally makes for future capital purchases and, instead, applying that money to the town building project.

In a conversation with members of the Bristol Space Needs Committee prior to their Feb. 1 meeting, selectmen agreed to reapply some of the money that normally would go into capital reserve funds to lower the amount of borrowing for the town hall/police station. Taxpayers would be paying the same amount that they would have been if they put the money into capital reserve funds this year, but a smaller bond would save on future interest costs and lower the debt payments through the life of the bond.

Members of the public have been skeptical of the building proposal, which the space needs committee originally estimated would cost \$1.25 million. That estimate increased to more than \$2 million by October, when Samyn-D'Elia Architects of Ashland presented preliminary plans to meet the space needs of the town offices and addressed a long list of issues the police department has faced with its current quarters in the Bristol Municipal Building.

The original charge of the committee was to address the town's needs for 20 years, and, in September, Rick Alpers, chair of the Bristol Board of Selectmen, said, "The last thing I want to hear in 20 years is that it wasn't big enough. I

want to do it right now."

However, public opposition to the projected cost had the architects going back to reduce the size of the meeting room that originally was to be large enough to accommodate town meetings.

Despite a 900-square-foot reduction in size for the new town hall, as well as the elimination of some other amenities and adjusting police department space to utilize existing walls, the estimated price had increased again by the time of the second public hearing, in November, to \$3.4 million.

An overwhelmingly negative response to that projection had the committee reassess the project and return with a new plan that they hoped would reduce the cost to \$2.2 million but which still came in at \$2,650,000. Selectmen figured that they could borrow \$2.25 million and use \$400,000 from the town's unassigned fund balance to make up the difference.

Town Administrator Nik Coates pointed out that using \$400,000 from the fund balance would bring the account to the low end of what the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration recommends as a set-aside to cover tax exemptions and unanticipated expenses.

Foregoing capital reserve fund payments as a way to lower the bond proved to be controversial. Selectman J.P. Morrison said he felt it was important to save toward future purchases in order to even out the tax rate and support the town's capital improvement project plan, which took 10 years to develop after having been abandoned in the past. The CIP plan takes into account the need to replace equipment and infrastructure, spread-

ing out the expenditures to avoid spikes in the tax rate.

Capital reserve funds traditionally are used to save for large purchases such as ladder trucks for the fire department, but last year the town also started using them for annual purchases, setting aside more than the anticipated need in order to have money on hand to take advantage of spot sales during the year.

Some residents, such as Town Moderator Edward "Ned" Gordon,

who also serves as chair of the space needs committee, opposes capital reserve funds, saying it forces people — especially the elderly — to pay for future purchases they may not be around to see. During inflationary periods, capital reserve funds also lose value because the interest earned does not keep pace.

In their discussions on Feb. 1, selectmen said they would still want to place money into some capital reserve funds, but they agreed to reduce those requests by

\$250,000 and apply that money to the building project in order to borrow less.

The warrant article for the building project still calls for a \$2,650,000 appropriation, but it would use \$400,000 from the unassigned fund balance and \$250,000 from taxation, leaving \$2 million to be borrowed.

Should that article pass, the selectmen plan to reduce the \$325,000 capital reserve funds request to \$100,000, but if it fails, they would seek the full \$325,000 for capital

reserves.

Meanwhile, the space needs committee will be holding three informal meetings to provide an update on their plans for the town hall and police station. The first of those meetings will take place Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Minot-Sleeper Library. The others will take place Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m., also at the library.

There will be a public hearing on the plans on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m.

Bristol increases ambulance rates

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — Selectmen have adopted new ambulance rates suggested by Fire Chief Ben LaRoche to meet the increases in operational costs.

In making his recommendation to raise rates about 12 percent, LaRoche said he had analyzed information from the town's billing company, rate information from around the state, and increases in operational costs in the last two years, along with budgeted costs for 2018.

More than 45 percent of Bristol's ambulance transports are covered by Medicare, which historically has paid 98.39 percent of the allowable costs. Medicaid pays 100 percent of the allowable costs and accounts for 12.4 percent of the town's transports. Ten percent of the transports were for the uninsured, who paid 6.29 percent of the amount billed at the allowed rate.

In looking at rates around the state, after weeding out those that are exceedingly high or low, LaRoche found that Bristol's

rates were 10 to 15 percent lower than the average, and the town's mileage rates were 26 percent lower.

Operational costs over the three years have increased by 12 percent, due in part to the town's implementation of a new wage scale.

The resulting recommendation was to increase the basic ambulance rate from \$775 to \$868 and make similar adjustments to other rates. The specialty care rate of \$2,147.71 increased to \$2,405. The treat-and-release rate increased from \$51.50 to \$60, and the mileage rate increased from \$14.22 to \$18.

"It's a fairly sizeable increase," LaRoche said, "but it sets us up close to the average."

He suggested reviewing the rates annually in the future.

In discussing LaRoche's request for a deputy fire chief — a question that will appear on the town meeting warrant — Chair Rick Alpers was the only selectman to fully back it.

"Whenever a department head says there's a need, I'd be hard-pressed to say no," he

said. "To me, this is a need."

J.P. Morrison and Paul Manganiello said they could not support the article.

"I see the need, but I cannot support it this year," Manganiello said.

Don Milbrand also said he sees a need, but it is something the townspeople will need to decide.

Les Dion called it a "tough sell with the building" — a reference to the town hall and police station building and renovation project — but also agreed it should be on the warrant so voters could make the decision.

Selectmen voted, 5-0, to support another article that would spend \$25,000 to prepare an architectural design and engineering study of the fire department, but this time it was Alpers who expressed the reservations.

"It came in late, and I'm not sure I can support it," he said.

LaRoche said that, with plans in hand, the town could seek a grant to expand the fire station, which is cramped for space and has a crack in the wall.

"If you don't have plans, you won't have an accurate price," LaRoche said. "These plans should be good for a while, so they won't be out of date if it's not funded right away."

He said the study would include geotechnical work, design, and cost estimating, which would provide "a better number for a structural engineer to evaluate the cracking in the wall."

Dion noted that the recommendation to address issues at the fire station came out of the town's space needs study.

Milbrand offered an amendment that would pay for the study by taking money from the town's unassigned fund balance, but after Town Administrator Nik Coates pointed out that it would draw the fund below the level the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration recommends keeping on hand, Milbrand's amendment failed, 2-3. That is when the selectmen voted to recommend the warrant article as originally written on a 5-0 vote.

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Journey to Nepal at Minot-Sleeper Library

BRISTOL — On the evening of Feb. 27, the Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol will welcome author Dan Szczesny to discuss his book, "The Nepal Chronicles: Marriage, Mountains, and Momos on the Highest

Place on Earth."

A New Hampshire resident, and a long-time journalist, Dan Szczesny has written fiction, poetry, and several travel books, including "The Adventures of Buffalo

and Tough Cookie," a hiking memoir of his journey through New Hampshire's "52 With a View" with his 10-year-old foster daughter.

In "The Nepal Chronicles," Szczesny details his month-long journey with his wife, Meenakshi, as they travel to Kathmandu for a traditional Nepalese wedding and then trek to Everest Base Camp. They knew the journey would be difficult, but what they didn't realize was how life-changing their time in the Himalayas would be. "The Nepal

Chronicles" is a deeply felt exploration of the culture and history of one of the world's most complex places. It is the recipient of the 2016 New Hampshire State Library Award for Outstanding Work of Non-Fiction.

Szczesny will discuss his journey to Nepal at the Minot-Sleeper Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Minot-Sleeper Library.

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Newfound Memorial Middle School honor roll

BRISTOL — Newfound Memorial Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 school year.

8th Grade

High Honors: Margaret Bednaz, Hayse Broome, Zoe Davol, Connor Downes, Ryder Downes, Noah Eckert, Julia Huckins, Mackenzie Jenkins, Evan Labonte, Lindsey Lacasse, Sarah LaCroix, Caleb Moores, Kaylin Parker, Emma Sawyer, Cassandra-Marie Zick

Honors: Sabrina

Alan, Alexia Bassett, Ryan Berg, Paige Blad, Kaylie Brown, Timothy Cantwell, Cassie Coffin, Gabriella Frasca, Logan Glidden, Nathaniel Hatch, Shaun Jenna, Scott Joffre, Kaileigh LeBlanc, Ryan LeBrun, Elsa McConologue, Leaha Mitchell, Aria Peringer, Tristin Porter, Madeline Sargent, Bodhi Smith, Natalie Susi, Caoilainn Voelbel

7th Grade

High Honors: Gavin Brooks, Leah Deuso, Paige Fischer, Ela

Goucher, Emily Huckins, William Joseph, Lillian Karkheck, Taylor Mooney, Myles Perry, Brynn Sidelinger, Mikayla Ulwick

Honors: Cody Annis, Alexis Braley, Reuben Carruth, Rebecca Dillon, Dalton Dion Juliana Dumark, Kevin Dyer, Austin Fournier, Jeffrey Huckins, Tyler Kulacz, Rohan Magrauth, Adelaide McGowan, Madelynn Monahan, Alexis Moore, Andrew Murray, William Murray, Sydney Owen, James Paratore, Chloe Parker, Quinn van Lingen,

Danielle Walker, Elizabeth Wentworth, Sofia Wucher

6th Grade

High Honors: Joshua Blouin, Isabel Braley, Sarah Buchanan, Evan Foster, Electra Heath, Chloe Jenness, Isaac Robert, Benjamin Smith, Kaitlyn

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Honors: Emma Adams, Mika Austin, Ryleana Barney, Lydia Bartlett, Lucie Beauchemin, William Bednaz, Matthew Bird, Hayden Dolloff, Jolee Dumont, Tobias Eckert, Mason Farmer, Leighann Farrell, Soraya Glidden, Talan

Hannagan, Dylan Hennessy, Gabriel Kean, Isabelle LaPlume, Nicholas Mazur, Ricky Moran, Savannah Muzzey, Zoe North, Lauren Paige, Brandon Peterson, Quinten Shaw, Moriah Smith, Kylee Stevenson, Beckett VanLenten, Samuel Worthen

Rebecca Simison of Bristol named to Fall 2017 Dean's List at the University at Albany

ALBANY, N.Y. — The University at Albany congratulates Rebecca Simison from Bristol on being named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List earned at least a 3.5 GPA.

About the University at Albany

A comprehensive public research university, the University at Al-

bany-SUNY offers more than 120 undergraduate majors and minors and 125 master's, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs. UAlbany is a leader among all New York State colleges and universities in such diverse fields as atmospheric and environmental sciences, business, criminal justice, emergency preparedness, engineering and

applied sciences, informatics, public administration, social welfare, and sociology taught by an extensive roster of faculty experts. It also offers expanded academic and research opportunities for students through an affiliation with Albany Law School. With a curriculum enhanced by 600 study-abroad opportunities, UAlbany launches great careers.

Free tax preparation available at Whole Village Family Resource Center

PLYMOUTH — Doors to Granite United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be opening for free tax preparation sites across the state this month, including at Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

In Plymouth, free tax preparation is being provided in partnership with Plymouth State University. It is being held at Whole Village Family Resource Center, 258 Highland Street, Plymouth, from Jan. 30 – April 11 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The site will be a drop-off location for the program, with clients returning the following week to pick up their completed return.

Scheduling an appointment is simple. Those interested can go to NHTaxHelp.org or call 2-1-1 and schedule their appointment.

Individuals and families with household incomes up to \$66,000 are eligible for free tax preparation through the VITA program. Taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who can assist low-to-moderate income residents of the state to access the greatest amount of refunds.

"The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is an important part of Granite United Way's work in the Greater Plymouth area," said Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite Unit-

ed Way. "Our volunteers are trained to help residents across New Hampshire claim thousands in tax refunds, including more than \$2 Million in Earned Income Tax Credits last year."

"We are proud to offer this free service to individuals and families in our community," said Susan Amburg, Director of Whole Village Family Resource Center. "Our volunteers are IRS-trained and know all of the most current tax code. They have been able to help filers access refunds they may not have been aware of in the past. It also saves individuals and families hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees."

Granite United Way also encourages self-filers with internet access and a household income up to \$66,000 to take advantage of www.MyFreeTaxes.com. This provides access to filing software at no cost and a toll-free number to call for tax questions. It is sponsored by United Way Worldwide.

Citizens Bank recently committed \$50,000 to the VITA program in

partnership with Granite United Way.

For more information contact Whole Village Family Resource Center at 536-3720.

The VITA program is a partnership with United Way, Citizens Bank, the IRS and AARP Foundation Tax Aide.

Granite United Way

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Granite United Way serves the Southern

HILL — The Hill Historical Society will host a program on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Amsden Auditorium in the Hill School / Town Hall. Pamela Weeks from the New Hampshire Humanities Council will present a program called "New

England Quilts and the Stories They Tell."

The "Bicentennial Quilt" will be on display depicting the History of Hill. The quilt was made in 1976 by Hill residents as a fundraiser for the Hill kindergarten.

HHS members and

community friends who wish to participate are invited to bring a special family quilt to "Show and Tell."

If you have any questions, please call 934-2531 or email hillhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Sarah Steenbergen of Hebron named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Muhlenberg College

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Sarah Steenber-

gen of Hebron was named to Dean's List at Muhlenberg College for the Fall 2017 semester.

Students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg is a highly selective, private, four-year residential, liberal arts college located in Allentown, Pa., approximately 90 miles west of New York City. With an undergraduate enrollment of approx-

imately 2200 students, Muhlenberg College is dedicated to shaping creative, compassionate, collaborative leaders through rigorous academic programs in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences as well as selected pre-professional programs, including accounting, business, education and public health. A member of the Centennial Conference, Muhlenberg competes in 22 varsity sports.

NH, Vermont governors to headline Lincoln-Reagan Dinner

NORTH WOODSTOCK — The Pemi-Baker Valley Republican Committee will be holding their Annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 15th. In an extraordinary evening, both Gov. Chris Sununu and Gov. Phil Scott will speak at the yearly event being held at the Woodstock Inn and Station in North Woodstock.

Both governors are in their first term. Gov. Sununu, whose father was governor and brother a US Senator, previously served three terms on the Executive Council. He is the youngest Governor in the nation.

During his first year in office, Sununu delivered a balanced budget with no new taxes or fees and established full day kindergarten. In addition he doubled funds to fight the opioid crisis, made investments in clean water projects, expanded educational opportunities for students, and signed job creating business tax cuts into law. Sununu grew up in Salem, graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and worked for ten years cleaning up hazardous waste sites. Sununu lives in Newfields with his wife, Valerie, and their three children.

Scott served as Vermont's Lieutenant Governor starting in 2010 until elected Governor in 2016. When Scott was 11 years old, his father passed away from injuries sustained during the D-Day invasion. Scott's mother raised him and his brothers as a single mom. As Governor, Scott delivered a balanced budget to Vermonters without raising taxes and fees for the second straight year. His priorities include an agenda focused on economic growth and affordability. Gov. Scott recently signed an act which eliminates penal-

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My experience with in-school programming — The Lion's Quest

BYTORI BROCHU
Contributor

As the new Health Educator at CADY, I have had the privilege of providing direct service through our new in-school programming with Plymouth Elementary fifth and sixth grades. What this means, is that I am able to attend multiple classes and present lessons on health and prevention education material. The curriculum being presented is known as Lions Quest.

Lion's Quest is an evidence-based Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program. Social and emotional skills provide the foundation for dealing with anger, frustration, and stress -- preventing negative behaviors (such as misusing drugs and alcohol), and developing positive school behaviors that increase academic performance. Essentially, this program helps young people develop the skills and strength of character needed to succeed as adults.

Lion's Quest has a separate curriculum for each grade. Each set of curriculum includes a unit on health and prevention that teaches drugs, alcohol, and tobacco awareness. These lessons are presented in fun and entertaining presentations that include PowerPoints, videos, and real-life examples. To make these lessons meaningful and engaging for the students, there are many interactive activities and open discussions incorporated.

There are studies showing that Lion's Quest has improved school climate, student-teacher relationships, interpersonal skills, and commitment to service. But

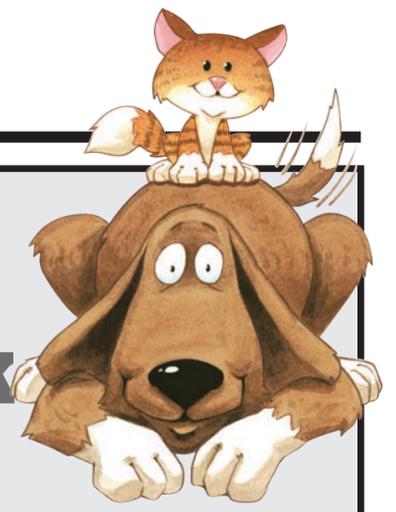
more importantly, what this is doing is increasing young people's resilience. Not only are they receiving the education and awareness surrounding drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, but they are learning how to identify what they stand for and value, in turn increasing their healthy decision-making and goal-setting skills. In addition, components to this program are equipping youth with refusal skills to help them combat negative peer pressure, teaching them strategies to deal with stress and anxiety appropriately, and helping them to identify ways to seek help if needed. This program is helping them to think and talk about material that can be hard to talk about. Sometimes getting the conversation started can be the most important thing.

Through implementing this program, I have found the students to be fully engaged. Many discuss and share openly about things they have just learned, as well as things they may have personally witnessed or experienced. Students are given the opportunity to ask questions throughout each lesson. If there is not enough time to get to a specific question or if a student is not comfortable asking their question aloud, they are able to write it on a slip of paper which is added to the "Ask It Basket." These questions are then researched and answered in the way they are able to understand and brought back to the students during the next class.

This curriculum gets the conversation going and makes stu-

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PET of the Week Trevor



Trevor is only just one year old and already has quite the story to tell.

Originating in South Carolina, Trevor is acclimating to our New England winter with not a bother at all.

He's got those big ears that make him look like he wants to take flight, but really are all the better to hear you with when you call his name and spend quality time with him.

We adopted him out but his new dotting owner realized after three months, that work time and "Trevor Time" were



not compatible.

Young Trevor has been enjoying canine enrichment and rehabilitation here at New

Hampshire Humane Society. He is anxious and really doesn't want to be alone. Although barely out of puppyhood, he

would blossom in some confidence building/socialization classes with other dogs where he can make canine friends appropriately. We offer such classes at NHHS.

Of course anyone would be smitten with his unusually marked coat, but look past that and see in those big brown eyes a dog that needs love and companionship, structured play and exercise in a home that will keep him engaged. Are you that someone?

Call 524-3252 – check www.nhhumane.org

For those who fought so hard, for so long, one word seems almost enough: "Huzzah!"

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

BY JOHN HARRIGAN



Nearly eight years ago, when I first heard about Northern Pass, it didn't seem so bad. Like many people, I had a lot on my plate, and barely listened.

So I heard what Hydro Quebec and Public Service wanted us to hear—that the project would bring surplus power to New Hampshire and New England and would use "mostly existing rights of way." There just happened to be a little qualifier in there that I and a lot of other people missed: "mostly."

Not Pittsburg's John Amey. He's a farmer, and farmers don't miss much, because they can't afford to and have to be smarter than most. He and neighbors quickly learned that the line would carve 40 miles of totally new right of way down through some of northern New Hampshire's most beautiful landscape.

Soon the phone lines buzzed, and people met in kitchens and town offices, and a network was formed. And soon that network merged with others, and so on, far too slowly at first, but eventually awareness spread down the 192-mile length of the corridor and beyond.

And people began to fight this international power and money scheme, not because it was going through or even near their backyard—in a great many cases, it wasn't— but be-



JOHN HARRIGAN

Site Evaluation Committee members this summer, viewing the proposed Northern Pass route down North Hill Road into Creampoke.

cause it was just plain wrong. This time the NIMBY factor, such an easy one to mock, didn't fit.

This past Thursday, Feb. 1, which just happened to be Groundhog Day, John Amey and the tens of thousands of kindred souls who had joined in the fight against this monstrous proposal had their day, when the state body charged with deciding on Northern Pass voted it down—first by a 5-2 straw vote, and then by a solid 7-0.

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Five days before last Thursday's vote—when none of us, I think, could ever have dreamed of such a quick turn of events—I happened to be talking with John about what might be coming down the pike. Like a lot of people who've been in the trenches against Northern Pass for so long and have grown sick and tired of hearing that it was "a done deal," we were talking about the worst—a vote to approve.

I said that if that happened, time would still be

on our side. If work began in the south and moved north, as planned, from Franklin to Allenstown, with the widened right of way and gigantic new towers and all, and then north to rip up through Plymouth's downtown and on up crisscrossing the beautiful Pemigewasset Valley, and then ripping up through Easton and Sugar Hill and Franconia and on to Stark...

Well, we were lucky they'd be saving the North Country's 40 miles of new right away for last. "By the time they're through wrecking the lower two-thirds of the state," I (sort of) joked with John, "people will be so mad they'll be marching on Concord with torches and pitchforks, and we'll be spared."

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Aside from the Interstate highway system, Northern Pass was the biggest construction project ever proposed for New Hampshire. Whether below ground or above, it meant a huge new scar equal from Concord to Portsmouth,

straight down through God's Country, and then a massive right of way rotor-rooting almost to the State House steps. It professed short-term jobs and depreciating tax gains in trade for the legacy of a landscape.

There is so much money, and so much momentum, and so much planning, and so much skullduggery behind Northern Pass that it isn't just going to go away because of Groundhog Day, or the drop of a hat. An appeal is almost certain. It may well wind up in court.

But I know this:

It is we now who have the Big Mo—the "we" who came out of nowhere seven, eight years ago to the blow of a bugle from some unknown ridge, the people of all age and background and political stripe, who fought Northern Pass because it would treat our state—trash our state—as nothing more than an extension cord.

The lawyers can appeal till the cows come home. The more time goes on, the more people will see through the Emperor's clothes. Government and Big Media are totally out of touch with the people who love the land. There is joy in Mudville. People Power lives.

(This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Address letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or to Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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Letters to the Editor

Make your voice heard on Bristol's budget

To the Editor:

Taxpayers of Bristol, how did you like your nice big fat tax bill last November? Yes, most was due to the school tax, but our town tax keeps going up every year as well.

If you liked the fat tax bill, then do nothing, but if you are getting tired of paying and paying and paying, then come this Monday the 12th and make a dif-

ference.

This is your opportunity to lower or raise Bristol town budget that will be on the ballot in March. Your voice and vote does make a difference! See you Monday at the library, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. (come early and get a good seat so you are heard).

John Sellers
Bristol

Glenwood Eugene Hill, 77

BRIDGEWATER — Glenwood “Blakie” E. Hill, 77, a longtime resident of Bridgewater, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.



“Blakie,” as he was known by those who knew him, was born on April 27, 1940, the son of Adna and Marjorie (Sprague) Hill, the last baby born in Old Hill Village. He was a graduate of Bristol Memorial High School, class of 1958. Prior to building his home and settling down in Bridgewater, he had resided in Hill, New Hampton, Danbury and Bristol.

In his younger years, Blakie worked part time with his brother doing masonry work but spent the majority of his years employed by IPC/Freudenberg NOK as a press operator before moving into the maintenance department and later into the security booth.

Blakie had many loves in his life, first and foremost his family. He also had a love of country music, NASCAR, local stock car racing, the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics. He enjoyed playing and coaching softball, bowling and attending his grandsons’ many basketball games, even joining in the weekend

adventures when their AAU tournaments took them out of state. Blakie was even known to share his singing of “The Auctioneer Song” when called upon to do so. Blakie was predeceased by his parents, his brothers Ralph Wentworth, Clayton Hill, Linwood Hill and George Hill who is still listed as missing in action during the Korean Conflict; his sisters Virginia Hill Gibbs and Ruby Hill Loisel. He was also predeceased by his beloved grandson Marcus Moulton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley (Tucker) Hill; son George and wife Ruby Hill of Danbury; daughter Melody and husband Harry Moulton, Jr. of Bridgewater; grandchildren Marissa Rounds of Bridgewater, Patrick Hill of Bristol, Lauren Hill Moran of Danbury, Farran Hill of Bridgewater, Aidan Hill

of Danbury, Eva Hill of Danbury and Timothy Moulton of Plymouth. He had five great grandchildren (Ricky Moran and Matthew Moran of Danbury, Brody Hill and Callie Hill of Bristol, and David Keegan Farr of Bridgewater); his sisters, Alice Townsend of Bow and Veronica Puffinburger of Salisbury; and many nieces and nephews, including his very close nephew, Kenneth Fogg of Andover.

Blakie will always be remembered as a wonderful husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. He had an amazing love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren that was evident to all who knew him. Heaven has gained another amazing angel and this world has lost a loving and kind hearted gentleman.

Per Blakie’s wishes, there will be no public calling hours or funeral services. A celebration of life is being planned. In lieu of flowers donations in Blakie’s memory can be made to NANA, 214 Lake St., Bristol NH 03222.

Arrangements are under the direction of the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton. For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Marie Keniston, 85



ASHLAND — Shirley Marie (Brown) Keniston, 85, formerly of Ashland, passed away in her sleep Jan. 24, 2018 at the Belknap County Nursing Home after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Shirley was born Dec. 10, 1932 in Ashland to Marvin Harry Brown Sr. and Laura Grace (Moore) Brown. She was the second born of 12 children, all delivered at home.

She was married to Harold Dean Keniston on June 27, 1953. Shirley was a very hard worker from a young age. Along with helping to raise her siblings, she worked part time jobs during school and summers. She was a talented basketball player and loved to swim.

After getting married and starting a family Shirley worked various jobs. She worked as a housekeeper at the Holderness Boy’s School. She worked at the Asbestos mill in Meredith and retired from the L.W. Packard Woolen Mill in Ashland running spinning frames. Stories are told that she was so good at her job that she sometimes ran two of the largest frames by herself when it took two operators to run just

one similar machine. In the early 1980’s she was recognized as Employee of the Year of over 300 co-workers! She and Harold got to go to Washington, D.C.

Shirley and Harold were known as “Grandma” and “Grandad” to everybody, and life revolved around grandchildren and then great grandchildren. After having a 20-by-40-foot inground pool put in in the early 1980’s, Grandma’s Pool became the place to spend time in the summer with countless friends and family. Scores of kids were taught to swim there. Everyone was welcome. In the winter she hosted Sunday dinners and knitted many hats and mittens.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Harold, in 2003; brothers William Brown, Richard Brown and sister Edna Tyrell and her infant sister Marion.

Shirley is survived

by her son, Marvin “Butch” Keniston, and his wife Hilary of Meredith and daughter Rachel Ciampa and her husband Rob of New Hampton; her grandchildren, Toby Knowlton and his wife Candace of Laconia; along with great grandchildren Jack, Sam and Libby, Nick Knowlton of Ashland and great grandchildren Isaiah and Harmony, Jody Passanante and husband John of Pennsylvania, along with great grandchildren Anna, Evie, Zoey, and John, Charlotte Keniston-Joo and husband Arnold of Baltimore, Md., along with great grandson Cole, Aaron Keniston of Denver, Colo.;

her siblings, June Keniston, Marvin Brown, Jr. and Gary Brown of Meredith, Robert Brown of Virginia, Carole Berry and Linda Mutney of Ashland and Bonnie Fogg of Bristol.

A graveside service and celebration of life will be held at a later date, to be determined by the family.

The family would like to thank the Peabody Home and the Belknap County Nursing Home for the excellent care Grandma received.

To sign Shirley’s Book of Memories, visit www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Norton Masland, 94

HANOVER — Mary Norton Masland, 94, of Hanover passed away suddenly on Feb. 2, 2018 in her residence at Kendal at Hanover.



While Mary lived most of her life in Hanover, she spent over 60 summers on beautiful Pasquaney Bay on Newfound Lake in Bridgewater.

Mary was born in Hanover to Max Alonzo Norton and Helen Sawyer Norton on Aug. 9, 1923. She graduated from Hanover High School in 1941 and Mount Holyoke College in 1945 with a Bachelor’s degree, having majored in Zoology. Following graduation, Mary worked as a medical secretary in New York City and at Mary Hitchcock Hospital. In 1950, Mary married John Wesley Masland, Jr. at her family home on Choate Road in Hanover. In the following years, Mary raised John’s two children from his previous marriage, Joann Ellis Masland and James Wesley Masland, and sons Thomas Norton Masland and Andrew Tyson Masland.

Mary had a lifelong love of classical music and opera, knitting, and reading. Curious about the world around her,

she was an avid and adventurous traveler, visiting all seven continents. In 1967 and 1968, Mary and family lived in New Delhi, India, while her husband John was with the Ford Foundation until his untimely death, following which she returned to Hanover.

Mary gave generously to local and national liberal causes, public radio and television, art, educational and environmental organizations, and local non-profits focused on social issues. She was always ready to open her heart and home to family, friends, and others in need.

In addition to her devotion to family, Mary served several terms on the Boards of Trustees of Mount Holyoke College and Bangor Theological Seminary. She also served on the Board of Overseers of The Ha-

nover Inn. Mary volunteered extensively in the Hanover community. For over twenty-five years, she spent one afternoon a week at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center information desk. She taught skiing in the Ford Sayer Memorial Ski program. She belonged to the local chapter of the P.E.O. In 1937, Mary joined the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College and remained active in the church throughout her life.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, Max and Helen Norton; her husband, John Wesley Masland, Jr.; and her daughter, Joann Ellis Masland.

Mary is survived by her sister, Ann Merrill of Contocook; her brother, John W. Norton of Bethlehem, Pa.; her children, Thomas Masland and wife Sylvia Bates of Canterbury, Andrew Masland and husband David Mosley of Topsham, Maine; and her stepson, James Masland and wife Suzanne of Thetford Center, Vt. Mary is also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren Courtney Skerritt, husband Devon, and

their children Cullen and Dana of Dallas, Texas; Geoffrey Masland, wife Dash, and their children Griffin and Lyle of Yarmouth, Maine; Turner Masland and partner Jacob Braverman, of Rohnert Park, Calif.; John Masland and wife Sara of West Hollywood, Calif.; and Duncan Masland of Seattle, Wash. Mary also enjoyed her many nieces, nephews, and family friends who all knew her as Aunt Mary.

A memorial service will be held later in Hanover on a date to be announced.

Mary’s family extends heartfelt thanks the entire staff at Kendal at Hanover for providing her with a loving and caring home for over eighteen years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kendal at Hanover Cadbury Fund or the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College.

To view an online memorial and or send a message of condolence to the family, please visit www.rand-wilson.com

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rand-Wilson Funeral Home of Hanover.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BRISTOL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Bristol Budget Committee will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 32:5 on the proposed operating budget and warrant articles for 2018 on Monday, February 12, 6:30 PM, in the meeting room of the Minot Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH 03222. If a second public hearing is necessary, it will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 PM in the meeting room of the Minot-Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH 03222.

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Town of Hebron PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hebron Select Board will be holding a public hearing on an article to be added to the 2018 Warrant as follows: “To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 39:1-a to hold its annual town meeting on the second Tuesday of May for the selection of town officers and the transaction of all other town business.

The town may move the annual town meeting to May provided it has adopted a fiscal year accounting period pursuant to RSA 31:94-a.”

The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office Building located 7 School Street.

Hebron Select Board,
Patrick Moriarty, Chair
John Dunklee, Vice-Chair
Eleanor Lonske, Member

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The Citizen's Planning Committee will have two open house sessions at the Town House on Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m., and on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. The purpose of these open house events is to discuss the following topics: The role of the Groton Master Plan and zoning, ways to protect Groton's community character, development constraints (steep slope, wetlands, etc.), minimum lot size requirements and types of development. The committee is asking for feedback from the citizens of Groton and asks that you join them in this discussion. "The Citizen's Planning Committee will be considering how the town should update its zoning ordinances in order to best guide growth and development in a way that will protect Groton's small town character and diverse natural resources." Most of you have already received the flyer that was sent out recently and we hope many will come and contribute their ideas to the committee. For more information, please visit http://bit.ly/CPC_Groton or email cpc@grotonnh.org.

Come and meet the candidates for Town offices at Candidate Night, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Town House. There are sample ballots posted at the Town House.

There are still openings for the Conservation Commission which is an appointed position. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact someone at the Town Clerk's Offices.

Meetings and Closures Coming Up

Select Board Work Sessions - Tuesdays - Feb. 20 at 4:30 p.m., March 6 at 5 p.m., and

March 13, 3 p.m. at the Town House

Select Board Meetings - Tuesdays - Feb. 20, March 6, and March 20.

The Conservation Commission will be meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Town House.

The Planning Board will be meeting at the Town House on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

The Town Offices will be closed Feb. 19 all day for President's Day Holiday.

Candidates Night - Tuesday - March 6 at 7 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed March 21 for the Tax Collector Workshop at the DRA.

Dates to keep in mind

Town Elections - March 13 - The Town House is our polling place and the polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Town Meeting - March 17 at the Town House beginning at 9 a.m.

Dog Licenses are due by April 30. We have the new tags in and you can license your dog anytime with a current rabies certificate.

Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597
hebronnhnews@live.com

Hebron Area Women's Group

The Hebron Area Women's Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15. The meeting will take place at the Union Congregational Church Hall in Hebron, at noon. All area residents are welcome to attend. We welcome our guest speaker Edna Piehler, Army Reservist. She will speak about her military career. Our hostesses are Barbara Stevens, Muffie Sheehan and Sue Jackson. Please bring nonperishable items for the Bristol Community Services.

Churches

Ashland Community Church

Ashland Community Church is located at 55 Main St., on Route 3 in Ashland (across from Shurfine Market). Parking is available next to and behind the church.

Sundays

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service, followed by coffee/fellowship in the church dining room.

9:25 a.m. - KidZone for K-grade six

Special Needs Ministry-high school-adults

11 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service

11:15 a.m. - KidZone for K-grade 6

11:15 a.m. - Youth Sunday School

"Toddler Zone" is available at both services for infants to age five. Before the contemporary service, please join us for coffee and healthy snacks.

KidZone

Debbie Madden leads the K-sixth grade class. Kids will love the great videos and games that teach someone age appropriate lessons in a loving atmosphere.

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12

Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mill #3 (39 Winter St.), just around the corner from the church. This youth ministry will be meeting every week, and is led by our youth and worship pastor, Aaron Stout, along with our volunteer youth leader staff. This youth group ministry is open to youth not only from Ashland, but surrounding towns as well. Spread the word and bring your friends.

Mondays

8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in the Church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's in-

credible grace and love. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ernie Madden at (office phone number) 968-9463. You can also e-mail him at accernie@hotmail.com or visit the church Web site, ashlandcommunitychurch.com.

We believe that you will love it at Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior. Our vision is to become a church that un-churched people will love to attend. Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus, and to help others do the same.

Real church. Real people. Real simple.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. And remember, just come as you are! No perfect people allowed!

Plymouth Episcopal (Church of the Holy Spirit)

Our new priest, the Rev. Kelly Sundberg Seaman, continues to settle into our area. Hope that you will attend a Sunday service to meet and get to know her. Our services are still the same: 8:00 at Griswold Hall, 263 Highland St., Plymouth (Griswold Hall is adjacent to the Christian Life Center-CLC), and 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's, 18 Highland St., Ashland.

Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14

There are two places that you can receive ashes.

9:30 a.m. Eucharist & ashes, St. Mark's

11:30 a.m. Eucharist & ashes, CLC chapel, 263 Highland St.

12:30 p.m. the traditional ECW chowder luncheon, following the service in

the CLC chapel (Ashes available individually with prayer in CLC chapel following lunch)

Weekly Worship & Formation Schedule for Lent

Lent brings with it new opportunities for spiritual formation. Listed below are services and events which you are cordially invited to attend.

Tuesdays*: 9 a.m. Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, CLC meeting room

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist w Healing Prayer, CLC chapel

Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, CLC chapel 10 a.m. Intercessory Prayer group, CLC meeting room

Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, CLC chapel

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist w Healing Prayer, St. Mark's Fridays 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mark's

*Begins Tuesday, Feb. 20, the Tuesday after Ash Wednesday

Donate to the local Food Bank

Where did we see you hungry, Lord, and feed you?

Local Food banks are always in need of donated canned goods, and CHS has a collection bas-

ket at Griswold Hall for you to donate! Think of what one can of soup or fruit a week from each of us could do! You may bring items directly to the Food Bank (located at the Community Closet, across the street from Rite-Aid) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11-or place items in the basket in Griswold Hall, and Kathy Lennox will collect all items and take them to the Food Bank weekly.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Abba House of Healing and Mercy February Events:

Unity in the Spirit Prayer Community Night Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Abba House Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us as Jude Christopher talks to us about "Shadows and True Light." Bring your Bibles!

Mass of Hope and Healing Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning to pray for healing, either for yourself or someone else, please let us know! The Abba House of Mercy is located on the Sacred Heart campus in Laconia. For more information, call 524-6909.

If there is inclement weather and schools are cancelled, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. Please check WMUR for school closings before leaving the house to go to Mass.

Catholic Daughters Cabin Fever Supper

Saturday, Feb. 10 after the 4 p.m. Mass St. Matthew Hall Come on over for some great food, auction and gift baskets.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m., Our Lady of Grace Chapel Noon: St. Matthew Church Noon: Our Lady of Grace (NAC Service With Ashes) 7 p.m.: St. Matthew Church

Save the Date ~ Lenten Fish Fry!

Looking for a different meal to feed your family on a Friday night in Lent? On Friday, March 9, the Bristol Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry at the Marian Center. More information to come!

"The Art of Hope" at Currier Museum

This winter, The Currier Museum of Art is working with Partnership for Drug-free Kids to provide educational experiences in our galleries and classrooms. This program supports parents whose children have problematic substance abuse. The dynamic new program, "The Art of Hope," speaks to the urgency in New Hampshire to provide resources for families impacted by addiction. The program will run Mondays, Feb. 5 through the 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, email LThomson@Currier.org or call 518-4951.

Weekly Meetings Thursday, Feb. 8

Day Away Program,

Simard Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Men's Group, North American Martyrs Oratory, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.

Weblo Meeting, St. Matthew Meeting Room, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9

RCIA, St. Matthew Rectory, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Cabin Fever Supper, St. Matthew Hall, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

No Faith Formation classes

Confirmation: Bristol, Marian Center, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (including Mass) No Confirmation Class in Plymouth

~AA meeting Monday- Saturday St. Matthew Hall 11 a.m.

Restoration Church, Plymouth (Assemblies of God)

Happy New Year and greetings from Restoration Church Plymouth located at 319 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you do not have a home church we invite you to come and join our warm and friendly family here at Restoration Church. Please feel free to contact us at hello@restorationchurch.cc. Our church phone number is still the same, 1-603-536-1966. Our schedule has changed to the following:

Sunday:

10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and third Monday of the Month

Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

On Sunday, Nov. 5 we officially launched as Restoration Church Plymouth. More details about this service will be included in the next article. We also started a new series entitled, Stories. We will be continuing this series this week as well. We have our own worship team during our services in our auditorium and then we watch as a Pastor Nate Gagne preaches via video during our service.

Our Mission Statement:

Just One More!

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicapped accessible on the east entrance.

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairground Rd., Plymouth, is a multi-generational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Nursery and Religious Education - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Contact: SEE CHURCHES, PAGE A7

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Blue-eyed Soul Man Martin Sexton comes to Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — Singer Songwriter Martin Sexton makes a stop at The Flying Monkey stage on Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Rebecca Haviland & Whiskey Heart open the evening. Tickets for this show start at \$37.50.

Owning one of the most powerful and dynamic voices in American popular music, Martin Sexton straddles the worlds of folk, soul, country, and rock and roll with ease. For the last 25 years, his earnest songwriting, quirky stylistic shape-shifting and seemingly boundless vocal range has created a legion of devoted fans across the country, and the world.

Sexton got his start busking in the streets and subways of Boston, and quickly rose to the top of the city's bustling folk scene on the strength of his otherworldly and effortless voice, and his

wildly popular self-produced demo tapes (sold more than 20,000 tapes out of his guitar case). "Black Sheep," his record label debut, vaulted Sexton into the main stages of the country's folk festival circuit and soon the talented singer-songwriter began to bust out of the folk cocoon entirely with recordings that flirted with jazz, rock and roll, and R&B.

After several records on major labels, Sexton started his own and settled down in Western Massachusetts, still touring relentlessly and building his fanbase with performances at Newport Folk Festival, Bonnaroo, Carnegie Hall and other high-profile appearances. His songs have even appeared prominently on beloved television shows like "Scrubs" and "Parenthood." Yet despite his rise from singing in subways to gracing the



COURTESY

Singer Songwriter Martin Sexton makes a stop at The Flying Monkey stage on Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

country's most hallowed stages, Sexton's unique ability to connect with listeners through his voice and blue-collar songs remains unchanged. In 2015, he released his 10th record, the acclaimed "Mixtape of the Open Road."

"You'd be hard-

pressed to find a singer in popular music today with the range, depth and sheer power of Martin Sexton. When it comes to his voice, every superlative rings true," says the Boston Herald.

Tickets to see Martin Sexton are \$37.50, and \$47.50 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at www.flyingmonkeyNH.com.

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Dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 (all Sundays)
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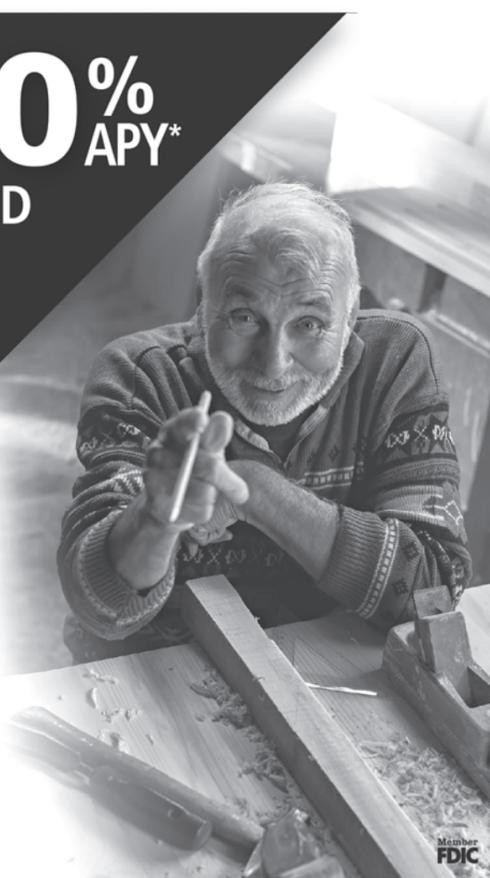
The Next Meeting of the Wise Women in Training is to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

What's Happening Around the Starr King UU?? The Activities Committee would love to see you at one or all of their events. Whether it's a hike through the woods, meeting for breakfast, or an evening out at the theater, it's just one more way to come together as a community and enjoy each other's company. Please take a look at the Activities board outside the Fellowship Hall, pick up the latest copy of our monthly newsletter in the foyer, or visit the Events Page on our Web site: www.starrkingfellowship.org. Contact Mitch Manseau for further details.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

What's the Investment Outlook for 2018?

By most measures, 2017 was a pretty good year for investors. But what can you expect in 2018?

It's difficult to precisely predict the immediate future of the financial markets. However, many signs point to improved global economic growth and rising corporate earnings – both of which are important drivers of stock prices. In the United States, economic growth may be more modest than in other regions, which could result in international stocks outperforming domestic ones.

Here's another consideration: Low interest rates typically benefit the financial markets

– and unless inflation jumps sharply, the Federal Reserve will probably remain patient, only raising short-term rates slowly throughout 2018.

Despite these positive signs, there's also reason for caution. Political uncertainty and changes in economic policies may lead to increased market volatility. Another factor is the long-term history of the stock market, which includes a drop of 10% or more – technically called a "correction" – about once a year. We've gone two years since the last correction, so it would not be surprising if we saw one in 2018. Given this outlook – which

could be classified as "moderately optimistic" – what investment moves should you consider this year? Here are a few suggestions:

Rebalance your portfolio – The market's gains may have increased the value of your stocks so much that they now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended – and you may not be comfortable with this increased presence. So, you may want to rebalance your portfolio to achieve a suitable mix of stocks and bonds, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. As part of this rebalancing,

and in an effort to help reduce the impact of market volatility, you may need to add investment-grade bonds and cash investments. (Of course, bonds carry some risks, too, including interest rate risk and credit risk.) The availability of cash will also make it easier for you to purchase stocks during a market downturn, when prices may be lower.

Look beyond U.S. borders – You may want to consider adding some international equity investments to your portfolio, if appropriate. As mentioned above, these stocks may do better than U.S. stocks in 2018, but regardless of perfor-

mance, the presence of global stocks can help diversify your portfolio – and diversification can help decrease your overall risk level. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) Keep in mind that international investing carries some inherent risks, such as those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

Be aware of "big" versus "little" – If you don't own many stocks of smaller companies, you might consider adding them to your portfolio. Smaller U.S. stocks have traditionally outperformed larger ones and may benefit from stronger

economic growth and lower corporate tax rates. Be aware, though that small company stocks tend to be more volatile than those of larger companies. And, as with all stock investments, you may risk losing some or all of your principal.

You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine which of these moves, or any others, are right for you. You can't control the external factors affecting the financial markets, but you can take total charge of your own investment decisions – and in the long run, these decisions can help determine your success as an investor.

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Gloria Swanson classic "Zaza" to screen Feb. 10 in Campton

CAMPTON — Taking his place to play the score for a classic silent film, accompanist Jeff Rapsis has no sheet music on his keyboard. It's because he's making up the music on the spot.

But on Saturday, Feb. 10, he'll have a head start for "Zaza" (1923), a romantic melodrama starring Gloria Swanson that's playing at the Campton Historical Society, Campton Town Hall, Route 175 in Campton.

Last year, Rapsis created the recorded soundtrack for the much-anticipated release of "Zaza" on DVD/Blu-ray by Kino-Lorber, a New York-based Neocompany that specializes in re-releasing classic films.

The evening begins with a pot luck supper at 5 p.m. The film program, which is free and open to the public, will start at about 6:15 p.m.

"It was a real thrill to put together a musical score for this great feature film, which has never been available for home viewing before," Rapsis said. "I feel like I've collaborated with Gloria Swanson and the team that made this film."

The Kino-Lorber edition of "Zaza," with music by Rapsis, was released last summer to enthusiastic reviews.

"With a DTS-HD MA 2.0 piano score from composer Jeff Rapsis that follows the original 1923 cue sheet, this is a pretty fantastic score for the film," wrote Matthew Hartman of Hi-Def Digest. "The piano work gives the film a nice old-time feel with the right blend of jaunty entertainment and hitting the lower dramatic tones. It never feels overly dramatic or too wild and fits the tone of the film perfectly."

In "Zaza," Swanson stars as a temperamental music hall performer in a provincial French theater who falls in love with a high-ranking diplomat played by H.B. Warner.

The film chronicles their romance as it takes unexpected turns both comic and dramatic. The Paramount feature was regarded as one of the studio's major releases of 1923, helping establish Swanson as a major star of the era.

For the Campton screening, Rapsis will recreate the score he put together earlier this year for the DVD release.

The music was based on a surviving "cue sheet" from the studio that offered suggested music to play when the film was in theatres in 1923.

"Some of the suggestions seemed right on, while others didn't," Rapsis said. "Just like musicians of the silent era, I followed some, and in other places created my own material." "Zaza" contains

multiple on-screen references to "Plaisir d'Amour," a 19th Century love song with enduring popularity in France.

Using it today, however, creates problems, Rapsis said, because the tune is identical to the song "I Can't Help Falling in Love With You," popularized by Elvis Presley.

"If you're not careful, it can sound like you're using a 1950s Elvis hit to accompany Gloria Swanson in post-World War I France," Rapsis said.

He addressed the problem by playing the tune with a classical accompaniment, and also making minor changes to "de-Elvis" the melody.

"I think it worked," Rapsis said. "So far, no one has complained that I used Elvis to accompany a 1920s costume drama set in France."

Rapsis has been creating live scores for silent films for the past decade, and currently performs for more than 100 screenings each year.

His standard approach to scoring silent films is to improvise the score on the spot, as a movie is screening.

"It's kind of a high wire act to do the music this way. But it provides an energy and excitement that contributes to the experience," Rapsis said. "For a film I don't know, I'll run through it once or twice on DVD prior to the public screening, to make sure I understand the story's arc and any big moments. Any more than that, and I find a movie begins to get too familiar, and I find I start to overthink the film or anticipate things during the screening, and that gets in the way of things flowing in the theater."

Once a film is underway, Rapsis plays continuously, providing music to underscore what's onscreen—not just the action, but emotional shifts and plot twists that can often build to powerful climaxes. He provides full orchestral scores for dramas, westerns, action/adventure films, and horror flicks, all of which first became popular as the silent film era peaked in the 1920s.

Silent film programs can last anywhere from one to three hours in length. Rapsis finds that after the first 10 or 20 minutes, he sinks into a state of mind where he is completely absorbed by the process of scoring the movie, and the music sometimes seems to weave itself as he responds to the film in real time.

"At its best, creating music in real time is a grand journey into the subconscious," he said. "Once I get 'in the zone,' I'm not aware of time passing, although



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part of me is always conscious of what's on screen, what's likely to happen next, and what the audience reaction may be. And I adjust

as I go—to help a film 'grab' a restless audience at a big moment, sometimes it helps to stop playing for a bit, which really punctu-

ates the drama."

Rapsis, a newspaper publisher by day, is a lifelong silent film fan who studied classical piano separately.

"Silent film accompaniment is kind of a lost art, but once I tried doing it, I found I could naturally come up with music that helped these films come to life," Rapsis said. "And I really enjoyed the process because it combined two things I really loved: silent film and music. For me, it was like putting chocolate and peanut butter together."

"Zaza," starring Gloria Swanson, will be shown with live music on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6:15 p.m. at the Campton Historical Society, Campton Town Hall, Route 175, Campton. The program is free and open to the public, and will be preceded by a pot luck supper starting at 5 p.m. For more details, visit www.camptonhistorical.org. For more information on the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com.

Catch the 2018 Oscar-nominated shorts at the Flying Monkey

PLYMOUTH — Oscar Shorts Film Festival is coming to the Flying Monkey Feb. 11 – 15 and 19 – 21. Join us as we show the 2018 Oscar Nominated Short Films on the big screen.

The Animated shorts include "Dear Basketball," "Negative Space," "Lou," "Revolting Rhymes," and "Garden Party." The Live Action

shorts include "DeKalb Elementary," "The Silent Child," "My Nephew Emmett," "The Eleven O'Clock," and "Watu Wote/All of Us."

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Competitive national arts grant renewed for "Experience/Arts" in northern New Hampshire

REGION — Aroha Philanthropies has announced that Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC), in partnership with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire (AANNH), has been awarded a second year of support for Experience/Arts, a year of substantive skill-building arts courses offered throughout Grafton County for adults 55 and older.

In 2017, Aroha Philanthropies, based in Minneapolis, supported 15 programs across the country through its national Seeding Vitality Arts initiative to fund

arts programs for older adults. GCSCC and AANNH's Experience/Arts program was one of the 15. Experience/Arts 2017 also received major grant support from The Couch Family Foundation, which has renewed its support for the program in 2018.

GCSCC and AANNH plan a year of arts education programming and special events across Grafton County thanks to the funding support. Last year, courses and events took place in Littleton, Plymouth, Haverhill, and Lebanon. In 2018, Experience/Arts may be expanded to ad-

ditional locations in the region. A participant interest survey is available upon request from either GCSCC or AANNH and will be on-line at www.experiencearts.org in early February.

Over the past 15 years, the two New Hampshire private nonprofit organizations have worked together to bring arts activities to senior centers within Grafton County. Experience/Arts has deepened and broadened the arts offerings available and accessible to older adults in the region. Aroha Philanthropies' Vitality Arts pro-

grams are intended to inspire and enable older adults to learn, make and share the arts in ways that are novel, complex and socially engaging. Teaching artists from a variety of disciplines will again be leading a series of eight-week classes for older adults across the Grafton County region in 2018.

For further information, contact GCSCC Executive Director Roberta Berner at rberner@gcsc.org or 448-4897 or AANNH Executive Director Frumie Selchen at frumie@aannh.org or 323-7302.



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Tips for reducing the risk of heart disease

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An Extraordinary Organ

Long ago, Egyptians believed that the heart was the body's control center. From their perspective, the organ acted as a centralized point of distribution for the body's nutrients, while also serving as the source for emotion and cognition. Although they didn't fully understand the heart (or the brain), it's easy to see why the Egyptians were so infatuated with it. After all, it is an extraordinary organ, designed solely to provide adequate oxygen and blood to ensure homeostasis.

A Serious Disease

As amazing as the heart may be, it is certainly not invulnerable, especially as we begin to age. In fact, heart disease – or cardiovascular disease – is continuously listed as the number-one cause of death in the United States. For aging adults, the risk of developing heart disease is much more se-

vere due to a number of age-related factors, including atherosclerosis (the hardening and narrowing of the arteries from plaque buildup). Other risk factors include gender, race, ethnicity, and family history – all of which are entirely out of one's control.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction

Fortunately, there are ways for older adults to reduce their overall risk of heart disease. Encourage your loved ones to follow the steps below:

Incorporate exercise into your daily routine. Exercise benefits the body in a number of ways, but in relation to the heart, it stimulates the production of new blood vessels, ultimately allowing for great circulation and lowered blood pressure. Before beginning any exercise regimen, consult a physician. He or she will help you determine the most appropriate level of physical activity.

Configure your diet to be heart-healthy: It's

often noted that 70% of heart disease can be prevented through proper nutrition. The key is to consume foods rich in antioxidants, fiber (to aid in removing cholesterol), monosaturated fats, and omega-3 fatty acids. Below are a few of the foods that will get you what you need. Similar to exercise, be sure to consult a physician before changing your diet:

- Oatmeal
- Apples
- Avocados
- Fish
- Asparagus

Get your blood pressure under control. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is one of the biggest contributing factors to heart disease. Have your blood pressure checked often, preferably by a medical professional, but especially if you already have high blood pressure.

Watch your weight. If you are already considered overweight or obese, make lifestyle adjustments – such as getting adequate exercise and eating a healthy diet – to lose

weight (with physician approval). Maintaining a healthy weight doesn't have a wholly direct effect on the heart, but it helps reduce the risk of other heart disease-related factors such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

Don't smoke, or make plans to stop. Smoking has a tremendously negative effect on your cardiovascular system, as well as just about every other part of your body. It's never too late to quit. In fact, your body actually begins to recover from the effects of smoking in just a matter of days.

Perception vs. Reality

Knowing the ways in which to reduce the risk of heart disease is half the battle. But it's equally important to truly understand the reality of the disease and to discard the numerous misconceptions surrounding it. For instance, did you know that chest pains don't always accompany a heart attack? In fact, a majority of women who have heart at-

tacks experience only flu-like symptoms, with no chest pains to speak of.

The American Heart Association has put together a comprehensive list of the top 10 common myths of heart disease. This list serves as a valuable resource to understand the reality of this dangerous disease. False assumptions and myths are a detriment to proper heart health, so encourage your aging loved one to educate him or herself as much as possible. Knowing the correct information can make a significant difference in life expectancy.

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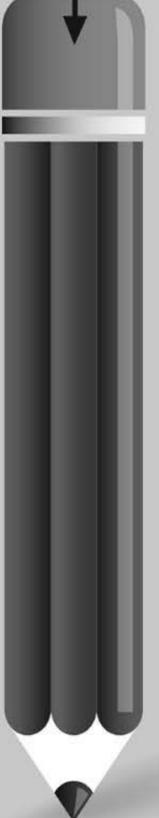
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Bristol	81 Wulamat Rd., Lot 129	Mobile Home	\$58,000	Michael and Nancy Iarrobino	Kara L. Adams
Campton	Beech Hill Road	N/A	\$275,000	Diane L. Arsenault (for Diane L. Arsenault RET)	Melisa Lanz
Campton	78 Eastern Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$265,000	David E. and Kathryn G. Tobine	Marlaine and Etta J. O'Reilly
Campton	148 NH Route 175	Single-Family Residence	\$178,000	David B. Ash	Joseph and Dawn Boynton
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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Opportunities



BY MARK PATTERSON

In past "Mark on the markets," I wrote about actively managing a portion of your assets after your income was established and protected. Actively managing is for that portion of your investable assets that you want to create "alpha" or growth through the use of stocks, ETF's or sometimes alternative investments. Sometimes the use of options contracts are a great way to collect income or to speculate and hedge your account against market downturns. It has been nine years since any real corrections in the broad market, but that does not mean that there has

not been any opportunity for major pullbacks. Take the energy sector or oil, to be more specific. The market has seen a 50 percent pullback in the price of crude oil and the price of many energy related companies in the last few months. This has been a result from the U.S. fracking revolution which has changed the industry and have challenged OPEC and other oil based economies more forcefully than any other time in history. Producers had ramped up production to counteract what they thought would be a disruption in oil flow due to fears of a war in Syria, ISIS taking over Iraqi oil fields, or a Russian/Ukraine event. But despite these troubling issues; there have been no real disruption of supply. Falling oil supply may have its consequences. Many of the big oil producers have

cut capital expenditure, oil rig counts have fallen and U.S shale companies have been hurt. What we have seen is a pull-back in the supply of oil even though we are drowning in the stuff right now. If we see a disruption in oil flow or world economies strengthen, we could see a quick return to much higher oil pricing. History tells us that after a fall in prices that we have experienced lately happens, we historically have seen a rally back within 12 months. This recovery has been a bit slower, but still a reversion to the mean. This sector of the market may be a timely place that you can create "alpha" in your portfolio with the use of stocks, ETF's and options for an opportunity. If you are in mutual funds or fully invested with no liquidity, it may be more difficult to find the assets to work

with. Typically, with the broad markets being very high, you may be able to take some profit in some already highly valued sectors to create liquidity in order to move money to an asset class that may have some potential positive movement. What I have been

describing is active management that takes some work, time and research on your part or your advisors. Keep in mind that you will only want to use a portion of your investable assets for this. What you are doing is creating a portion of your assets that are not

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Plymouth State University launches Admissions 'Basecamp' at Waterville Valley Resort

Admissions representatives will provide information and on-site application reviews for prospective students in resort's Town Square retail area

PLYMOUTH — Making the most of its proximity to New Hampshire's White Mountains Region and its abundant recreational areas, Plymouth State University (PSU) will launch an admissions 'Base-

camp' at nearby Waterville Valley Resort. Situated on the second floor of Waterville's Town Square retail area, 'Basecamp' will provide a convenient location for high school students and their families who are

visiting the region to learn about Plymouth State and to meet with admissions representatives.

"In addition to the promise of an outstanding education, research tells us that recreational opportu-

nities play a significant role in students' college decisions, and many are drawn to Plymouth for the numerous outdoor-oriented sports, club and recreational activities available here," said Jason Moran, dean of enrollment management, Plymouth State University. "Basecamp gives students and their families an opportunity to learn more about Plymouth State, meet with our admissions team, and even have their applications reviewed, all while enjoying time in the mountains."

Plymouth State University admissions representatives will be on-hand at Basecamp Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through the remainder of ski season, and Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., during February school vacation weeks to answer any questions prospective students may have. To receive an on-site application review, students must submit required application materials, including the Common Application or Panther App and corresponding essay, official high school transcripts with final junior year grades or GED, and one recommendation. In most cases, applicants will receive an

admissions decision on-the-spot.

"We recognize families are busy, and that the college application process can be stressful, and our goal with Basecamp is to offer families an easy, convenient way to learn about PSU," said Moran.

"Waterville Valley and Plymouth State University have enjoyed a long-standing relationship - its alpine ski team and snowboard teams train here, students, faculty and staff members and their families have skied here for years," said Matt Hesser, senior director of marketing, Waterville Valley Resort. "We are excited to help introduce PSU to our guests and visitors - it is truly a New Hampshire gem where students can flourish."

As part of the Basecamp initiative, Plymouth State will also host several special events for prospective students during upcoming February school vacation weeks, including evening campus tours and an open house event. Throughout the remainder of ski season, Plymouth State University student ambassadors will visit ski resorts across the state to share information and to answer questions from prospective students.

Scheduled February events include:

-Evening Campus Tours: Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 3:30 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m.

Students and families can visit academic buildings, the library and other campus locations, attend a Panthers men's ice hockey game and enjoy cocoa in the Fireplace Lounge.

Complimentary round-trip transportation from Waterville Valley will be provided for both evening tour dates.

-Daytime Campus Tours: Weekdays throughout February

Informational sessions and campus tours will be offered every weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

-Winter Open House: Saturday, Feb. 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

Students and families will learn about the admissions process, financial aid, residential life, Plymouth State University's Integrated Clusters learning model, and tour campus.

For information about Plymouth State University's Basecamp at Waterville Valley Resort, and to pre-register for February daytime or evening tours or the Winter Open House, call 535-2237 or visit plymouth.edu/visit.

Join in an old fashioned community BarnRaiser!

PLYMOUTH — Friends of the Common Man and local history are invited to an old-fashioned BarnRaiser! Any local driving down Route 3 south of Plymouth this year might have seen the "new" old barn that Alex Ray has reconstructed next the Italian Farmhouse that is nearing completion. Mr. Ray disassembled the 1820s era barn at its original home in Canterbury, and has reconstructed the gem in Plymouth to serve as a destination venue for weddings and meetings, with its official opening in May of this year.

But locals are offered a sneak peak to help raise funds for another historical building. A soft opening "BarnRaiser" for friends and locals is

scheduled for Friday evening, March 9, at 6 p.m. with local food, fun and music, featuring Steve McBride, Jim McHugh and Morris Manning of the Crunchy Western Boys band. Also on tap are one-of-a-kind auction items, barn tours with Alex Ray, the Common Man's creative cuisine with its New England flair, and local dignitaries as your serving staff. Representative Steve Rand will emcee the event.

The evening will kick off a year of fund raising for the Future of History campaign to raise funds to preserve and enhance the town's longest standing public-use structure, the 1774 Old Webster Courthouse that served as Grafton County's first courthouse where Daniel

Webster pled one of his first cases, where local sons signed up to fight in the Revolutionary War, and later served as the town's first public library for over 100 years. The 244 year old structure is now home to the Plymouth Historical Society and continues to be an historical gem in service to our community. For more information about the Old Webster Courthouse Future of History campaign and its preservation plans, visit oldwebstercourthouse.org.

Limited tickets for the BarnRaiser are \$40 and go on sale this week at the Common Man Inn, Rand's Hardware and other downtown locations. For more information, contact Katherine Hillier at 536-1572 or Judy Floyd at 536-3010.



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Plymouth State University invites community to screening of "Justice For All"

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) will be hosting a screening of "Justice for All," followed by a panel discussion with various criminal justice professionals from the community on Monday, Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Merrill Place on the PSU campus.

The film, "Justice for All," is New Hampshire's first film about how our courts work with military veterans to meet their unique circumstances through a "Veterans Track." A Veterans Track is a special docket charged with hearing cases that involve veterans or service members, particularly those diagnosed with service-related

illnesses.

Speakers for the event include the Honorable Gerard Boyle, Circuit Court Judge in Conway, as the keynote speaker; the Honorable John Boyle, Circuit Court Judge in Coös County, as the panel discussion moderator; Lara Saffo, Grafton County Attorney; Michael Clark, Plymouth Prosecutor; Michael Owens, Justice Outreach at White River Junction Veteran Affairs Medical Center; veteran and Veterans Track participant Robert Wilson; and Jeramiah Linscott, veteran and PSU undergraduate student.

"This is a unique opportunity to better understand the challenges our veterans

may be facing," says Stephanie Halter, PSU Criminal Justice Professor. "Campus and community members are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about why veterans deserve and need our support and why this is such a critical issue for New Hampshire."

The event takes place in Merrill Place, Conference Room B on the Plymouth State University campus on Monday, Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. The snow date is Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the same time and place. The event is free to attend, but interested parties are asked to register ahead of time at justiceforall-psu-plymouth.eventbrite.com.

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SEC

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added that if Northern Pass had agreed to bury all the lines, it would have cost the company an additional \$1 billion, rendering the project in-

feasible from an economic standpoint.

It comes as no surprise that Northern Pass plans to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

Of the SEC's decision, Murray said, "The pro-

cess failed to comply with New Hampshire law and did not reflect the substantial evidence on the record. As a result, the most viable near-term solution to the region's energy challenges, as well as \$3 billion of

New Hampshire job, tax, and other benefits, are now in jeopardy."

Murray continued, in an uncharacteristically impassioned and opinionated statement from Eversource, "Clearly, the SEC process is broken, and this decision sends a chilling message to any energy project contemplating development in the Granite State."

Murray said the company will be seeking reconsideration of the SEC's decision, and will review all options to move the project forward.

New Hampshire's Gov. Chris Sununu, who has backed the \$1.6 billion dollar plan all along, released a statement after the ruling saying that he was stunned and disappointed.

Sununu said, "To deny 1,100 MW of clean, renewable energy and more than 1,000 jobs for New Hampshire is a mistake."

A loud opponent of Northern Pass, Jack Savage, Vice President for Communications and Outreach from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, released a statement saying, "In identifying the multiple reasons behind their conclusion, the subcommittee members discussed exactly the right issues: undue interference with land use, property values and tourism, and inadequate outreach to communities."

Savage went on to say, "These are not issues that are easily or quickly remedied, but are fundamental to the proposed route and proposal. The SEC made the right decision and listened to the people and the communities that would be impacted by this project."

Former state representative Martha Richards of Holderness, an early and outspoken opponent of the project (which would almost literally have passed through her back yard), was elated at the news of the SEC's decision.

"A friend of mine said, 'This is a time to use that English word gobsnacked,'" said Richards. "It was just a revelation. I'm dumbfounded, and so pleased that the Site Evaluation Committee did act in the best interests of New Hampshire."

Richards enthusiastically praised the thousands of people involved in the resistance movement against Northern Pass for the "huge team effort" they showed in "protecting our state and what it stands for."

"I have met hundreds of people I would never have met otherwise, and formed friendships that will always remain," she added. "I'm simply in awe of all these people who took it upon themselves to learn about transmission power, electrical power...all these really technical things."

While the prevailing mood at the moment might be one of celebration, she said, it is important, with an appeal likely and Northern Pass reportedly considering the neighboring states of Maine and Vermont as alternative routes, that the opposition movement "stay vigilant."

Jane Difley, President/Forester for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, added, "We're pleased, to say the least. This stands as a great victory for New Hampshire, our forests, and our landscape. It's been a long, arduous battle, but New Hampshire has always been worth it."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were not pleased with the decision, expressing its disappointment in a statement released shortly after the decision: "Today's actions by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to deny a permit to Northern Pass are a major disappointment to the working families of New England. After years of collecting evidence and data, in the end it appears that the SEC made their decision based on special interest opinions and not the facts. IBEW Local 104 looks forward to working with Eversource to continue to move this project forward and will continue our fight for clean energy and local jobs."

Executive Councilor for District 1, Joe Kenney, stated that he stands by the SEC ruling, and was elated, to say the least.

"The Site Evaluation Committee made the

right ruling to deny the Northern Pass permit," he said. "The unanimous vote from SEC provided a much needed voice for the North Country and the seven member board deserves a Profiles In Courage Award for sticking up for New Hampshire and not special interest."

Kenney went on to say, "The disruption on our environment, local economies and land values would have been irreparable if a permit had been issued. I personally want to thank the many North Country and statewide citizens who spent their time and energy opposing this project. It was always a bad deal for New Hampshire and definitely one-sided."

Lastly, Kenney said, "I know we all support clean energy but we also support our environment, scenic vistas, small businesses and travel and tourism industry. In the end, this permit siting proposal galvanized all walks of life, political persuasions and different groups who don't always typically stand under the same tent. Northern New Hampshire is special place and we need to preserve it that way."

North Country Sen. Jeff Woodburn added his thoughts, saying "Northern pass incorrectly thought they could ram this project through without building relationships, listening to locals and delivering tangible benefits. I've long defended the integrity of the SEC, and interpret their ruling not as anti development but as a reminder that relationships matter, respectful listening and project adjustments still work. This decision restores faith in our decision-making processes and most importantly that the north country is open for business and ready to work with responsible developers to build a stronger economy and more diverse, vibrant communities."

Editor's note: Tara Giles is the Editor of The Coös County Democrat, Littleton Courier, and Berlin Reporter.

Record Enterprise Editor Brendan Berube also contributed to this report.

Anderson

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don't see how to move forward. A particular target for savings, he believes, is the Bristol Police Department.

Anderson surveyed towns of similar size as Bristol and came up with a five-town comparison to show that Bristol is overspending on its police department. Of the five towns — Bristol, Campton, Greenland, Lancaster, and Sunapee — Bristol has the highest number of full-time police officers, at 10. Greenland, with a higher population (3,554 to Bristol's 3,058), has eight full-time and four part-time officers. Campton, with more square miles (51.9 compared to 17.1 in Bristol), has seven full-time officers. Sunapee, which also has a tourist population with its lake and mountain, has five full-time and six part-time officers. Lancaster, with the second-largest territory (50.2 square miles) has five full-time officers.

Likewise, Bristol has the the highest police budget and Lancaster has the lowest. Greenland, with the same approximate number of reported crimes (200 compared to 223 in Bristol) has a budget that is \$60,000 lower than Bristol's.

Bristol is often de-

scribed as the "hub" for the Newfound Region, with residents of Alexandria, Bridgewater, and Danbury coming here to do business and people from all of the surrounding communities enjoying the lake and other amenities. Anderson does not see that as a reason for more police coverage.

He points out that the New Hampshire State Police patrol Route 104 and says there is no need to have Bristol officers doing traffic stops along that stretch of highway.

"It's a managerial matter," he said, saying the police chief should find a more efficient use of taxpayer money.

"We could pull out two full-time officers and augment it with part-timers," he said.

Looking at other towns that are Bristol's size, Anderson said a full-time fire department is not necessary, but he noted that there is an aging population and the people have decided they want it this way.

"It seems highly valued, and that's fine," he said.

He thinks most of the town departments are well-managed and do a good job, and he is particularly impressed with Town Administrator Nik Coates, who came with a planning background that Anderson thinks has enhanced

the town by bringing a broader perspective.

"The problem comes in the support from the select board," he said.

"The search for a new police chief is a great opportunity to reassess what we're doing," Anderson continued. "We can't do any worse."

Anderson supports the town hall project, but said the town needs to find a way to pay for it. He credits Manganiello with seeking a solution to limit the tax impact by reducing the requests for money in capital reserve accounts.

"But I'm not sure it goes deep enough," he added.

The proposal solves the problem for one year, he said, but it does not address the increased costs in future years. Reducing the number of police officers could solve that problem, he said.

He also is worried about the impact of tax changes at the federal level that may hurt the second-home market that Bristol relies upon to keep tax increases in check. "That can catch up with us in just a couple of months," he said.

Anderson said that, when he retired from his career in sales with Dow Corning, "it was great to have a chance to play the golf I never got to play, but if things here could be different, and I do nothing, woe to me."

Dinner

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ties for possession of limited amounts of marijuana by adults 21 or older. During the summer, you can often find the Governor racing at Barre's Thunder Road, where he has the most career wins as a Late Model driver at

the track. Scott lives in Berlin, Vt. with his wife Diana. He has two grown daughters.

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Juggling

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joys, but it can be frustrating at times. She's had some help with her new skills at home however, since both her mom and dad have juggled in their younger days.

"Mom's better, though," she said with a grin.

Emma from fourth grade said she felt once you get used to moving the balls around, juggling gets easier. The most challenging part for her right now is keeping track of the balls and focusing on where they are at all times. She had a very philosophical approach to the training though.

"You don't know what's going to happen in life and staying focused is a good skill to have, something you can use in jobs when you're older," said Emma. "Sometimes, learning can be fun!"

The after school intramural program began at NHCS in the fall with soccer and flag football. As weather grew colder, the fun moved inside with cup stacking and now juggling.

"I was really good



DONNA RHODES

(Left) Students in grades three through five at New Hampton Community School have recently been learning how to juggle with instruction from Principal Annmarie Holloran. Other fun after-school activities she's offered this year have been flag football, soccer and even cup stacking.

at cup stacking. That was my favorite so far I think," said Nick.

When juggling ends, Holloran said she will introduce other fun indoor activities like seated hockey or seat-

ed volleyball, or maybe even some fun with beatboxing, things the children wouldn't typically do in gym class. When the spring comes, they'll be back outdoors though for wiffle ball games, kickball and other sports.

"As a principal, this is all just a great way to get to know the kids more in depth. I really like that aspect, and we're having a lot of fun at the same time," said Holloran.

Gloss

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his great love of books," Gloss said.

The shop was named after Brattle Street off Scollay Square, a street in the area of what is now Government Center that no longer exists. The shop moved to different locations around Boston. The last move was in 1969, when his father rode around Boston in a covered wagon with the books in the back. The shop is now located on West Street by Downtown Crossing.

Gloss said his parents told him his first word was "books." He worked in the shop from ele-



ERIN PLUMMER

Ken Gloss does appraisals for attendees of his presentation at the Pease Public Library, many of whom brought in their own antique books.

mentary school through summers during college. He attended UMass Am-

herst where he studied Chemistry. Instead of going to graduate school he stayed in Boston in 1973 to help his father, who was in failing health.

"I don't regret doing this, and not in a laboratory somewhere," Gloss said.

Gloss said there are a number of factors that determine the worth of a book. For example, a page from the Gutenberg Bible — the first book in history to be mass produced following the invention of the printing press — can sell for thousands if not millions of dollars while any other book from the 1500's in poor condition will not have a high value. By contrast, a first edition of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," the first book in the series, published under its original British title, recently sold for \$125,000.

Gloss said the value of a book depends on how

historically, scientifically, and literarily significant it is, and how likely it is that collectors will want to buy it. The condition is also extremely important. Keeping the dust jacket is one important element. Gloss said his father sold a William Faulkner book with the original dust jacket for \$750, while a Faulkner book without the dust jacket and in less pristine condition sold for \$50.

"People who can afford it will pay top price for the very best," Gloss said.

If a book is signed by the author, it only adds value if the author is well known and if their signature is rare. "Catcher in the Rye" author J.D. Salinger is one writer who almost never gave signatures. Gloss said one person came in with a stack of letters, including some written by Salinger after he moved to New Hamp-

shire. Gloss said one of the letters talked about how a group of local high school students helped build the foundation of his house: one of those students was future Red Sox legend Carlton Fisk.

"I think that letter belongs in the Baseball Hall of Fame," Gloss said.

Sometimes, a book in rough condition could be worth a lot. His father had once owned a copy of "The Great Gatsby" inscribed to T.S. Eliot, and Eliot had made written annotations throughout this particular copy. Gloss said today, that book might be worth around \$300,000.

Gloss said he would love to find a copy of Edgar Allen's Poe's "Tamerlane" pamphlet, which has gone from a 10 cent pamphlet in the 1890's to an artifact that sold for more than \$800,000.

Gloss said it is a lot of fun to do "Antiques Roadshow." Appraisals will typically be done from the morning through the evening at a convention center, with around 80 different appraisers of different expertise available for people.

"It's fun to do the show, it's tremendously social," Gloss said.

He said it is possible to go a whole day of taping and not have one significant consultation that makes it on the show. Gloss said he's fine with this.

"We'd rather have 100 people who don't have anything than have 101 as a 'Tamerlane,'" Gloss said.

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Watch for details concerning a planned campus watch party to cheer on Freydis and other Olympic-themed events.



Newfound Landing Sports

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Dukette reaches milestone as Bears roll Newfound junior tops 1,000-point mark in win over Prospect Mountain

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — Going in to the matchup on Monday, Jan. 29, between the Prospect Mountain and Newfound girls' teams, the story was the countdown to 1,000 points for Newfound junior Ashlee Dukette, who needed just 17 to reach the milestone.

What's On Tap

State Meets for skiing will dominate the schedule in the coming week for the local high schools.

The Newfound boys and girls will be competing in the Division III alpine State Meet on Monday, Feb. 12, at Sunapee Mountain Resort at 10 a.m.

The Plymouth alpine boys will be at Cranmore on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. for the Division II State Meet and the Bobcat girls will be at King Pine on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. for their State Meet.

The ski jumping State Meet will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. in Hanover. The Newfound hoop boys will be hosting Inter-Lakes Friday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin for a 7 p.m. game on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Bear basketball girls will be hosting Franklin on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. The Plymouth alpine ski team will be wrapping up the regular season at Cranmore on Friday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m.

The Nordic Bobcats will be competing at Plainfield School on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

The Plymouth hoop boys will be hosting Hanover on Friday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. and will be at Con-Val for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Bobcat basketball girls will be at Hanover at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, before returning home to host Con-Val at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The unified basketball Bobcats will be hosting Inter-Lakes-Moultonborough on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 4 p.m.

The Plymouth wrestlers will be at Winnacunnet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will be hosting Sanborn at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Proctor Academy and will be at John Stark-Hopkinton on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Ashlee Dukette (second from left) poses with her mother, Erin Dukette and sisters Alyssa Shaw and Haley Dukette after scoring her 1,000th point last Monday night.

While she accomplished that late in the third quarter, the story at the end of the game was the strong play from the Bears that led them to a big win over their fellow Division III semi-finalists from a year ago.

Newfound rolled to the 72-28 win behind 22 points from Dukette, who reached her 1,000th point with a runner in the lane with 1:23 to go in

the third. "I'm happy for her," said Newfound coach Karri Peterson of her junior star. "It was good to have it happen tonight, with her being able to get them like she did."

"I told the girls before the game that it doesn't matter if it's tonight, she's going to get it," Peterson said. "We're not going to force something that's not there."

"No shots fell for us," said Prospect coach Rick Burley. "It was just one of those nights, nothing would fall and we didn't play good defense."

"Once we got down, it just compiled," he added. "When you don't hit your shots it's easy for teams to get back in transition."

Early on, the two teams were side by side, with Ali Brown hitting



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Newfound's Savanna Bony and Prospect's Ali Brown both go up for a rebound in action last week.

the first hoop for Prospect and Jasmine Peterson answering with a three for the Bears. Tiffany White sunk three throws to put Prospect in the lead but the Bears closed the quarter on a 12-2 run for a 15-7 lead

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Bears battle with Lakes Region squads at windy Gunstock

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Newfound alpine ski team joined teams from around Lake Winnepesaukee in the frigid winds at Gunstock on Friday, Feb. 2, for the annual Winnepesaukee Alpine Race.

The Bear girls skied to sixth overall and the boys finished in fifth place overall. Kingswood was the winner in both races.

In the morning giant slalom, the Newfound boys were led by Jacob Blouin, who skied to 16th place overall in 1:08.97.

Reid Wilkins was next for Newfound, finishing in 18th place in 1:08.98 and Matt Karcheck was the third scorer in a time of 1:11.35 for 23rd place.

Trevor Robie rounded out the scoring for Newfound with a time of 1:12.36 for 25th place overall.

Cian Connor was 28th in 1:16.27, Tuan Nguyen

finished in 31st in 1:16.78, Brandon Marcoux was 36th in 1:26.23, Jacob Pfister finished 41st in 1:29.01, Owen Henry was 43rd in 1:32.58 and Jason Liang skied to 46th place in 1:47.21.

In the afternoon slalom, Wilkins was tops for the Bears, finishing in ninth place overall in 1:01.81.

Blouin was 20th overall in 1:16.65, with Robie finishing third for Newfound with a time of 1:22.09 for 24th place.

Connor rounded out the scoring for the Bears with a time of 1:30.4 for 28th place.

Pfister skied to 29th in 1:32.78, Karcheck was 31st in 1:33.23, Nguyen was 32nd in 1:35.53, Marcoux finished 34th in 1:39.63 and Liang was 38th in 2:00.35.

The Newfound girls were led by Stephanie Norton in the morning giant slalom, as she took 20th place overall in 1:14.87.

Victoria Roman finished 23rd in 1:18.62 and Hannah Owen skied to 24th place in 1:19.08.

Shanley Camara rounded out the scoring

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
Shanley Camara skis for Newfound during Friday's meet at Gunstock.



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Reid Wilkins skis in the giant slalom at Gunstock on Friday.

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Timber Wolf boys edge by Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Newfound Bears were a bit shorthanded in the game against Prospect Mountain in Alton on Monday, Jan. 29.

But both teams played a competitive game, with the hosts coming out with a 48-39 win.

“I think the score was just another example of how winning is hard, no matter what you’re competing in or what the opponent represents,” said Prospect coach Joe Faragher. “I’ve been preaching to the guys about valuing everything from drills, practice time, possessions, situations and just any of the opportunities they have in life.

“And I thought we did a good job of recognizing that for the most part,” Faragher added.

“It was a good game,” said Newfound coach Tom Bourdeau, who led the Timber Wolves to the Division III championship game when he was coaching there. “I was pleased with my team’s effort.”

The Bears were without two starters for the entire game and one for the first half, but the game was competitive across the board until the final period, when Prospect pulled away for the win.

The Timber Wolves led by a 14-12 score after one but Newfound outscored the hosts by a 13-9 margin in the second quarter and took a 25-23 lead to the halftime break. Matt Costigan was a solid contributor in the second quarter, as he drained a pair of three-pointers, two hoops and a free throw for 11 points in the quarter.

Prospect came back in the third quarter and outscored Newfound by an 8-3 margin, with Sam Reynolds scoring four of the eight points for the Timber Wolves, while Tyler Boulanger’s three-pointer accounted for all of the Bear points in the third quarter.

The hosts then pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring Newfound 17-11. Cutlas Greeley hit a hoop to open the scoring and he added another hoop in the frame. Robert Quirk also hit a pair of hoops and a free throw and Brandon Stelson had a hoop and two foul shots. Colby Miles and Stine Williams had



KATHY SUTHERLAND
Prospect Mountain’s Cutlas Greeley drives to the basket as Newfound’s Colby Miles goes up for a block in action last week.

the Newfound hoops in the frame, with the rest of the points being scored from the free throw line.

For the Timber Wolves, Greeley led the charge with 15 points on the night and also pulled

down seven rebounds. Unzen snagged 11 rebounds to lead the hosts on the boards. Newfound was led by 11 points each from Mason Dalphonse and Costigan. Dalphonse led the way with seven

rebounds for Newfound. “I had to use a JV swing player early in the game instead of the normal end of the game situations,” Bourdeau noted. “Freshman Matt Costigan really stepped



KATHY SUTHERLAND
Bobby Quirk goes to the basket against James Shokal of Newfound during action in Alton last week.

up big time.”

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PSU skier heading to the Winter Olympics

Freydis Einarsdottir will represent Iceland in South Korea

PLYMOUTH — For the first time in the storied history of Plymouth State University (PSU) athletics, a PSU student-athlete will compete in the Olympic Games. Alpine skier Freydis Einarsdottir, a junior exercise and sport physiology major who hails from Garðabær, Iceland, will represent her home country at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. A three-year member of the PSU alpine ski team, Einarsdottir will be one of only three skiers representing Iceland at the Winter Games – along with one Nordic skier and one male alpine skier. She will compete in the slalom and giant slalom.

Einarsdottir learned just over a week ago that she had been selected for the Olympic team. “I knew I had a good shot at qualifying,” said Einarsdottir. “I have worked so hard for so long to reach this goal, and I am naturally very excited and honored to represent my country. But making the team does not mean I’ve reached my goals –

I want to do well there and ski as fast in my race as I do in my training.” Einarsdottir narrowly missed qualifying for the Icelandic team for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Einarsdottir is no stranger to competing at the highest levels of her sport. Last February, she represented Iceland at the 2017 FIS World Alpine Ski Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, her third time competing at the World Championships. She also raced in the 2015 FIS World Alpine Ski Championships in Beaver Creek, Colo., and the 2013 FIS World Alpine Ski Championships in Schladming, Austria.

As a freshman in 2016, she became the first female skier in Plymouth State history to qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic Conference (NCAA) Alpine Skiing Championships and earned a 12th place finish in slalom, the highest finish ever at NCAAAs for a PSU skier. In 2017, Einarsdottir again qualified for the NCAA Alpine Skiing Championships and finished 15th in slalom and 19th in giant slalom. Her impressive finish in the slalom event made her the first PSU skier to post multiple top-15 finishes in national competition.

Einarsdottir was named to the Eastern Intercollegiate All-East team last winter with seventh place slalom and eighth place giant slalom results at the NCAA Eastern Regional Championships, and had four additional top-10 regular season finishes. She was also named to the United States Collegiate Ski Coaches Association All-Academic team in recognition of her near-perfect grade point average (GPA).

Einarsdottir has been honored by PSU as the Janet Nell Female Athlete of the Year each of the past two years.



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Freydis Einarsdottir of the Plymouth State alpine team will be competing in the Winter Olympics in South Korea.



PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY – COURTESY PHOTO
Freydis Einarsdottir will be representing Iceland in the Winter Olympics next week in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Einarsdottir credits her experience as a student-athlete at Plymouth State and the training and racing she is able to do in New Hampshire with helping her to achieve her goals as a world-class skier, while also working toward her college degree and being part of the PSU ‘family.’

“Freydis is a great competitor and an out-

standing student-athlete, who we are fortunate to call a Panther,” said Geoff Ouellette, head coach, Plymouth State University alpine ski team. “She works tirelessly to excel in her sport and in the classroom. We are very proud of her, and our entire PSU community will be cheering for her as she competes in PyeongChang.”

“Luckily we were able to make a couple more plays than they did and get a win,” Faragher added.

The Timber Wolves dropped a 67-24 decision to a very strong Berlin team the following night and dropped a 66-49 decision at Inter-Lakes on Friday night.

Newfound traveled to Hopkinton on Thursday, Feb. 1, and dropped a 71-44 decision. Dalphonse led the way with 16 points and 12 rebounds. The Bears trailed 27-10 after one and 44-19 at the half.

The Bears are back at it on Friday, Feb. 9, at home against Inter-Lakes at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Prospect will be at White Mountains at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, will be hosting Somersworth on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. and visiting Raymond at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15.

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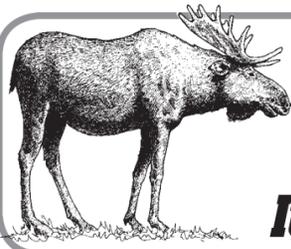
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Newfound seeking Hall of Fame nominees

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School is gearing up for its third annual Athletic Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize the significant contributions of athletes, coaches, teams and contributors to Bristol High School, Newfound Memorial High School and Newfound Regional High School, while reinforcing a sense of history and tradition.

For an athlete to be considered, they must have graduated from one of the high schools, been out of high school for a minimum of 15 years, exemplified outstanding athletic abilities, talents and achievements, been a member of a varsity team for at least two years and have represented Newfound Athletics in a positive fashion, both as an undergraduate and as an alumnus.

A coach nominee must have coached at Newfound for a minimum of 10 years and represented Newfound athletics in a positive fashion, while at Newfound and as a former coach.

Teams nominated must be 10 years beyond their accomplishments. In addition, an induction of a team does not prohibit the separate induction of one or more members of the team.

Individuals considered in the contributor category are those who have been associated with Newfound athletics and the high schools, and who have made a significant contribution to the athletic program.

Deceased athletes, coaches or contributors are eligible for induction.

Nominations are due by March 31, with the selection committee making its decisions in May. Homecoming 2018 will be Sept. 28-30.

More information, as well as the nomination form, can be found on the NRHS Web page and under the Athletics link. Any person can make a nomination. All information should be sent to Pete Cofran, Athletic Director, at pcofr@sau4.org, or at NRHS, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH 03222. A person can also call 744-6006, x1507 for more information.

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LACONIA — If you register by Feb. 28, there is no cost to play with Laconia Lacrosse Club, an affiliate club with the NH Youth Lacrosse Association, the governing body of youth lacrosse in New Hampshire. Uniforms are provided by the league.

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register with this regional club.

Laconia Lacrosse fields teams for players of all skill levels, both boys and girls, from grades 1-8. Practices start the week of March 18. Games are played on Sundays beginning April 8 and the season wraps up with the annual NHYLA State festival the weekend of June 9-10.

Laconia Lacrosse plays at the Bank of NH turf stadium at Laconia High School, and is host to the state's North/South Games over Memorial Day weekend,

which brings players from all over the state in friendly competition.

There will be a substantial late fee assessed March 1, so register now while it's free. Your player must be a member of US Lacrosse (<https://www.uslacrosse.org/membership>) and should open an account on the Laconia Lacrosse Club web site in order to be placed on a roster (<https://leagueathletics.com/Registration/Default.asp?org=LA-CLAX>). Questions or issues can be directed to the club at LaconiaLacrosseClub@gmail.com.

Off on another big adventure

By the time this column is read by most people on Thursday, I will already be on a plane heading to Toronto, or if it's a bit later in the day, I'll be on the flight from Toronto to Seoul, which lasts a total of almost 13 hours.

The Olympic trip officially begins today with lots of flying. The flights will take me to Seoul, arriving at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, which is 1 a.m. on Friday.

It's been a pretty busy week-plus leading up to the Olympic trip. My goal was to try and see as many different teams as possible in the weeks leading up to the trip, since I would be missing all of the local action for the next few weeks.

It started on Monday of last week, with Newfound and Prospect Mountain hoop girls meeting up in Bristol. The next night I made the trip to North Conway to see the Kennett and Kingswood boys and girls play in a basketball double-header. Two nights later I was in Plymouth to see the Bobcat hoop girls and the next morning, Friday, Feb. 2, I headed to Gunstock to see the Kingswood, Prospect and Newfound alpine ski teams in action. This marked the first time all season that I'd seen the Timber Wolves and Bears, since many of their races earlier in the season had been postponed by unfavorable weather.

The weekend started on Saturday morning with a trip to Plymouth

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

to see the Bobcat wrestlers in their first invitational tournament, with the Kingswood wrestlers also in attendance. From there, I had to head to Concord to try and deal with a problem with my cell phone. For the past few weeks, it wasn't charging properly and it was getting a bit irritating. I wanted to get it fixed before I headed to Korea, but I guessed that I was going to have to spend some money on a new phone or some expensive fix. However, the girl in the Verizon store figured out my problem in a quick minute. It seems the charging port had lint in it and once she cleaned it out, the phone charged perfectly.

Since I was in Concord already, I went to the Everett Arena to watch the Kingswood hockey boys play Bow and then on Sunday morning it was off to Dartmouth College for the indoor track state championships.

After deadline, there were more games on the docket, with unified hoops and Kingswood girls' hockey on Monday, Kingswood, Kennett and Plymouth Nordic skiing at Abenaki Ski Area on Tuesday afternoon and Kingswood and Plymouth hoop boys later in the evening. My final game before heading out

was set to be Kennett hockey on Wednesday night at the Ham Arena.

Then, it was off to the Olympic Games.

I can't thank everyone who contributed to this trip enough. This is a fantastic experience and I know that this is going to be yet another trip I will never forget. People in the local communities have been incredibly generous in their support and I am grateful for everything.

If you are interested in following along with my exploits, I will be posting photos on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. My Instagram and Twitter handles are salmon-sportsguy. I will also be putting updates on the Salmon Press Sports - Wolfeboro Facebook page, including photos. And I also have a blog that I plan on updating daily (assuming internet works as planned) at salmon-sportsguy.blogspot.com.

Here goes nothing.

Finally, have a great day Mike and Karla Daines.

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Waterville Valley alums named to Olympic team

WATERVILLE VALLEY — The United States Olympic Committee has named six WVBBS/WVA alumni to the 2018 US Olympic Team that will compete this month in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Ashley Caldwell, Kiley McKinnon, Mac Bohannon and Eric Loughran will all compete in the freestyle aerial events. According to Todd Ossian, Head aerials coach for the US Ski and Snowboard Team, "Our aerials Olympic team has experienced a huge level of success at the World Cup and World Championship levels and is fully capable of replicating that success in PyeongChang. We're coming into these Games with more on snow time than we've ever had and are primed for our best performances."

Freestyle athlete Annalisa Drew will make her second Olympic appearance in the halfpipe having also been a member of the team for the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia.

Snowboarder Mike Trapp will make his Olympic debut in the parallel giant slalom. Trapp's coach, Justin Reiter, commented on his athlete's success, "Mike has worked extremely hard to get here. I'm proud of his dedication to snowboarding and his never surrender attitude. You will not

find a better example of a hard working blue collar athlete out there. We are excited to take the first step in getting to the Games. Now we focus and work to bring home some hardware."

The 2018 Winter Games will kick-off with the Opening Ceremonies on Friday, Feb. 9. The aerial events will take place during the first week of competition, Feb. 15-18. The women's halfpipe skiing event will take place on Feb. 20 with the parallel giant slalom competition wrapping things up on Feb. 24.

WVBBS/Snow-

sports Educational Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit offering superior training programs for athletes dedicated to excellence in alpine racing, freestyle skiing, and snowboarding. WVBBS/SEF also operates Waterville Valley Academy, a snowsports and academic academy designed for full time student athletes in grades 6-12 who are dedicated to pursuing the highest level of performance in alpine racing, freestyle skiing and snowboarding in parallel with an individualized academic program.

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Deadlines and the Olympics

MEREDITH — Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding will be covering the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea the next few weeks.

Because of the time difference and the Olympic schedule, this will require a few deadline changes for a couple of weeks while he is out of the country.

All sports items for the North Country papers (Littleton Courier, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter) for the issues of Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 must be submitted by noon on the Sunday prior to publication.

All sports items for the Lakes Re-

gion papers for the issues of Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 must be received by 8 a.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

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And a reminder, if you know of an Olympic athlete with local connections, send an e-mail to josh@salmonpress.news so we can hopefully catch up in Korea.

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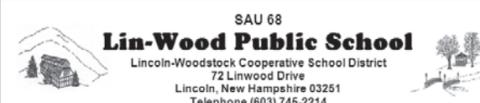
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after one. Dukette started the run with her first hoop and then Madi Dalphonse put in a three and Dukette added another hoop. After a bucket from Mackenzie Burke got Prospect back on the board, Dalphonse hit another three and Peterson finished off a Bailey Fairbank rebound with a hoop to close out the quarter with Newfound up by eight.

The lead continued to grow in the second quarter, as Peterson hit a hoop and a free throw to start the scoring and then Dukette hit another basket. Bekah Wheeler came back with a three for Prospect Mountain, but Savanna Bony hit a hoop and Peterson hit a three-pointer for a 25-10 lead.

Dalphonse hit another three-pointer, Dukette had a basket and Peterson hit from long distance to stretch the lead to 33-10 before Wheeler hit a hoop for the Timber Wolves. Bony closed out the first half scoring with a three-point play and the Bears were up 36-12 after two quarters of play.

The Bears kept on going in the third quarter, as they hit for the first 10 points of the frame. Bony started the scoring then Dukette put in three hoops and Fairbank added one, pushing the lead to 46-12 before Burke got Prospect on the board with two free throws.

Dukette came back with a bucket to push her within one of 1,000 and then Tiffany Doan hit two

free throws for the Bears. Burke converted a three-point play for the Timber Wolves and the lead was 50-17 as the clock ticked under two minutes to go in the third.

With 1:23 to go in the third, Dukette gave the crowd what they had come to see, reaching the 1,000-point mark. The game was paused as teammates, coaches and family members offered their congratulations and many of the Prospect players made a point to congratulate the Bear junior on her milestone before play resumed.

The Bears finished the scoring in the third with hoops from Dukette and Peterson while White hit one for Prospect and Newfound's lead was 56-19 heading to the third.

Bony started the fourth-quarter scoring with a hoop and after Brown hit a basket for the Timber Wolves, Bony hit two free throws and Dukette hit another bucket. Burke sank a shot for Newfound but Bony hit two more from the line to match it.

Peterson scored a pair of buckets before White drilled a three-pointer for Prospect. Bony hit a hoop and then Nadia Huggard put in two free throws for the visitors. Haley Dukette finished out the scoring with a basket for the 72-29 final.

Dukette led all scorers with 22, while Peterson added 20 and Bony put in 15 as she inched closer to her own 1,000-point mark. Burke led the Timber Wolves with nine points, while White added eight.

Peterson said she made sure to keep her team on track heading in instead of focusing on Dukette's milestone.

"She's going to get it when she gets it," the veteran coach said. "We have to be ready to play the team we're playing tonight because Prospect Mountain is a strong team.

"And that was one of the best games we've played all season," Peterson continued. "If we play like that every night we'll be fine."

She praised the work of Fairbank off the bench and also noted Dalphonse hitting threes early on helped to open up things for Dukette. She also noted Jasmine Peterson did a good job handling the ball and controlling the offense.

"We got beat, there's nothing to say besides we didn't hit any shots," Burley said. "I think anybody can beat anybody on any given night."

However, he also noted that it was important to put this game in the rearview mirror.

"We're not even going to worry about this game tonight," he said. "We'll forget about this game and go play Berlin."

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, Newfound took on Monadnock and won 53-44. The Bears trailed 13-11 after one but outscored the visitors 11-5 in the second for a 22-18 lead at the half. The Bears edged the Huskies 20-19 in the third and outscored them 11-7 in the final quarter for the nine-point win.

Peterson had 14 points, five assists, five

rebounds and three blocks. Dalphonse had 10 points in the third and Leah Bunnell added 10 points off the bench. Dukette had 15 points, three assists and three blocks to go along with nine points.

The Bears finished out the busy week with a 48-33 win over Hopkinton on Friday. Peterson noted the Hawks have one of the top defenses in the division and noted her team struggled at times, but they pulled through.

The Bears led 10-8 after one and the game was tied at 21 at the half-time break. The Bears then limited the Hawks to 12 points in the second half, allowing just eight in the third and four in the fourth on the way to the 15-point win. Dukette had 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. Bunnell had nine points, Peterson had eight points, seven assists and five rebounds and Bony had seven points. Doan added 10 rebounds.

The Timber Wolves bounced back nicely from the loss, defeating Berlin 39-34 the next night and then finishing out the week with a 64-57 win over Inter-Lakes.

Newfound will be back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 13, hosting Franklin at 6:30 p.m. Prospect Mountain will be hosting White Mountains on Friday, Feb. 9, and will visit Somersworth on Tuesday, Feb. 13, before finishing the regular season at home against Sanborn on Thursday, Feb. 15, all at 6 p.m.

wwJV action

The Prospect JV girls defeated the Newfound girls by a 37-29 score earlier in the night.

**NRHS 15-21-20-16-72
PMHS 7-5-7-8-28**

Newfound 72

Peterson 8-1-20, Dalphonse 3-0-9, Fairbank 1-0-2, Bony 5-5-15, Doan

0-2-2, H. Dukette 1-0-2, A. Dukette 11-0-22, Totals 29-8-72

Prospect Mountain 28

White 2-3-8, Wheeler 2-0-5, Huggard 0-2-2, Brown 2-0-4, Burke 3-3-9, Totals 9-8-28

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jacob Blouin was the top skier for Newfound in the giant slalom on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Stephanie Norton skis during giant slalom action on Friday at Gunstock.

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for Newfound, finishing in 28th place in 1:20.94.

Owen led the way for the Bears in the afternoon slalom, as she skied to 21st place in 1:25.74.

Roman was 22nd overall in 1:27.11 and Norton finished in 23rd place in 1:28.02 to finish out the

field of Bears finishing both runs.

The Bears will now turn their attention to the Division III State Meet, which will take place at Mount Sunapee Resort and will take place on Monday, Feb. 12.

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