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# Blairs offer firsthand look at effects of Australian fires

BY DONNA RHODES

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HEBRON - In last week's edition, brought readers a report from Hebron residents John and Becky Blair, who spend their winters in Australia and have been caught up in the fires that are devastating that country this winter. This week, the couple have provided us with an update on the situation as they see it from their winter home in Tura Beach.

To date, they said on Tuesday that the death toll in Australia is now up to 28 people, more than half a billion animals have perished in the fire and that 16 million acres have burned.

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COURTESY - JOHN AND BECKY BLAIF

John and Becky Blair of Hebron shared this photo of an Australian volunteer fire fighter rescuing a koala bear. So far fires in Australia are reported to have killed 28 people, a billion animals (both wild and domestic) and burned 16 million acres of land.



COURTESY — JOHN AND BECKY BLAIR

John and Becky Blair of Hebron took this photo of Merimbula, Australia the day the fires came close to that area. "It went dark after this, night and day," they said.

#### BHVS Principal offered position with SAU 48

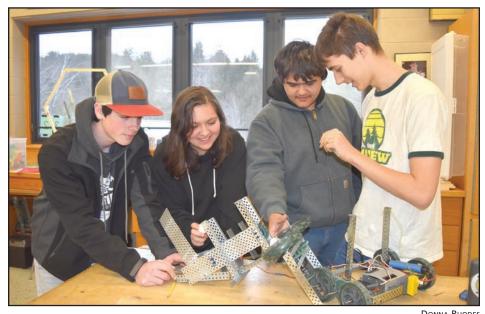
PLYMOUTH — At its Dec. 12 meeting, the SAU 48 school board unanimously appointed Dana Andrews as the incoming Assistant Superintendent.

For the last 11 years, Andrews has served as Principal of the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal, a high school teacher, and a school resource officer.

Over the past three years, he completed his CAGS degree from SNHU in Educational Leadership and also participated in the Granite State Leadership Academy.

He is married and has three wonderful children, Aubrie, Alex, and Allison.

SAU Board Chair Danny Desrosiers stated "I am particularly SEE ANDREWS, PAGE A10



Robotics Club members from Newfound Regional High School looked over a prototype for a ball tossing component they may incorporate in their own robot that will be part of this year's FIRST Robotics competitions. From left to right are Sam Sanborn, Sophia Pettit, Chris Drew and Ashlar Dotson.

# Robotics program at NRHS generates growing interest

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BRISTOL -Winter months are not just for

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high school basketball. They also signal the start of inter-scholastic robotics competitions, an exciting challenge that is drawing more and more interest from schools everywhere, and for the second year in a row, Newfound Regional High School is among them, thanks to a generous grant from the New Hampshire Department of Education's Robotics Education Development Program.

The NRHS Robotics team is under the direction of faculty members Don White and Lorie Mayo. Local engineering mentor Paul Bemis is assisting the two, while also

lending professional expertise to the students are Roger Keezer and Karen MacLeod of Freudenberg

Bemis said he is glad to see a lot of students returning to the program this year after a successful introduction in 2019. Despite being new to robotics competition, last year's robotics team from NRHS brought home a Rookie All Star Award last spring, one of only five given out that year.

"We all had a good time last year and learned a lot. With experience under our belts now, we know what to expect now and we're in live to have a

SEE ROBOTICS, PAGE A10



The Blairs of Hebron shared this photo of a friend standing at a normally pristine Australian beach that is now covered in ash. The grey sky behind her was also due to smoke from the wild

## Keep The Heat On gala raises \$60,000

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

PLYMOUTH - It was a Wizard of Oz theme, designed by Francesca Diggs and Norma Jean Morrison, that set the tone for this year's Keep the Heat on fundraising dinner at the Common Man restaurant in Plymouth, bringing a nostalgic yet fun filled atmosphere to an important cause.

Keep the Heat On, a partnership with the Plymouth Area Community Closet, has been a vital part of the Plymouth area for the past 15 years, already providing just over \$25,500 in fuel assistance to 76 requests from 13 area towns this year alone. The program allows people to receive help with their heating costs each winter, no questions asked, whether that be through 125 gallons of fuel, a cord of wood, a pallet of wood pellets or a ton of coal. In order to help their neighbors in need with those benefits, co-founder and

committee Chair Martha



Keep The Heat On Chair Martha Richards recognizes Denise Castonguay for her 15 years of service to the annual fundraising campaign.

Richards said KTHO has been able to raise more than \$536,000 over the past 15 years.

"I think that's quite an accomplishment," said.

Before this year's fundraiser even began, Richards said people had already stepped up to the plate by making early donations and she hoped that that philanthropy would carry on throughout the evening as they sought to raise another \$50,000 to \$55,000 for the fund. The eve-SEE KTHO, PAGE A10

# Save the date for Squam Lakes Winterfest

**HOLDERNESS** Join us on Saturday, Feb. 15 from noon-3 p.m. for one of the most exciting winter events around Squam Lake, all while supporting a good cause! From skating, pond hockey, cross country skiing, sledding, mini golf in Piper Cove, ice fishing, a fire pit, winter sports demos, amazing raffle prizes, and loads of fun—this event is not to be missed.

Come celebrate the best of what the season has to offer. During our Annual Chili contest (the perfect meal on a cold winter day) you can try a number of unique styles of chili from local partic-



ipating restaurants and vote for your favorites. Here you're the judge! There will also be an outside bonfire to warm up by, marshmallows to

roast, and hot cocoa for

Winterfest is a special

event that supports the important mission-focused work of the Squam Lakes Association in conservation, education, watershed wellness, and low-impact access to the most beautiful lakes and trails in New Hampshire. Please join us in keeping our Squam Lakes protected and preserved, by celebrating winter with our Squam community.

at the Squam Lakes Association Headquarters, us at 968-7336.

# **Bristol Police Log**

BRISTOL — The Bristol Police Department handled 210 calls for service from Dec. 8-21, resulting in two adult criminal arrests, and 10 criminal offense investigations. Officers also performed 72 motor vehicle stops, investigated 10 motor vehicle accidents, and conducted 153 directed enforcement patrols, area checks, and foot patrols.

Other call reasons included: domestic disturbances, mental health emergency, intoxicated persons, welfare checks, warrant checks, criminal investigation follow-ups, theft, 911 investigations, assaults, crimthreatening, thefts, burglary, harassment, noise complaints, suspicious vehicles, suspicious persons, drug activity complaints, drug investigations, motor vehicle complaints, DWI complaints, residential alarms, business alarms, parking complaints, abandoned vehicles, civil matters, paperwork service, animal complaints, dog bite, public assists, motorist assists, fingerprints, sex offender registration, VIN verifications, hazards, juvenile complaints, assist other police agencies, and assist the fire department.

#### **Arrests:**

Matthew Robie, 34, Hill- Driving While Intoxicated 2nd Offense, Operate w/ out interlock device, Operating After Suspension for

William Taylor-Swartwout. 23, Danbury- Conduct After an Accident, Open Container

Identifying information for juveniles, and persons placed into protective custody are not released.



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# Local students named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

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Nicholas Kulig, of Plymouth

David Littlejohn, of Holderness

Jasmine Patten, of **Bristol** Emma Smith, of

Winterfest takes place

534 Route 3 in Holderness. It's free and open to the public. So grab the kids and swing on by. There's something for everyone! Interested in volunteering during the event? Email volunteer@ squamlakes.org or call

#### Rumney Grace Page, of Bristol Raymond Steenbeke, of Plymouth

Alexia Gonzalez, of

Bridget McCarthy, of

Merrill,

Plymouth

Thornton

Sarah

Clayton Titus, of Holderness

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# This month's SLA Family Hike: Whitten Woods

HOLDERNESS — This Saturday (Jan. 25), we invite you and your family to the SLA on a family-oriented hike in the Squam Lakes region. For this third outing in a series of family hikes—which recur on the fourth Saturday of each month—we'll the winding trails of Whitten Woods. This easy loop hike is 1.9 miles round-trip, with some beautiful views of the Squam Lakes. We will take our time, follow the children's curiosities, and enjoy being outside. Program end time is somewhat flexible, as it is dependent on weather conditions and the group's hiking speed. Whether your family is to hiking or soned hikers, this is a fun way to get outside and explore!

Participants meet at 9 a.m. at the Squam Lakes Associ-Headquarters (534 US Route 3 in Holderness) before carpooling to the Whitten Woods trailhead. We'll aim to wrap up around noon, but exact timing is hard to predict as it

depends on the individual hikers. Each of our family hikes will begin with a brief discussion on how we can all stay safe and have fun while hiking-especially in the winter.

This hike is for all but children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should bring appropriate clothing, extra layers, comfortwater-resistant shoes for hiking, water, snacks, and micro-spikes snowshoes. The SLA provide snowshoes for up to six par-



# SLA to host Goldsworthyinspired outdoor art program

HOLDERNESS —Ever wonder what it means to be an artist? Sometimes intimidated by art? Believe that you're not "artistic"? Or maybe you're an artistic genius? Regardless, come on out to beautiful Belknap Woods on Sunday, Jan. 26 to chuck those conceptions out the window and dive into the playful and wonderfully unconventional world of Andy Goldsworthy.

Goldsworthy, an enigmatic bloke hailing from Scotland, challenges traditional art mediums and creates site-specific constructions using found natural materials - ice, snow, sticks, rocks, leaves, moss. As we explore Belknap woods, we'll make our own Goldsworthy style creations and discover new frames to view the natural world through. Bring a camera to capture a souvenir of your work, since we will not be removing any material from the forest—part of the magic of these creations is that they remain in place and eventually fade back into the forest floor.

Folks should plan to arrive at the Squam Lakes Association at 12:45 p.m. to meet Lakes Region Conservation Corps member, Elijah Schumacher, who will be leading the day's activities. We will begin by looking at some of Andy Goldsworthy's work and talking about what his style of art could look like at Belknap Woods. Parking is limited at Belknap, so we'll carpool over and spend a couple hours creating our own nature artwork. Belknap is a particularly personable and engaging plot of woods with varying landscapes to turn to for inspiration and the freestyle format of Goldsworthy style art is great for kids! Snow and ice sculptures, twig houses, and cairns are all fun ways to engage with the natural world and families are encouraged to attend. Please be sure to bring lots of warm clothes, extra gloves, and hand warmers. Snacks and/or

a thermos of something hot are also encouraged. After a couple hours of art/play/artistic endeavors, we will return to SLA for hot chocolate, a discussion of the day, and to show off snapshots of our artwork. We'll wrap up by 3 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Registration is required. For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology Program, visit the SLA website (squamlakes. org) or contact the SLA directly (968-7336). The SLA also offers other Adventure Ecology trips throughout the year every Tuesday and Saturday. These free programs are open to the public and cover a variety of nature and conservation related topics. The Adventure Ecology programs are presented by the Lakes Region Conservation Corps members at the SLA who participate in an AmeriCorps program performing important conservation work in support of the Association's mission.

Although this hike is of moderate intensity, the difficulty may increase with any icy, snowy, or rainy weather.

For more information about these hikes, or to sign up, visit the SLA website (squamlakes.org) or contact

the SLA directly at 968-7336. Since this hike is on an SLA trail, it count towards Squam Ranger program where hikers can earn a patch and become Squam Rangers by hiking all 50 miles of SLA trails. The SLA also offers other Squam Ranger hikes and ronmental programs throughout the year. The Squam Lakes Association is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the Squam Watershed.

# **Bank of New Hampshire** welcomes Jonathan Winters

LACONIA — Bank New Hampshire is proud to announce that Jonathan "JJ" Winters has joined the Information Security and Risk Management team as Assistant Vice President - Information Security Administrator.

Winters will be responsible for the administration of the Bank's vendor management program and information security related regulatory compliance and governance in the risk management division. He brings over 15 years of experience in the financial services industry with the past eight years focused on risk management and compliance.

"JJ is a fantastic addition to our team," stated Paul Falvey, President & CEO for Bank of New Hampshire. "His knowledge and experience will complement the experienced and dedicated team we have in place today."



**Jonathan Winters** Winter holds Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of New Hampshire, is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking, the New England School of Financial Studies, the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado and holds a BSA-AML professional certification. He is active in the community and is currently the co-treasurer of the Franklin Animal Shelter, chair of the fraud committee and member of the risk management and security committees for the NH Bankers Association in addition

to serving as a member of the NH Financial Abuse Specialty Team (FAST).

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# Local students named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

have been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

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# CADY Corner

# Vaping of marijuana on the rise among teens

BY DEB NARO

Findings from the 2019 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey, a national representative sample of eighth, 10th and 12th graders in hundreds of U.S. schools demonstrate the appeal of vaping to teens, as seen in the increased prevalence of marijuana use as well as nicotine vaping. The self-report survey is

given annually to students who respond to questions about their drug use and attitudes. Past year vaping of marijuana, which has more than doubled in the past two years, was reported at 20.8 percent among 12th graders, with 10th graders not far behind at 19.4 percent and eighth graders at 7.0 percent. Past month marijuana vaping among 12th graders nearly doubled in a single year to 14 percent from 7.5 percent–the second largest one-year jump ever tracked for any substance in the history of the survey.

For the first time, the

survey measured dai-

ly marijuana vaping,

which was reported at

3.5 percent among 12th

graders. 3.0 percent

among 10th graders,

and eighth tenths of a

percent among eighth graders. Marijuana continues to be the most used illicit drug by adolescents. After remaining mostly stable for many years, daily use of marijuana increased significantly since 2018 among eighth and 10th graders. However, other drug use including the misuse of prescription drugs and the use of alcohol as well as tobacco cigarettes con-

"We are heartened to see the continuing decline in the use of many drugs, particularly non-medical use of prescription opioids; however, teens are clearly attracted to vaping products, which are often concentrated amounts of drugs disguised as electronic gadgets," said NIDA Director Dr. Nora Vol-

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tinues to decline.

kow. "Their growing popularity threatens to undo years of progress protecting the health of adolescents in the U.S."

According to the CDC, marijuana use may have long-lasting or permanent effects on the developing adolescent brain. When teens begin using marijuana, it can affect how the brain builds connections between the areas of thinking, memory and learning. Vaping marijuana has also been connected with lung illnesses. The CDC reports the outbreak of e-cigarette lung illness has been associated with vitamin E acetate, an additive in some THC-containing e-cigarettes, or vaping products. As of Dec. 27, a total of 2,261 cases have been reported from all 50 states with 55 deaths confirmed.

How do I know if my child is vaping marijuana? Vaping can be difficult to detect as there is no smoke, minimal odor (although you may catch a whiff) and the vapor produced dissipates rapidly. However, vaping marijuana can result in bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and thirst, increased appetite and shifts in behavior and mood. Sometimes, there is a noticeable change in friends and a decrease in activities that were once enjoyed. You may also find vaping paraphernalia such as devices that look like flash drives and pods or cartridges that contain THC oil. There's a lot of high-tech-looking equipment that can accompany vaping, so if you're not sure, it might be time to talk to your child about what you found.

For more tips on how to talk to your child about vaping marijuana or nicotine products, visit website at cadyinc.org. If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGHealthcare (934-8905) for help.

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Courtesy

#### **Art and Autos**

The Lakes Region Art Association is venturing out with a new strategy to attract more people who are looking for quality paintings and/or photography. The new approach is to find venues where many people congregate, including businesses, theaters, transportation hubs, etc. and exhibit many works of art and photos for sale to the public for a full month at a time. The marketing program is called "The Artists Road Show." The first business to participate is Belknap Subaru, Tilton. Beginning Feb. 3, they will host the LRAA "Art and Autos" exhibit in their showroom, until Feb. 29. The juxtaposition of paintings and photos with new 2020 Subaru models is sure to add a new dimension and interest for people who love art and/or looking to purchase a new or used Subaru. "We are excited about how this idea of working with the Lakes Region Art Association can benefit us both," said Scott Ives, (C) General Manager of Belknap Subaru. Pat Edsall (L) LRAA Vice President, thanks Mr. Ives for Subaru's participation. LRAA member and creator of the Artists Road Show event, Duane Hammond (R), will oversee the grand opening reception held Feb. 3, 2-6 p.m. in the dealerships showroom. Public is invited, includes refreshments. Belknap Subaru, located off Route 140, 35 Tilton Rd. Lakes Region Art Association located in the Tanger Mall, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 132. Gallery open: Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### Strategies for Living

#### Freedom and the American Dream

BY LARRY SCOTT

"Free societies," writes Os Guinness in "A Free People's Choice," "must always maintain their freedom on two levels at once: the level of their nation's constitution and the level of their citizens' convictions."

And both levels are, indeed, being impacted in

modern America.

An active, liberal judiciary has, "succeeded in completely redefining its own constitutional role and usurped Executive,

Legislative, and State powers, centralizing them in its own hands. ... The means used by the Judiciary to increase its scope SEE STRATEGIES, PAGE A10

#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### All voters should have a say on capital projects

the Editor

With all the national news and voting, it's easy to forget that municipal elections will be coming up in about six weeks.

Attendance at town meetings has been declining over the past decade. Voters just don't have the time or the interest to sit through marathon sessions to decide the minutia of Town government. As a result, a small number of voters can make decisions that aren't necessarily the best policy for the majority of residents and taxpayers.

As an example, at last year's Bristol Town Meeting, 110 voters approved a \$20 million sewer to the lake project. This article was presented as necessary to preserve the quality of Newfound Lake. What it will do is exactly the opposite of its stated purpose. This plan will increase density and development along the

shore front. This current plan utilizes a pressurized sewer line that will allow contractors to forego blasting ledge necessary in the previous gravity flow plan.

The cost for this is now downshifted onto the local property owner who will be required to install a grinder pump system at about \$15,000 a pop. In addition, a \$610 "betterment tax" will be placed on those residents served yearly for the next 30 years. This whole project should have never been passed.

There will be a petitioned warrant article on the ballot this year to adopt SB 2 (RSA 40:13), which places projects such as this one on the official ballot and gives all registered voters whether absentee ballot or in person a chance to be heard.

Paul Simard Bristol

#### **Danger: Legislature in session**

To the Editor:

The State House is busy again taking your rights and responsibilities away. We can't seem to believe that you know what you doing. I am deeply disappointed on what we have done. Fortunately, we may have a backstop in the Governor who we can hope will again use his veto pen so we can undo the nonsense foisted on us by the Democrats.

HB 687, the Red Flag made it to the full legislature after a summer of painful subcommittee meetings. This is part of nation wide effort to disarm you and me by taking away our constitutional rights to due process. In the Criminal Law Committee, it could not make its way out with even a recommendation to pass or kill and was opposed even by the ACLU. Despite this, and riding on thousands of dollars invested in lobbyists, the bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate. It will be vetoed by the Governor along with seven other anti gun bills that are wending their way through the process. Last year five anti gun bill were vetoed and we upheld the vetoes. We will kill all eight this year.

Drinking among minors had always been a problem and this year we have a misguided bill that attempts to curb some effects. HB 1351 would give immunity to an underage participant in a drinking party if they report activity they feel could lead to alcohol overdose or to other dangerous results. What happened to teaching kids that alcohol is dangerous and that attendance at these parties have consequences. Telling a kid that they have a free pass if they remember to call the police is wrong. I know it would have when I was younger. We will vote as a committee later this week and then it heads to the full House and Senate. Contact the Criminal Law Committee and tell them no on HB 1351,

Call or contact me if you want to talk about these or other things. My email is dave@sanbornhall.net or 290-9524. Have a great winter and enjoy the snow!

Cheers!

Dave Testerman State Representative Franklin and Hill

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#### 15th Annual Keep The Heat On sizzles!

To the Editor:

It is with great joy, appreciation, and gratitude that I let you all know the news of this year's Keep The Heat On, our 15th, was a huge success that has broken all previous records. Our event topped \$60,000! Just imagine how many families throughout the fifteen towns that the Plymouth Area Community Closet serves and can help with fuel assistance as we come into the coldest time of winter!

Some of these funds will also help PACC's other programs like the food pantry, financial assistance, and Meals for Many on Thursdays at the Plymouth Congregational Church. This year's record donations from sponsors, auction items from individuals and area businesses, our twenty plus restaurants, and the many volunteers who make this happen really shows how it does "take a village" to make things happen

good things that we all need to know still can happen despite the negativity so prevalent these days.

We also gratefully acknowledge and thank Alex Ray and his stellar staff at the Common Man Inn for their help, food donations, many other extras, and outstanding service which all helped make the event successful.

On behalf of the fabulous KTHO Committee, please know how deeply grateful we are to everyone who made this year's event so special - we are truly blessed to have many people care and help our needy neighbors so generously. Please know what a difference you have made for many!

See you in 2021! Sincerely yours,

> Martha Richards Chair, Keep The Heat On Holderness

# As president, I'll do three big things that the other candidates won't.



First, I'll make climate change my number one priority. I've spent the last decade beating the big oil companies and fighting for climate justice. I'll declare a national emergency on day one of my presidency to give the climate crisis the attention it deserves.

Second, I'll support term limits for Congress. Congress shouldn't be a lifetime appointment, and by enacting term limits, we'll give the people the power to hold our elected officials accountable. It's time for Congress to deliver on health care for all; a wealth tax; a free, quality education; sensible gun laws; and more.

<u>Third</u>, I'll cut taxes by 10% for 95% of taxpayers by making sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share — giving every American the chance to thrive.

If you're ready to solve the climate crisis, take back our democracy, and reform our tax system, join our campaign.



# NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

# Electric trucks far behind buyers, and a bobcat visits Washington

I'm on the leading edge of the Baby Boomer tsunami, meaning well into geezerhood. I'm also a prime candidate for an EV (electric vehicle) pickup, on account of carbon-footprint guilttrips and all that. I'd buy or lease one in a heartbeat.

Well, don't be still, my beating heart, because a search for EV pickups turns up zilch, nada, nothing. The only make and model even close to rolling out of a production line is the Rivian, an all-new-vehicle ture by design-mogul R.J. Scaringe and backed by Ford, Amazon and a host of other heavy-hitters. It will have a range of more than 400 miles, reach 60 mph in three seconds, and carry a beginning price of \$69,000, minus tax credits. Tesla, meanwhile, is scrambling to start producing its Cybertruck, said to sport an "angular, futuris-



The Rivian electric pickup, with its fold-down step serving as a seat for man and dog, and easier access to rooftop and bed.



# **Obituary**

#### Evalyn S. Sylvester, 81

FRANKLIN — Evalyn S. Sylvester, 81 of Franklin, died unexpectedly at Franklin Regional Hospital on Jan. 18, 2020.

She was born in Conway on Jan. 22, 1938 the daughter of Harold and Eleanor (Whitman) Shaw.

Evalyn resided was raised in New Hampton, and later resided in Danbury and Bristol prior to moving to Franklin.

For 33 years, she was employed at IPC later Freudenberg NOK in Bristol until her retirement.

She was a longtime member of the Franklin Elks Emblem Club and a member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks #1280. Evalyn was also a member of Franklin VFW Post 1698 Ladies Auxiliary.

She enjoyed knitting



and crocheting.

Family members include her seven children (Sandra Daughen of Danbury, Marie DeLaet of Pittsburg, Sheila Spiller of Chesapeake, Va., Sylvia Heath of Warren, Leila McMahon of Fall River, Mass., and Charles Trask and Frank Trask, both of Alexandria); 23 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; a brother, Richard Shaw of

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Franklin; stepchildren Dan Sylvester and Patricia Prescott of Franklin; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald "Bugsy" Sylvester, Sr., who died in 1996; her parents; brothers Harold, Wayne, and Phillip Shaw; stepson Donald "Skinny" Sylvester, Jr.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home, 143 Franklin St., Franklin, from 4-7 p.m.

The Franklin Elks will hold a service following the visiting hours at 7

Spring burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Evalyn may be made to the Franklin Emblem Club (Elks), 125 South Main St., Franklin, NH 03235.

For directions and an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

Tesla's Cybertruck will, the company says, offer good range and the ability to read the road.

tic design." There are at least six other EV pickups in the offing.

I think this is another case of the public being way out in front of the politicians, pundits, and pollsters. The EV industry has made great strides in reducing battery size and increasing range and power; meanwhile, charging stations are sprouting like mush-

rooms in the night. As happy as I am with my truck, I'd jump ship in a hot second if I could get hold of an EV pickup that would get me from frozen tundra to public transportation. I'm ready, and so, I'd bet, are plenty of others. It's the future, and as everyone loves to say, the future is now.

When bobcats do unusual things, like hanging around backyard birdfeeders or strolling along downtown streets, it's often because cyclic prey populations have crashed, and hunger overrides caution.

Not so with the bobcat that showed up on a trail camera in Washington, D.C. this past Nov. 9, part of a network of cameras maintained by naturalists to see what kind of creatures might be calling the city's green spaces home, or just passing through.

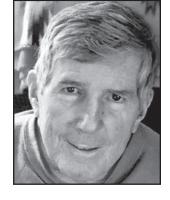
But the bobcat's appearance came as no great surprise to those who focus regionally and nationally on wild felines great and small. Bobcats inhabit all of their ancestral range in North America, save (mostly) for highly urbanized areas, where noise, traffic, household pets and large concentrations of people are just not the bobcat's bag.

Bobcats are largely nocturnal, and unlike coyotes, are not omnivorous, and do not readily adapt to humans and their activities. The D.C. bobcat generated lots of attention because it was seen as such an interloper.

To which I'd add, in bobcat-speak, "Get out of town, especially that town, for your own good."

It took presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's "peaches and cream" complexion to bring it to the fore, but at last someone used "regimen" correctly, instead of the so-often misused and abused "regime." These days, "regime" refers to a government run by a military strongman or demigod dictator. "Regimen" is a routine, as in a workout at the gym.

A columnist and television pundit wondered, in a Cosmopolitan piece, how Warren maintains her apparently youngish complexion. Warren replied that a cousin told her the secret was to use Pond's cold cream



and never wash her face.

Cosmopolitan then surveyed some skin care specialists. "My aunt had the exact same regimen and had similarly fantastic skin," said Jennifer Mancuso, a dermatologist at Michigan Medicine. "That being said, this skin-care regimen certainly doesn't work for everyone."

Right away here, we're expected to take women in politics seriously (who can't?), and we have a major article in a women's magazine focusing on the candidate's complexion? Huh. But at least it gets us out of the regimen of regime.

A note from reader Jane Moody Labbe of Intervale referred to snow and its sometime strange formations. I, for one, have seen snow-rollers, occur with sticky snow that is pushed into a downhill roll by the wind. The result looks like a hand-muff.

"If you look at the snow coming off the roof," she said, referring to a photo of my main barn, "it looks like a heart." She sent a clipping, and so it

photo also showed part of my house, a farmhouse of common design built around 1860. It has floor-joists hewn out of red maple, probably right on the front lawn.

"The old farm houses like the one I grew up in, and yours," she added, "have real heart. These big houses they build today are very cold, nothing warm and cozy."

(Please addressmail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



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## Churches

#### **Ashland Community** Church

#### Real Church. Real People. Real Simple.

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

Pastor: Ernie Madden Worship Pastor: Aaron Stout

Phone: 968-9464

Email: accernie@hotmail.com

Website: ashlandcommunitychurch.com

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship – Come as you are! Casual, welcoming atmosphere. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the worship

#### Aug. 18 – September 15 **Teaching Series:** "I Love My Church!"

Toddler Zone (for infants – five years old) is led by Kara Hamill and Kid Zone (for K-6th grade) is led by Debbie Madden. Both programs are available during the entire worship service. Our greeters will be glad to direct you to and introduce you to our leaders.

Small groups: We also offer adult small groups that meet in various locations on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, for more information about our small groups program.

New Women's Ministry: A women's group will be starting this fall the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning October 2019.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace, mercy and love. We believe you will love Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, welcoming, loving, and caring church.

You don't have to dress up. You don't have to be any particular age. And please don't feel the need to pretend about anything. Ashland Community church is a place where God meets seeking people who are far from perfect. That means everyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. We believe you'll find what you are looking for here. You'll learn how to relate to God. You'll

experience a Christian community. And here's the big thing – you will change. Join us each week as we seek God together. Just come as you are! (No perfect people allowed!)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, at 968-9464 accernie@hotmail. com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

#### **Episcopal Churches Holy Spirit &** St. Mark's, Plymouth & **Ashland**

#### Weekly Worship **Services**

Sundays: 8 a.m. at Griswold Hall, 263 Highland St., Plymouth

9:30 a.m. St. Mark's Church, 18 Highland St., Ashland

Thursdays: 11 a.m., with healing prayers, St Mark's, Ashland

#### **Tremendous** thanks...

...to all who gave of their time and ento prepare for and offer Advent, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve worship. You cleaned, tidied, brought plants & flowers, decorated, designed, folded, managed candles, guided children & costumes, performed, welcomed, played & sang in the choir, read & prayed, sang from the pews and served at the altar...all to the Glory of God. Your work blessed our worship. Thank you. Thanks as well to all who contributed to our Advent & Epiphany "Feed My Sheep" project, in support of the Ashland and Plymouth community food pan-

#### Faith@Home

Do you know of a household who might be on the "fringes of faith," who are curious about church, but not yet able or ready to attend a Sunday gathering? Or: Are you a parent or grandparent or neighbor who wants to grow more confident in your own ability to share and talk about following Jesus with the young people in

# your life? Our Faith@

Home packets are a fun and inspiring way to learn and grow as Christians. Contact Deacon Maryan about being part of Faith@

The next quilting date is Friday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Griswold Hall. All are welcome!

Home.

#### **Ashland Community** Breakfasts return: Jan. 25, 2020

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 25 (the fourth Saturday of the month) from 8-9 a.m. Join in the fun, food, and fellowship; bring (or make!) a friend at the table.

News of Rev. Kelly's call as Dean (half-time) of the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire's School for Ministry: Recognizing the changing needs of the diocese's congregations and evolving trends in vocations for ministry throughout the region, the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire has announced it is creating a School for Ministry. Its curriculum and educational design will focus on the local and regional formation of priests and licensed lay ministers.

The School for Ministry's teaching model will utilize curriculum from the Iona Collaborative and combine online, internet-based learning with monthly, weekend in-person classes and student meetings. The in-person portion of the program will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in the central Lakes Region of New

Hampshire. The Rev. Kelly Sundberg Seaman has been appointed the School's Dean by Bishop A. Robert Hirschfeld. She began her duties December 1 and will lead in the development and launch of the School. Classes will begin in 2020. She currently serves at Holy Spirit & St. Mark's in Plymouth & Ashland, roles she will continue to main-

#### **2020 Annual Meeting**

With the permission of the Standing Committee and the Bishop, we will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23. This onetime rescheduling (the norm for all NH Episcongregations is a January meeting) allows us to have a robust time of discussion, conversations, and smalland large-group meetings SEE **CHURCHES**, PAGE A9

# Towns

#### **Bristol**

Al Blakeley adblakeley0@gmail.com

Talk about a cold snap! Wow! At least we didn't get the blizzard that NewfoundLAND had to deal with. That baby was measured in feet! I worry about folks venturing out on the ice and hope there are no more serious mishaps. It is easy to misjudge the ice due to the snow cover now and thinking that because of the cold snap, it must be safe. Please be careful.

Special Children's Storytime with Newfound Lake Association on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 10:45 a.m. at the Minot-Sleep-Library. Special guest, Audrey West, membership manager for Newfound Lake Association will read "Over and Under the Pond," talk about lake life and guide listeners through a children's craft. As always, a snack will be provided thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library.

Newfound Regional High School will present One Act Plays at the school on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. This 'friendly competition' between the 4 classes is always fun and the performers work very hard to present their very best for their classmates and the audience.

Find out about being a Census Taker or Field Supervisor at one of these application and tip sessions. Simply drop in or sign leyball - BHVS - Tue. up for an appointment & Fri., 7pm. Adult by calling the Concord 2020 Census Office at 603-369-5605. You can also apply online at: www.2020census.gov/ jobs. Drop in information sessions will be held at 3 locations: Plymouth, Ashland and Bristol. Plymouth: Whole Family Resource Center (258 Highland St.) Wednesdays, 1/22 & 1/29, from 9 - 11:30am. Also Plymouth at Pease Public Library (1 Russell St.) Friday, 1/31, 2 - 5pm. Ashland: Ashland Town Library (41 Main St.), Saturday, 1/25, 11am - 1pm. Bristol: Minot-Sleeper Library, Friday, 1/31, 10am -12:30pm. You can come and go at times listed.

Anyone wishing to file for any of the following openings in the town of Bristol must sign up with the Town Clerk at 5 School St., Bristol starting January 22, 2020 until January 31, 2020 by 5:00pm.

2 Select Board members for 3 years, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector for 3 years, Moderator for 3 years, Treasurer for 3 1 Trustee of years, the Trust Funds for 3 vears. 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years. 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 4 1 Supervisor years, of the Checklist for 2 1 Cemetery vears. Trustee for 3 years, 2 Budget Committee members for 3 years, 1 Budget Committee member for 1 year, Library Trustees for 3 vears.

Regular business hours: Monday, Tues-Thursday Friday 8am -Wednesday, 8am - 7pm. The office will be open until 5pm on January 31, 2020. Petition Warrant Articles must be in by February 4, 2020. The office will be open until 5pm.

#### **Ongoing** events:

Adult basketball NMMS-Sundays 6-8pm. Adult badminton - TTCC - Mondays 7pm. Adult billiards - TTCC - Mon. & Wed., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult kickboxing - M, W & F, 5:45 - 7 p.m. Pickle ball - TTCC -Tue. & Thur., 9:30 a.m. Shape up Newfound exercise classes - BES - Tue. & Thur., 6 p.m. Karate for kids ages 4 and up - TTCC - Tue. & Thur. Adult vol-Karate - TTCC - Wed., 7 Roll Out fitness skating class - TTCC -Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Shape up Newfound exercise classes - BES -Saturdays, 8 a.m.

January is winding down and February is 'round the corner. 2020 seems to be off to a pretty good start and I hope it continues to be a good year. The Bicentennial year was

fun and we are starting on a new batch of memorable years to be proud of. Let's make it

#### **Danbury**

Donna Sprague huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

#### **South Danbury**

Rev. Gray Fitzgerald will lead Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church on Jan. 26 with refreshments and conversation afterward. All are welcome!

#### Winter Market

The Feb. 1 Farmer's Market at the grange hall is coming soon. Plan to stop by to have some ice cream for breakfast or lunch if you are so inclined. There will be a fill in jewelry vendor and Mountain Side Creations hopes to have their oven fixed in order to bring some gluten free treats. Huntoon Farm has ham this month, Offabit Farm will have goat meat and their hens have begun to lay eggs again. Cardigan Mt Soapworks will be there, and then not likely to be there again until November. Nancy's chocolates will have sweets for your Valentine. The market runs from 9am to 1pm, rain or shine with a blizzard date of Feb. 8.

#### Pizza Planning Night

The grange is holding a planning evening on Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at the grange hall for the Leap into Wellness Day which is scheduled for Leap Day, Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Helpers interested in working to put together this day to focus on putting ourselves first, taking time for ourselves and getting ourselves on track both spiritually and health wise are invited to attend. RSVP so we can order enough pizza. Bring your own drink. Call Donna at 768-5579 or email blazingstargrange71@gmail.com.

#### TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

First Deliberative Session

Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:00 pm Held at the Old Town Hall 45 Washburn Road

#### TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

#### First Day to File for Candidacy January 22, 2020

Positions to be filled this year:

- Selectman 3-year term
- Cemetery Trustee 3-year term Trustee of Trust Funds 3-year term
- Planning Board (2 positions) 3-year term
- Planning Board (1 position) 1-year term • Budget Committee (3 positions) 3-year term
- Town Moderator 2-year term
- Supervisor of Checklist 6-year term

#### Last Day to File for Candidacy **January 31, 2020**

Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3pm to 5pm on Friday, January 31, 2020

#### <u> Edward Jones: Financial Focus</u> **Business Owners: Plan for Next Phase of Life**

As a business owner, you're always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can't forget about the future – yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy. Let's start by looking at a few retire-

ment plan possibilities: • Solo 401(k) – This plan, which is also known as an Owner-only 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. A Solo 401(k) offers many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option, which allows you to make after-tax contri-

butions that can grow tax-free. Your Solo 401(k) contributions consist of two parts: salary deferral and profit sharing. In 2020, you can defer up to \$19,500 of income, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older. Your profit-sharing contribution is based on your earnings. The sum of your salary de-ferral and profit sharing can't exceed \$57,000 (or \$63,500 if you're 50 or older). If your spouse is employed by your business, you each can contribute the maximum amount allowed. SEP IRA – If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25% of compensation, up to \$57,000 annu-

ally. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment.

• Solo defined benefit plan – Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible. À financial professional can help you

choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you'll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they'll be able to manage the business on their own.

transfer the business with a buy-sell agreement, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your business's taxable value, a buy-sell agreement is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy sell agreement with life insurance so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy your owner ship stake.

Another alternative might be to

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succession planning, you'll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don't wait too long. You can't predict the future but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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# **MARK ON THE MARKETS**

BY MARK PATTERSON

Any financial advisor, broker or investment advisor will typically try to assess the amount of risk that their client is willing to accept. There are of variety of methods and questionnaires used to attempt to accomplish the risk assessment as accurately as possible. Over time. I have found that what the client tells me in the calm of my office and how they feel during difficult markets can be very different. The typical negative reaction is two a half times greater in a bad or declining market than client's feelings in

good, or up market. Current research states that up to 80 percent of people that have investment accounts carry far more risk than their true risk tolerance levels.

Ever since March 9, 2009, the fear levels of investors have been very low which drives complacency. The benchmark S&P 500 index is used to determine" BETA" in a stock, mutual fund or exchange traded fund that primarily hold stocks. If a stock or fund has a number higher than one, it is more volatile than the benchmark S&P 500 index. If the number is lower than one it is less volatile, simple as that. Advisors like myself that designed portfolios typically using stocks, ETF's, bonds and options will try to match the objectives of the portfolio with the client's risk tolerance and

#### Risk and you interest rate risk and the

needs. One of the most common curiosities that I see the portfolio, typically of mutual funds, is that a client needing income from their investments is in an accumulation vehicle such as a growth stock mutual fund. Risk tolerance and objective and purpose for your money are very distinct and many times different portfolios. Purpose for the asset is more important than the risk tolerance almost all the time!

There are all kinds of risk involved with investing money. Market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk,

risk that is not discussed as much as it should be which is; sequence of returns risk. Sequence of returns risk is critical for those approaching retirement. Market performance is key when you start subtracting assets as income from those assets if they are not designed for sustainability. What used to be the 4 percent rule, in other words taking out 4 percent of your assets per year to live on has now become the 1.6 percent rule partly because of the low interest rate environment.

As stated earlier, most people carry much more investment risk than they were aware of. Finding that true risk tolerance and matching it up to a portfolio that fits the needs of the client's is paramount. But you as the client also must realize that if you have your advisor set up your portfolio for limited risk, that will typically come with limited growth conversely a lot of potential growth may come with a lot of risk.

For an honest and maybe enlightening risk assessment go to my website, www.MHP-asset. com, go to risk analysis. The software "Riskalyze" will give you a risk number between one and 99, one being the least amount of risk that you're willing to accept, 99 being the most. It asks about real dollar numbers versus percentages. You may be surprised what your true risk tolerance is versus how you are invested.

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# **FROM PAGE A7**

during January and Feb-

Office Hours in Plymouth & Ashland Office hours are by ap-

pointment. rectorpb@ Email: gmail.com

#### **Plymouth Congregational** UCC

#### **Save the Date**

Jan. 31 – Coffee House at 6 p.m. Feb. 26

Wednesday March 9 - New Hampshire Master Chorale Concert

April 15 New Hampshire Chamber Singers at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Rev. Bret Myers receives prayer requests at revbmyers@yahoo. com.

Live-Streamed and More! Don't miss a thing. Sunday Worship services are live streamed on Facebook every Sunday. "Like" the church Facebook page and you will receive notifications when the weekly service goes live! Missed something? You can find it on the Facebook , "Plymouth Congregational United Church

of Christ Plymouth NH." Scroll down to the date of the service or program you missed. It is all there! You will also find current information about upcoming church events and a few posts to make you laugh.

#### **Feeding Our**

**Children Together** 

We provide 3,000 calories to food insecure children in the Head Start Program and to Plymouth Elementary School during the academic year. Every Friday, grocery bags are delivered to the children so that they will have enough to eat over the weekend. If you would like to find out more on how you can help packing, delivering, or shopping for Feeding Our Children together, email office@uccplymouth.

PCUCC is a vibrant community of faith that is welcoming, theologically progressive, social liberal, open and affirming, inclusive and enthused about sharing Christ's love with the world. If you are new to the community and looking for a church home, we invite you to come and experience God's love through worship, study and service.

SEE **CHURCHES**, PAGE A10

## Flying Monkey presents "A Mother of a Comedy Show"

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey presents A Mother of a Comedy Show on Feb. 1. Three of Boston's funniest ladies, Christine Hurley, Kelly MacFarland and Kerri Louise, are coming to Plymouth for one Mother of a show. Tickets start at \$20.

It's safe to say it's not easy being a Mom. Any Mother will tell you that, but not every mother can make you laugh till you cry about it.

These ladies travel the country as true professional stand-up comedians, each having their own long list of impressive credits, here in a Mother of a Comedy Show they come together as friends! Christine Hurley, Kelly MacFarland and Kerri Louise have all battled in the

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Kerri Louise, who just filmed the hit, new standup show "Gotham Live," was a regular correspondent on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," and that led her to be a guest on the very first episode of "The Dr. OZ Show." She went all the way to the finals in the hit show "Last Comic Standing." Other guest appearances include... Guide's "Stand-Up In Stilettos," NBC's "The Apprentice," "The Montel Show," Nickelodeon's "Nick Mom Night Out," Comedy Central. NBC's "Access Hollywood," ABC's "The View," among many more.

Christine Hurley's maiden voyage into the world of stand-up comedy was an open audition in New York City for Nick at Nite's "America's Funniest Mom." Out of thousands of entries, Hurley was selected to be a finalist on the nationally televised show. Since then she's quickly become a favorite in the Boston comedy world. She just got a standing ovation at Denis Leary's "Comics Come Home."

Kelly MacFarland is an experienced standup comedian, currently touring clubs and colleges across the country and has entertained our US troops overseas. She headlined the 2009 Boston Women in Comedy Festival, was first runner up in the 2009 Bos-Comedy Festival,

and performed at Boston Calling 2016 and 2017. Most recently, she was part of the Top 100 Comedians of "Last Comic Standing" Season 9, and won first in the professional category of the Ladies of Laughter 2016 competition.

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#### Blair **FROM PAGE A1**

The couple then went on to say that as of their last writing, the bush fire crisis continues, but the citizens of Australia also continue to show strength and a willingness to help others in the midst of the crisis.

The Blairs were able to make it to their apartment in Tura Beach at long last, and while they were met with smoky conditions along Australia's South Coast, winds finally shifted on Thursday, Jan. 9, and the air was cleared for a while.

"We spent the day cleaning up our place, as all outdoor areas were covered with black ash. It was surreal sitting on our deck on a nice day as we watched all the activity around us," they wrote.

From their location, the Blairs were able to see Naval ships headed in both directions, docking at Eden wharf in preparation for any necessary evacuations. Helicopters were also flying overhead. Some were military, some were for rescue purposes, while others were busy water bombing the fires. Those helicopters would refuel at Merimbula Airport or scoop water up in their buckets to help douse the flames.

"There were and still are fires burning north and south of us, but amazingly, our area is one of the only places along the coast which has not burned; at least so far. Bringing in the military has been a big help," the couple said.

On the 9th, they also reported that John Blair had been asked to take up a position on the Uniting Church Disaster Relief Team at the Bega Evacuation Center, approximately 30 minutes north of their home. It could be an extended assignment. they added.

The following day

ning's proceeds exceeded

everyone's expectations,

however — as Richards

reported in a letter to the

editor submitted a few

days after the gala, the

total amount of money

raised topped \$60,000 this

well already this year.

People are realizing the

tracted a lot of attention

from the sold out crowd

needs," Richards said.

"We've done really

The silent auction at-

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year.

was predicted to be a dangerous time when the fires could spread even further out of control.

"It's a pattern of hot days with northerly winds, followed by a 'cool change,' which often makes a violent transition with erratic. strong southerly winds, causing the fires to flare up and blow quickly in all different directions," the couple reported.

Throughout the evening hours on Friday, the Blairs said they could hear those winds howling. After visiting with their next door neighbor that night, by 9:30 p.m. they found it nearly impossible to walk home due to strong winds, cooler air and heavy smoke.

"We assumed the worst, that the fire was advancing in our direction," they wrote.

Once home, they immediately began assembling their emergency bag (which every Australian is asked to keep by their door to grab at a moment's notice) and prepared to evacuate. John was on call that night, but fortunately was not asked to respond to the evacuation center.

They wrote, "We can't imagine what it was like for so many people who had to evacuate under such circumstances in the middle of the night. Very frightening. And we realize the fire fighters are out working in those hard conditions. They must be Super Human!"

Southerly winds continued to blow thick smoke over their town from the Victoria fires so the next day they decided it was better to stay indoors. By Sunday afternoon, the smoke had lifted but they could still see large clouds of smoke off in the dis-

The good news, they said, was that the fire front had been contained and the area had even received just

of 200 attendees. Bidding

wars were tight as people

jotted down prices for an

amazing array of items

that were up for bid this

year. There was beauti-

ful pottery and elegant

wood products from lo-

cal craftsmen, framed

photography of the re-

gion, jewelry and books

by area authors, along

with many other types of

art and locally produced

goods. An Edward Van

Dorn oil painting, titled

"New Hampshire Mead-

ow Sunrise," also attract-

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SEE BLAIR, PAGE A14

#### Robotics **FROM PAGE A1**

good year," Bemis said.

Senior Ashlar Dotson is one of the returning team members, and he said that although he is excited to be part of the program, he's been even more excited to see a lot of new faces from the freshmen and sophomore classes join their team this year.

"It's nice to know that as the juniors and seniors filter out over the next couple of years the team won't be losing a lot of members," said Dotson.

NRHS is part of the FIRST Robotics competitions, which were founded by renowned New Hampshire inventor and engineer Dean Kamen. This year the theme for the inter-scholastic competition is "Star Wars." Participants will be challenged to create robots that will deliver power cells to a shield generator, then flip the generator switch that will activate a shield to protect a city from "annihilation."

Senior team member Sophia Pettit said they will also be required to have their robot run in an autonomous mode for 15 seconds of competition, while the remaining two and a quarter minutes of each match will allow them to either continue in the unmanned autonomous mode, or drive it themselves through remote controls.

At the beginning of each season, teams have six weeks in which to design, build and program their robots. Dotson and Pettit said last week they were in the design process and were working on the base of their robot. As part of that process, the team was also testing ideas on ways to launch balls from their robot to help complete their tasks. Next up will be the programing of the robot, then "practice, practice, practice," Dotson said,

The autonomous mode requirement will require a lot of programming but, with autonomous cars looming in the near future, Bemis said the students' robotics experiences are just a foreshadowing of the future.

"This is real, what they're doing. It's a part of what is looming ahead of us now and I find it exciting for them," he said.

That realization is having an impact in the students. Pettit enjoys the programming aspect of robotics and hopes to major in either engineering or computer science next year when she heads off to college. While Sam Sanborn and Chris Drew are freshmen members of the team they are also becoming interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Sanborn said his older brother enjoyed being on the robotics team last year so, with an interest in build-

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#### Andrews

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pleased that SAU 48 has attracted such an outstanding educator Dana Andrews. Our SAU continues to grow and thrive."

Superintendent

Schools Mark Halloran stated, "We are very pleased to have Dana join our staff. He has a wide range of experiences that will benefit our students and their families. We look forward to him joining our staff in July."

Mr. Andrews will be assuming his role on July 1. He will be replacing Kyla Welch, who will become the Superintendent of Schools upon the retirement of current Superintendent Mark Halloran.

SAU 48, based in Plymouth, is the largest SAU in the state of New Hampshire. Districts include Campton. Ellsworth, Holderness, Pemi-Baker, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Waterville Valley and Wentworth.

# **Strategies**

FROM PAGE A4 of power is to judge laws according to the "spirit," or what it calls the "penumbra," or shadow, of the Constitution. This has enabled the Judiciary to impute any meaning it wishes to the Constitution," (David Barton, "Original

Intent," pp. 261, 262). And our self-centered society, which I have christened the MeFirst Generation, has been vocal in demanding its rights. Pregnant women have rights, transgenders have rights, the accused have rights, and PETA tells me animals have rights. Everyone has rights and we expect our rights to be respected, no matter what the cost.

We have become an angry, divided, and bitter a gullible public, is promnation, caught up in a free-for-all that is threatening to destroy us. We

are debating - and I am astounded that it is a serious debate - what kind of nation we want to be. And that debate is not going to be settled in the courts or in Washington. That debate is going to be settled in the arena of public opinion.

We tout free speech, a free press, freedom to vote, and freedom of religion and these we often take for granted. But freedom is not a license to do as we please. With freedom comes responsibility – and should I say, common sense - and I fear we are sacrificing our freedoms in America for the sake of political expediency.

The progressive left, hoping to gain the White House with the support of ising free health care, a free college education,

for the unemployed. Sorry, but there is no free ride in life. Someone has to pay and to postulate the "rich" can balance the budget is ignorant and bogus.

And at a time when America needs the influence of a Bible-believing church, mainstream Christianity has compromised its message. The drive to be socially relevant has caused it to abandon principles of morality clearly given in God's Word. And the Evangelical community, itself struggling on how to respond to the moral issues of our day, is becoming more and more isolated.

God does not revoke our freedom. When a man becomes a Christian, he is not in bondage your life. to a narrow, self-serving God Who restricts him and even a free income from the pleasures of life.

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God created us with a free will and He respects our autonomy. But He disciplines our drives and sanctifies our interests, for left to ourselves, we are prone to self-destruct.

Here is where our society has missed what Christianity is all about. We have rejected God's authority and we have claimed the right to independence and self-determination. But we are not free.

Real freedom is not the ability to do as we please, but the power to be what we ought. "If the Son sets you free," Jesus said, "you are free indeed." God's transforming power is available to all, but it comes through, and only through, Jesus Christ. Give Him a chance in

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#### Churches

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On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, we officially launched as Restoouth. 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 ser-

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# SeniorLiving

# What are Annuities?

#### By Edward H. Adamsky, Attorney at Law

Watch the nightly news or look at any publication for older folks and you will see ads for annuities or "income for life." Annuities are big business and heavily marketed to seniors. There is nothing wrong with annuities, they are a perfectly valid financial tool, but you need to understand what they are and decide carefully if they should be part of your financial plan.

An Annuity is a contract with an investment company. You give them a lump sum of money and they agree to pay you interest (in some fashion) and either hold the funds until you tell them what to do, or immediately start sending you a check each month. There are many varieties of annuities, so you have to sort out the options to see which is right for you.

The first variation is the interest. It can be fixed, variable or indexed to the stock market. In the past, most annuities paid fixed interest. Newer ones often use variable and indexed rates. Fixed is nice as you know what you are getting. But you can make more with a variable or indexed rate. However, variable rate annuities can go down to zero interest and some can even have losses. Most indexed annuities have zero as a floor so you cannot lose your principal. Be sure you understand what type of interest rate you are choosing.

You should check on any fees and sales commissions your choice of annuity. They can be expensive and may be hidden. The most common fee is a "surrender charge." You don't pay any fee to get the annuity, but if you change your mind and want your money back, then they charge a fee; usually around 7% at first but lessening over time.

Next, you need to decide if you want a deferred or immediate annuity. Those names mean pretty much what they sound like. An immediate annuity will start giving you a monthly payment right away. A deferred annuity won't pay you until later or when you ask them to. If you don't need a monthly check right now, you might choose de-



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the right choice for

The next choice is

whether the annuity will be for a period of years ("term certain") or for an indefinite period (like your lifetime). Each has its advantages. You can be sure of an exact amount for an exact amount of time if you get a term-certain annuity. Even if you die, the money will go to your heirs or named beneficiaries. when the time runs out, the payments will end. A lifetime annuity can give you a monthly check for the

rest of your life. You

cannot outlive that monthly check, and that's a great thing. Of course, if you die too soon, your family may lose out while the annuity company benefits. They may keep the money left in a lifetime annuity, not your heirs (some lifetime annuities have a fixed guarantee period like 10 or 20 years).

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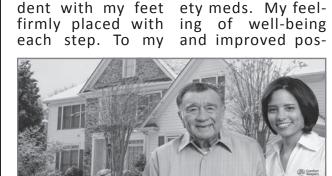
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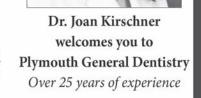
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# SeniorLiving

# When It's Time To Move: Tips to Help You Navigate the Process

by Shannon Lynch

As seniors age, housing needs inevitably change. For many older people, living in the family home where they've raised a family may because of health, mobility or financial concerns. Other seniors may desire a simpler lifestyle, with more time to pursue activities they enjoy without the worry of home maintenance and yard work.

situation is different, but for most seniors there will come a time when downsizing and moving to a smaller place — an apartment, an independent or assisted living community, or perhaps clear across those things and dethe country to live near the kids and grandkids — makes box. When you've the rooms and storsense.

Making decisions about what to do with your furniture and other possessions can be stressful, both emotionally and physically, but moving is manageable taken in small doses over a period of time and with a little plan-

ning and organization on your part. We've gathered a few tips to help you make the move as painlessly as possible.

• Start Early: It's no longer be feasible unrealistic to think that you can pare down the contents of your home in just a couple of weekends. Give yourself the gift of time so that you can make wise decisions about the items you want to keep and take with you, give Each individual's away to your children, grandchildren and friends, donate hold a special meanto a thrift store or ing for you. charity, or sell.

> one drawer, one closet or one collection of items. Go through that you won't be cide if they will go in the "keep" or "let go" finished, move on to age space in your the next. Enlist the new home will help help of any children or grandchildren who furniture, are willing to assist and keepsakes will fit. you. This can be a great bonding time, as you share stories looms: You love Aunt of your life, how you Dot's wedding china, acquired some of the belongings in your ton collection, and home and why they are very sentimental



• Be Realistic: Start Small: Pick Downsizing from a large home to a small apartment means able to take all your belongings with you. Knowing the size of you understand what clothing

> Family Heiryour grandma's but

about the 40-yearold couch — with just a few stains, but still perfectly good — that you and your husband purchased just after you married. But let's face it, your family may not feel the same way. Ask family members if they have special pieces they'd like gifted to them, but don't be offended if they don't want any of your belongings. Each generation has its own ideas of what a home should look and feel like. If it's going to be hard to part with these items, take a photo and write a descrip-

tion of each piece so that you can look at it later and enjoy the memory of it.

 Create Lists: home. Make a list of all the things you have to do. what items to keep, give away, donate or sell, moving to a new home includes filling out change of address forms at the post office, transferring magazine and newspaper subscriphave the utilities shut off at your old home, contacting home and car insurers, and multiple other tasks. Lists help you stay organ-

Day" Box: Follow this great advice from the American Senior Communities organization and you'll be prepared when you reach your new home with all of the items you'll need that first day and night: toiletries, prescriptions, cleaning and kitchen supplies, toilet paper, and basic tools like a hammer and screwdriver. You might also add your nightgown or pajamas and a change of clothes for the next day. Having all of these items in one place will help your move go smoothly as you settle into your new

Shannon Lynch Along with deciding is the Executive Director of Summit by Morrison, a senior living community offering independent living, assisted living, memory care, and respite care.

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#### LRH and the Alzheimer's Association Offers Education on Leading Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

Littleton, NH - How does one know if a person's memory loss is just normal aging, or a sign of something more serious? disease Alzheimer's (AD) is an age-related disorder that develops over a period of years. progresses over time. First off, people memory experience loss and confusion. The symptoms of AD gradually lead to behavior and personality changes, a decline in cognitive abilities such decision-making language skills,

and problems recognizing family and Alzheimer's friends. ultimately leads to a severe loss of mental function.

Here is a list of some of the early signs of Alzheimer's:

- ly learned facts.
- Asking the same questions over and over.
- Problem solving (keeping track of monthly bills, following a recipe).
- Forgetting how to get to a familiar loca-

Loss of ability to

- follow conversations. Misplacing things and not able to retrace steps to find them.
- Poor judgment (in dealing with money or grooming).
- Lack of interest in Forgetting recent- work, family, or social commitments.
  - Changes in mood.

If you notice any of these AD warning signs in yourself or someone you know, schedule an appointment with your doctor.

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COURTESY - JOHN AND BECKY BLAIR

Photos from the South Coast of Australia show Hebron residents John and Becky Blair's view of the beach before the fires, during the fires when the beach was covered by smoke and ash, and a third shot of it later when the smoke had lifted for a day, but another smoke cloud can be seen coming across the sea and blocking out the blue sky as it heads in their direction again.

#### Blair

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under an inch of much needed rain, which did help somewhat in the battle to stop the fires.

"Looking at the weather forecast, we should be good for another week,"

they reported.

They then decided to take a trip to the seaside resort of Merimbula where one would

normally expect to see crowds of beachgoers since January is Australia's peak vacation month. Sadly, this time it was deserted, taking yet another hard hit on the area's economy.

Thus far, the Blairs said they consider themselves fortunate however, looking at it all as just another adventure in their life's journey. Despite being caught up in the midst of a national crisis there, they are grateful that they have managed to even maintain power at their residence, yet saddened to hear about others who have lost all they own.

At the end of their latest letter to us, they concluded with a brief but harrowing tidbit from the region that thankfully had a heartwarming ending.

"One couple took shelter in their pond as they watched their property burn. What a surprise when it was over to find their cat had survived by taking shelter in their outdoor pizza oven. Clever cat!"

We look forward to bringing you more reports from John and Becky Blair in the near future and thank them for sharing their experiences with neighbors and friends back here in New Hampshire.

Correction: In last week's report from the Blair's we erroneously stated that the fires were burning an area that was approximately the size of the United States. It should have said that Australia is approximately the size of the U.S., and the fires right now have burnt an area equivalent to the size

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ing and programming as well, Sam decided to give the club a shot, too. So far, he said, he's really enjoying the challenges.

Drew also likes electronics and robotics and it was White's high school robotics class that convinced him this year to become a part of the team, too.

The Robotics Club is a dedicated group of students who are now meeting after school from 3-5 p.m. each weekday. Pettit said they also meet occasionally on the weekends competitions draw

Their first meet for the 2020 season will be held for three days over February vacation in Salem then the regular season will continue on at other high school venues until March 27. Should they perform well enough in those regular season meets, White said they could even continue on to higher level competitions from there.

Bemis said the group is always looking for additional mentors or people who would like to donate to the team's equipment and travel expenses. He said it would be great if they could even have tee shirts made that the students could wear to the competitions.

"We're open to any input or assistance anyone would like to provide. I think this is an important part of a kid's education today," he said.

Those who are interested in bringing their



In just their first year of competition, Newfound Regional High School's robotics team brought home a Rookie All Star Award in 2019. Representing last year's team with their plaque and trophy were coach Don White (far left), mentor Paul Bemis and coach Lora Mayo (far right), along with returning 2020 team members (front row) Sophia Pettit and Brian Watson, and (back row) students Isaiah Dokus, Luke Wade and Ashlar Dotson.

to the students, or would in any way, are asked to

own knowledge and skills like to support the team

contact Don White at 744-

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ed some high bids, as did a watercolor of the seacoast by artist Murray Wentworth.

Ken Weidman of Bridgewater was one of many who were hoping to take home a fine piece of art that night.

"This is my first time here, and it's pretty impressive," he said. "I'm just keeping my eye on the bidding right now!"

For those who wanted to up their odds for taking home a great prize that night, there was also a raffle. Tickets, selling for \$5 each, three for \$10, or 10 for \$20, gave people a chance to win either a handmade quilt by Sherry Sinclair, a threecourse dinner for four prepared by local gourmet chef Wavell Fogelman, a Cam Sinclair oil painting or an exciting Sno-Cat Tour for four people.



Volunteers Tink Taylor, Doug "Smitty" Smith and Bob Gannett were busy selling raffle tickets at last week's Keep the Heat On Fundraiser in Plymouth. This year's theme for the evening was "Wizard of Oz."

The evening also included appetizers and a buffet dinner comprised of specialty dishes from 22 area restaurants. Man in Ashland and Among the entree items the Italian Farmhouse. that night were Big Daddy Joe's pulled pork sliders, and clam chowder from PHAT Fish. Mad River Tavern brought meatballs and sausage to the buffet table and Lucky Dog Tavern offered some of their delicious steak tips. Other delicious dishes were

provided by The Grotto, Sunset Grill, Covered Bridge Farm to Table, Fugaky, The Common Desserts included Yummy Cakes from Annie's Over Flow, Pies from Chase Street Market and Rumney Village Store, Carmelitta Bars courtesy of Burrito Me, White Chocolate Bread Pudding from Walter's Basin and locally produced ice cream from Frosty



Susan Jacobs of Bridgewater was among the 200 people who were bidding on silent auction items at this year's Keep the Heat On fundraiser, which provides area residents with fuel assistance each winter.

"The food is just incredible," said one attendee.

Over the past years, ed a live auction but Richards said the KTHO committee decided to change things up a bit this year by inviting English storyteller Simon Brooks to provide some after-dinner entertainment instead.

One other highlight the evening was

recognition of Denise Castonguay, who, along with Richards, was one of the original founders of Keep the Heat On. the evening also includ- Through her special relationships with area restaurants, her knowledge and love of cooking, and her close ties with the community, she was acknowledged for maintaining KTHO as an important fundraiser for the Plymouth Area Community Closet over the past 15 years.



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# **Newfound Landing**

# Bear girls can't keep up with Spartans

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — Early in the season, the Newfound hoop girls traveled to Whitefield and dropped a 52-45 decision to White Mountains Regional.

The Bears looking to exact a little revenge when the Spartans visited Bristol on Friday, Jan. 17, but White Mountains had other ideas.

Behind a monster game from Avi Challinor, the Spartans pulled away in the second half and took a 54-31 win.

"We've been trying to focus on taking care of the ball," said Spartan coach Ian Boyko. "And we're really trying to stress intensity throughout the whole

"We've put together quarters but not a full game," he continued. "We always seem to lapse coming out of the half."

"We're not healthy," said Newfound coach Kammi Williams. "Not to make excuses, but I think that's legit.

"Number two (Challinor), she killed us, she worked hard for those points, she had a great game, kudos to her," Williams added. "They outworked us tonight, they outplayed

Fairbank Bailey started the scoring for the Bears with two free throws but White Mountains got the next sponded with a three Danica Watson hit the first two coming steal, stretching the



Paulina Huckins drives through the middle in action Friday

five points on a three from Lily Kenison and two free throws from Challinor. After Paulina Huckins hit a free throw for the hosts, Challinor hit another hoop, then Kelsey Grahm added a hoop and Challinor finished off a Makenzie Treamer steal with a threepoint play, pushing the Spartan lead to 12-3.

Tiffany Doan re

in Bristol last Tuesday.

the win.

White

11 points to the tally.

for the Bears but a free throw from Jaycee Murray closed out the first quarter and White Mountains has the 13-6 lead after eight min-

Malina Bohlmann got Newfound on the board first in the second period but Challinor followed with a hoop of her own. After Huckins hit two free throws for the hosts.



Leah Bunnell takes a shot in action against White Mountains Regional.

one from the stripe for White Mountains. Bohlmann finished off a steal with a hoop but Treamer came right back and hit a hoop for the Spartans.

Matti Douville hit a free throw and Fairbank hit a hoop to get the Bears within 18-15 but Challinor put the Spartans on her shoulders and scored the next eight points,

off a finish of her own steal and White Mountains had a 26-15 lead. A Douville three and a Bohlmann hoop got Newfound within 26-20 at the halftime break.

Bohlmann drained a free throw to start the second half but Kenison answered with a basket for the Spartans. Challinor then hit a pair of baskets, the first off her own

#### Spartan lead to 32-21. A Bohlmann three the Newfound SEE **GIRLS** PAGE B3

The month of January comes to a close with a full slate of games on the docket.

The Newfound unified basketball team will be hosting Berlin at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27.

The Newfound ski team will be at Gunstock on Friday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and will be at Sunapee at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27.

The Newfound basketball teams will be taking on Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 28, with the boys on the road at 6 p.m. and the girls at home at 6:30 p.m.

The Plymouth alpine ski team will be at King Pine on Friday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m.

The Bobcat hoop girls will be hosting ConVal at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, and will be at Manchester West on Monday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

The Plymouth boys' basketball team will be at ConVal at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, and will be hosting Pembroke at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Bobcat ski jumpers will be at Kennett for a 6 p.m. meet on Friday, Jan. 24, and will be at Newport at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The Nordic skiing Bobcats will be at Con-Val at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, and will be at Whitaker Woods in North Conway at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will be hosting Sanborn-Epping at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Plymouth State and will be at Pembroke-Campbell at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The Bobcat wrestlers will be at Concord for a 10 a.m. meet on Saturday, Jan. 25, and will be at White Mountains at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan.

The Plymouth gymnastics team will be at Goffstown for a 7 p.m. meet on Thursday, Jan.

# Turnovers haunt Newfound boys against Winnisquam

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — Newfound boys' hoop team welcomed Winnisquam to town on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The hosts trailed by just two points at the end of the first quarter before the visitors were able to open the lead up to nine at the halftime break, 27-18.

"In the third we struggled with turning the ball over and we got in a 21-point hole by the end of the third," said coach Jesse Mitchell. "The guys fought hard in the fourth and got it down to eight with four minutes left.

"We just couldn't that deficit back," he continued. "We are working hard and it will soon click and come together."

Winnisquam eventually got the 56-43

Tyler Boulanger had a good game for the Bears, putting in 20 points and grabbing six rebounds while



Ingram scored 25

67-57 win.

points to lead the way for Newfound while Boulanger added 17.

and eventually got the

The Bears will be at Prospect Mountain for a 6 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

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# Late hoop lifts Bobcats past Knights

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

**PLYMOUTH** Amanda Daugherty is the Plymouth girls' hoop team's lockdown defender.

But on Tuesday, Jan. 14, it was her offensive prowess that got the spotlight.

Daugherty drilled a three-pointer with 1:05 to go in the game, moments after Kingswood had tied things up, then was one of three Bobcats hitting free throws in the final minute to seal the 50-42 win for the Bobcats.

"She's our best defender," coach Dave Levesque said Daugherty. "Anything she gives us on offense is a bonus.

"She had missed a shot just before that, so it was nice to see her have that big moment at home," Levesque added.

"It's still turnovers with us," said Kingswood coach Marty Garabedian. "They were told to do some things and some do and some don't.

"If one person doesn't do their part in a play, it makes it difficult," the Knight coach continued. "Hopefully they use it and move on."

Kingswood got out to the early lead after Jordan Levesque hit the first hoop of the game for Plymouth. Annalise Cataldo, Ana Ekstrom and Alexis Copp all followed with hoops for the Knights and Ekstrom added a free throw to give Kingswood a 7-2 lead.

Levesque another hoop and then Gwen Merrifield drained a free throw to cut the lead to 7-5. Kingswood's Rachel Bonneau hit a hoop and a free throw to Kingswood's stretch lead to 10-5.

Levesque and Ekstrom exchanged free throws and then Cataldo and Merrifield exchanged field goals, giving the Knights the 13-8 lead after one quarter.



Gwen Merrifield looks to dribble around a Kingswood defender in action last week.



Kingswood's Catie Shannon plays defense against Plymouth's

Plymouth got out to a quick start in the second quarter with Merrifield getting the first hoop and then Daugherty following with consecutive baskets, the second coming off her own steal, putting the Bobcats into the lead at 14-13.

Jordan Levesque in action last week.

Grace Saunders put back a rebound for the Knights to put them

back in the lead but Merrifield finished off a nice pass from Elaina Manson to put the Bobcats back in front.

Catie Shannon drilled a three-pointer to give Kingswood an 18-16 lead before Levesque hit a hoop for Plymouth to tie the game. A Cataldo basket gave Kingswood a 20-18 lead but the Bobcats got the final three points of the quarter, with Levesque hitting two free throws and a three-pointer to give Plymouth a 23-20 lead at the halftime break.

Saunders got the Knights back within one with the first basket of the second half but Levesque and Merrifield both put back rebounds to give Plymouth a 27-22 lead.

Cataldo and Saunders each had free throws for the Knights but Molly Edmark answered at the other end with a pair of free throws and a hoop for a 31-24 lead for the Bob-

Shannon hit her second three-pointer of the night to cut the lead to four but Merrifield got a pair from the charity stripe for the hosts. After Bonneau hit two from the free throw line for Kingswood, Edmark and Merrifield added knocked down another hoop for Plymouth.

Kingswood score the final four points of the third quarter, as Saunders got a hoop and then Shannon converted a Saunders steal, cutting Plymouth's lead to 35-33 heading to the final eight minutes of the game.

Manson got Plymouth on the board to start the fourth quarter but Shannon answered with a three to cut the lead to one. After a Merrifield basket, Shannon brought Kingswood back to within one with a hoop.

Levesque sank a three-pointer to put the Bobcats up by four points but Saunders came back and drained consecutive baskets for the Knights, tying the game at 42 with 1:50 to go.

Daugherty did her thing, calmly draining a three to put the Bobcats up by three and then Manson came up with a steal to get the hosts the ball back.

Daugherty Levesque each hit two free throws in the final minute and Merrifield added another to seal the 50-42 win.

Levesque led all scorers with 19 points 14. Shannon led the Knights with 13 points and Saunders finished with 11 points.

"Before the game and at halftime, I told them when you're playing a team that's they're coming," keep Levesque said. "Kingswood does not stop coming. Every time we threw a punch, they counter-punched."

The Bobcat coach

was pleased with the balanced attack from this squad, with two players in double figures and others close.

"We were more balanced across the board," he said. "Molly (Edmark) hit a couple of big shots for us.

"But we struggle with rebounding," he continued. "And we're still not shooting as well as we can, but we made the shots we needed to."

"At least we're starting to score some points," said Garabedian. "That has been a struggle for us.

"And some of the girls are really picking up their defense," he continued. "The more we have five people out there playing defense, the better it will go.

"We've been talking about effort and hustle and getting back," he added.

Garabedian noted that Shannon has a good shot so the team is looking to get her the ball.

"She's a good shooter so we're trying to get her in a good position to get some shots off the ball," he said.

The Bobcats will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 24, at home against ConVal at 6 p.m. and will be at Manchester West at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27.

The Knights will be in action on Friday, Jan. 24, at Pelham at 6:30 p.m.

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#### Plymouth 50

Daugherty Merrifield Levesque 6-5-19, Manson 1-0-2, Edmark 2-2-6, Totals 17-13-50

#### Kingswood 42

Copp 1-0-2, Ekstrom 1-2-4, Bonneau 1-3-5, Saunders 5-1-11, Cataldo 3-1-7, Shannon 5-0-13, Totals 16-7-42

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# Registration opens Feb. 10 for Mt Washington Road Race

PINKHAM NOTCH tive fees. Notification ners) will either all be — Registration for the 60th running of the Northeast Delta Dental Mount Washington Road Race will be open from Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 24 at 11:59 p.m. Following the close of registration, a computer will randomly select the runners who will be entered in the race. The entry fee, charged to those who are selected, is \$95, not including administra-

of acceptance or rejection by the lottery will be sent via e-mail to each applicant on Feb.

Lottery registration is at https://mtwashingtonautoroad.com/ mount-washingtonroad-race/for-racers/ race-registration. Runners may register individually or as a group with other friends. Runners registering as a group (up to 25 runselected together or all be turned down by the lottery.

Sponsored by North-Delta Dental, the race ascends the Mt. Washington Auto Road, at an average grade of 12 percent, from Pinkham Notch, for 7.6 miles to the 6,288-foot summit of Mt. Washington. The race will take place on June 20, starting at 9



# Doherty leads US biathlon in Germany

BY BILL KELLICK

US Biathlon

RUHPOLDING, Germany — Sean Doherty (Center Conway) led Americans qualifying for Sunday's pursuit during Thursday's men's 10-kilometer sprint at the BMW IBU World Cup in Ruhpolding. Doherty placed a season-best 21st in the 111-athlete field and will be joined in Sunday's pursuit by Jake Brown (Saint Paul, Minn.) and Leif Nordgren (Hinesburg, Vt.), who finished just inside the top-60 cutoff at 58th and 59th, respectively. For Brown, it will be just his second career World Cup pursuit race.

"Today's race was great, full attack from the start to the finish line," said Doherty. "It is a lot of fun to have a strong skiing day like today. I was very happy to see Jake sneak into the pursuit at the end there."

Doherty had just a single prone penalty on the range to finish one minute, 2.8 seconds back of winner Martin Fourcade of France. He also had the seventh-best range time among the

hopes alive but White

Mountains got the

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Doolan each hitting a

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hoop for the Bears.

White Mountains got

baskets from Watson

and Madeline Huntoon

and two Watson free

throws to push the lead

to 54-29 before Bohl-

mann closed out the

game with a hoop for

Newfound, setting the

points on the night while Treamer added

10 for the Spartans.

"Avi had a tremen-

"They tried to dou-

dous game," Boyko

said. "I hope that stays

ble-team her but I told

her to keep finishing," the Spartan coach said.

"And I think Lily did

a good job setting the

able we were able to do this considering the

week we had," Boyko continued. "We had

two practices cancelled

due to weather and

a tough loss at Colebrook. I wasn't sure

"It was very remark-

pace.

around, we need that.

Challinor put in 24

final score at 54-31.

Bohlmann led th Bears with 14 points.

Free throws from

led by 20, 47-27.

It was Treamer that

Bohlmann got the fi-

**Girls** 

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field in standing where he shot clean. Brown had two prone penalties to finish 2:02.2 back, while Nordgren was 2:03.8 behind Fourcade with two prone penalties and one in standing. Paul Schommer (Appleton, Wis.) was less than five seconds away from qualifying in 65th position with two standing penalties, 2:09.2 off the pace.

Fourcade remained unbeaten in 2020, shooting clean to win the men's sprint in 22:41.5. The win for Fourcade follows last week's sprint and mass start victories in Oberhof. Teammate Quentin Fillon Maillet matched Fourcade on the shooting range to finish a close second, 3.1 seconds back. Germany's Benedikt Doll shot clean for the second time this season to place third, 12 seconds behind Fourcade.

Not to be outdone by the top-10 finish of the U.S. women's relay team on Friday, the U.S. men's relay team put on their own top-10 performance on Saturday in Ruhpolding. The foursome of Nordgren, Doherty, Schommer and Brown placed 10th in the 4x7.5-kilome-

what I was going to run into in this game. They responded really well."

"They overplayed Malina, they overplayed Bailey, they were letting the three and four have a field day," said Williams. "But we missed the shots.

"I knew going in to tonight that we were playing shorthanded," Williams continued. "Matti had to play some extra minutes. Bailey and Malina played hard and I appreciate that.

"Hopefully we'll be able to bounce back, that's what we need to do," the Bear coach continued. "We're not going to beat many teams scoring 31 points."

Earlier in the week, the Bears defeated Winnisquam 65-10. Bohlmann had 21 points and Molly Lu McKellar added 15 points. Huckins added 11 and Haley Dukette put in six.

The Bears will be back in action on Tuesday, Jan. 28, hosting Prospect Mountain at 6:30 p.m. The Spartans will face Belmont on the road on Jan. 24 for a 6:30 p.m. start. On Jan. 27, the team will be close to home when they travel to Groveton for a 5:30 p.m. start.

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#### White Mountains 54

Challinor 10-4-24, Treamer 4-0-10, Kenison 3-0-9, Murray 0-1-1, Huntoon 1-0-2, Doolan 1-0-2, Graham 1-0-2, Watson 1-2-4, Totals 21-7-54

#### Newfound 31

Bohlmann 6-1-14, Fairbank 1-2-4, Doan 1-0-3, Huckins 0-4-4, Douville 2-1-6, Totals 10-8-31

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news. ter race, four minutes, 9.8 seconds off the winning pace, with no penalties and nine spare rounds. It marked the best finish for a U.S. men's relay team since March of 2018.

"Overall, I think we can be really happy with this relay," said Nordgren. "It was pretty tough conditions with the new snow falling, but every guy on the team had a decent race and we were able to get away

with a top-10 result."

Light, wet snow that fell overnight turned into a light rain/snow mix at the start, but by the time the men reached the first prone stage, the mix had turned into heavy, wet snow, which continued to pick up throughout the competition. The increasingly deep snow made the tracks slower and more demanding as the race progressed.

Undaunted, Nordgren used just one spare in

prone and cleaned from standing. Clean stages were also turned in by Doherty in standing and Schommer in prone.

"Good shooting definitely helped us today," Nordgren added. "Anytime the whole team can have a maximum of nine spare rounds with these conditions is good. This relay team has a lot of potential given the right day, so I think we're looking forward to the next chance at World Cham-

pionships in Antholz."

The French quartet of Emilien Jacquelin, Fourcade, Simon Desthieux and Quentin Fillon Maillet went wire-to-wire to win the men's relay, using six spare rounds in their 1:18:11.2 victory. Norway finished second, with 10 spare rounds, 1:12.2 back. Austria, with their first podium of the season, finished third with just four spare rounds, 1:24.3 behind France.

# The hammer comes down

It isn't really baseball season, but without a question baseball has been a dominating topic in my social media feeds, in the newspapers and on the radio the last few days.

Of course, when baseball is dominating the discussion during the winter months, there's a good chance it's not for a good reason.

The Red Sox and manager Alex Cora parted ways after his name was released as part of the investigation into the Houston Astros and sign-stealing allegations in the 2017 season. While the Red Sox are also under investigation and no decision had been handed down by Major League Baseball as I wrote this, it was a safe bet that Cora was going to get at least the same amount of suspension (one year) as his former boss, Astros manager AJ Hinch, received. And there's a chance he would've received more since the report seemed to indicate that Cora was the person who came up with the system to try and steal signs from opposing teams.

First and foremost, the use of technology to steal signs is against the rules and Cora had been



warned before about doing it. So the simple fact that he was doing it again in Boston is reason for him to receive a punishment from Major League Baseball.

However, it seems to me that MLB's punishment of the Astros went a little over the top, especially when you compare it to their reaction to other problems within the organization.

Major League Baseball essentially slapped the hands of some of the biggest steroid users in the game, seemingly denying that there was a problem when it was quite obvious that there were issues. Steroid users (also breaking the rules) received suspensions of varying lengths, but MLB never really came down hard on any of the major offenders.

Numerous players have been arrested for domestic violence and yet have received minor suspensions for their actions. Yes, this is outside of the game, but the players are still part of Major League Baseball and by not coming down on them, MLB is almost saying what they did is OK.

Commissioner Rob Manfred has instead chosen sign stealing to be the issue on which to plant his flag and make a big stand. Hinch and his general manager were both suspended a year and subsequently fired by the Astros. That action really left the Red Sox with no choice unless they wanted to face extra scrutiny from all sides this coming season.

But why now? Why is the commissioner making this his big fish? My guess? He doesn't have to deal with the players' union. A few years ago Manfred said a pitch clock was coming, no questions asked. The players' union balked and he folded like a cheap tent. The players' union has a good deal of power and the commissioner is afraid of upsetting it.

Along came an issue that doesn't necessarily involve players (why Carlos Beltran has not received the same scrutiny as Cora and Hinch is beyond me), so here was Manfred's chance to prove he's the big man on campus without upsetting the players'

union.

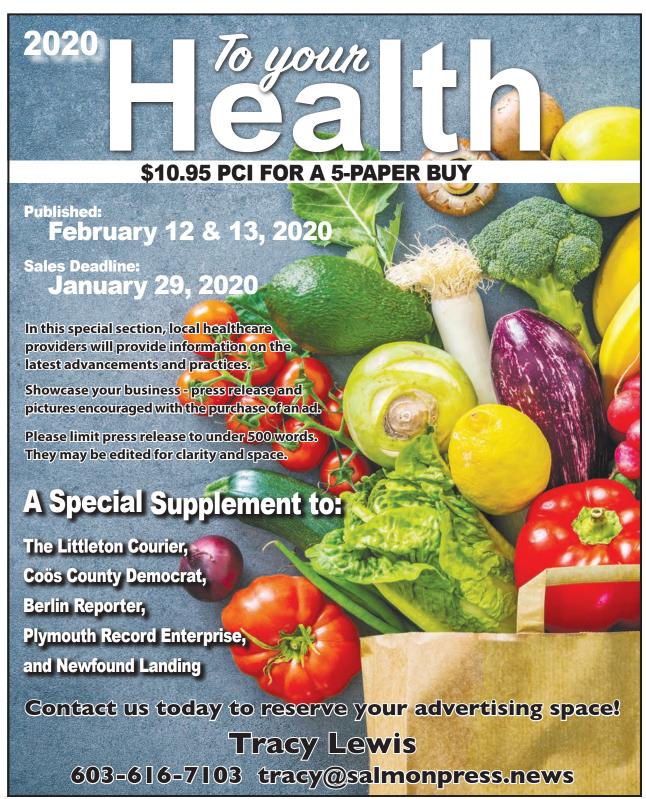
Yes, Alex Cora broke the rules. Yes, he deserved to be punished, as did AJ Hinch. But a year ban seems like a lot to me given the position MLB has taken on past issues.

After last season, a total disaster for the Sox, I wondered why Alex Cora was not getting any heat. Had John Farrell been at the helm of the team that had last year's results, he easily would've been fired. But Cora seemed to get no heat and that seemed strange to me.

I was intrigued to see how he got his team to bounce back this year. I guess that's somebody else's job to handle now.

Finally, have a great day, Christian and Bobbi Boudman.

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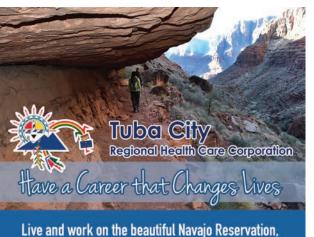
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#### **Principal Opening** Starting July 1, 2020

Newfound Area School District We are looking for an Educational Leader for Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. The next leader should have a strong background in an elementary educational setting, experience in the use of data to drive instructional decision making, and knowledge of the role of Principal in building level management. This Pre-K through 5 school is located in Bridgewater, NH and right next to the beautiful Newfound Lake.

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excellent benefits package Certified candidates should provide a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, job application, and three (3) current letters of recommendation no later than February 7, 2020 to be considered.

Mail to: Newfound Area School District Attn: Superintendent Stacy Buckley 20 North Main Street Bristol NH 03222

Application is available at:

# **Central Office Vacancies for 2020-2021**

**White Mountains Regional School District** 

#### **Administrative Position: Business Administrator Central Office Personnel: Human Resources/Payroll**

White Mountains Regional School District, SAU #36, is located in the heart of the beautiful White Mountains, SAU#36 has one Board serving the communities of Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, and Whitefield.

The WMRSD Business Administrator will facilitate and oversee all financial aspects of the District. There is a comprehensive job description on the SAU36. org website. A candidate with experience, a Master's Degree in business, and holder of the Business Administrator certification from the NHDOE (0038) is desired. This is a 261-day salaried position with a generous benefits package. We may make accommodations for qualifications and experience. Start Date: July 1, 2020

**Human Resources/Payroll** person manages the District's payroll, employee benefits, and purchasing tasks. The HR/PR manager works collaboratively in the District Central Office with the Business Administrator, Data Manager, Accounts Receivable Assistant, Grants Coordinator, and Administrative Assistants. There is a comprehensive job description on the SAU36.org website. This is a 261-day salaried position with a generous benefits package. Start Date: June 1, 2020

Please apply on SchoolSpring; paper applications are not accepted. Positions opened until filled.



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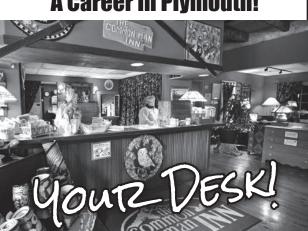
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The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall, Tuesday, January 21, 2020, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist in preparation for the Deliberative Sessions of the Newfound Area School District at 10 a.m. on February 1 and the Town of Alexandria at 2 p.m. February 1. No change in party registration will be accepted.

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#### **HEBRON**

Supervisors of the Checklist

#### **MEETING NOTICE** THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

The Supervisors of the Hebron Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Town Office Building, 7 School St. on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to register to vote and/or make any changes or corrections to the checklist before the Presidential Primary on February 11th.



754 North Groton Road, Groton, N.H. 03241 (603) 744-8849

Any resident of the Town of Groton who wishes to file a Declaration of Candidacy for any of the following Town Offices may do so between January 22 - January 31, 2020 at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am -4pm, Tuesday 12pm - 7pm The office will be open January 31, 2020

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Submitted by Ruth Millett, Town Clerk

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# Groome, Karkheck notch top-10 finishes at Sunapee

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

NEWBURY — The Newfound ski team made the trip to Newbury on Monday, Jan. 13, for a race at Mount Sunap-Resort. Kearsarge, Lebanon, White Mountains Regional and Hillsboro-Deering were also in attendance.

In the giant slalom, the Newfound girls finished in fourth overall, led by Hayse Broome's top 10 finish.

Hannah Owen was next, finishing in 15th place and Becca Dillon was the third scorer, crossing in 23rd place overall.

Lily Karkheck was 26th overall to close out the scoring for Newfound.

Emma Sawyer finished 28th to round out the field of Newfound girls.

In the afternoon slalom, the Bear girls moved up to third place on the day, once again led by Broome, who finished in sixth place overall.

Owen moved up to 14th place and Dillon finished in 19th place to score for the Bears.

Karkheck finished in 22nd place to finish out



Matt Karkheck skis for Newfound at Gunstock on Friday.

the Bear scoring while Sawver finished in 24th place to close out the Bear field.

For the boys in the morning giant slalom, Newfound finished in third place overall.

Matt Karkheck led the way for the Bers, finishing in seventh place overall.

Owen Henry was the second scorer with a 17th place finish and Quinn Van Lingen finished in 18th place.

Brandon Marcoux finished out the scoring with a 19th place finish overall.

Nguyen was

22nd, Jack Ehmann was 23rd, Trevor Sanshagrin was 24th and Dalton Dion finished in 26th place to round out the field of Bears.

the afternoon In slalom, Newfound again placed third and Karkheck was again the top finisher, placing ninth overall.

Henry finished in 16th place and Nguyen finished in 17th place.

Sanschagrin rounded out Newfound's scoring with an 18th place finish overall.

Ehmann finished in 19th place, Van Lingen was 20th overall and Dion finished in 22nd place.

"The team did real well despite the colder temps and ice that came after the weekend warm weather and rain," said coach Bill Karkheck.

Some of the Bears braved the bone-chilling temperatures on Friday, taking part in a meet at Gunstock.

For the boys in the giant slalom, Matt Karkheck was the top Bear, finishing in 58.2 seconds for 13th place.

Nguyen was 21st in 1:04.74 and Henry finished in 1:05.78 for 24th place.

Van Lingen rounded out the scoring with a time of 1:09.08 for 31st BOR MARTIN - GILFORD STEAMER

Lily Karkheck races through the giant slalom course last week at Gunstock.

place overall.

Dion was 38th overall in 1:13.51, Ehmann was 39th overall in 1:14.12 and Sanshagrin finished 45th in 1:17.71.

Karkheck was again tops in the slalom, finishing in 16th place in 1:43.85.

Nguyen was next, finishing in 30th place in 2:07.76 and Henry skied to 32nd place in 2:08.94.

Ehmann rounded out the scoring with a time of 2:10.93 for 36th place.

Dion finished in 41st place in 2:17.96, Van Lingen was 45th in 2:21.46

and Sanschagrin was 48th in 2:49.83.

Lily Karkheck was the lone Bear girl to complete her runs on the day. She finished in 40th in the giant slalom in 1:24.3 and was 41st in the slalom with a time of 2:27.1.

The Bears are scheduled to compete at Gunstock on Friday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. They will be back at Sunapee on Monday, Jan. 27, at 1 p.m.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



Nick Therrien races down the ice during action against Belmont-Gilford on Saturday in Laconia. The Cats began the week with a 7-3 win over Monadnock-Fall Mountain and then dropped a 4-3 decision to the Bulldogs on Saturday. The team is in action on Saturday, Jan. 25, hosting Sanborn-Epping at 11:30 a.m. at Plymouth State and will be at Pembroke-

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