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COMPLIMENTARY

Budget Committee expresses frustration over salary information not being readily available

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Despite concerns about spending that some members felt to be out of control, the Bristol Budget Committee stayed close to the selectmen's recommendations for 2017 as it continued its review of the proposed budget.

Meeting on Jan. 9, the committee continued working its way through, department by department, doing its best to limit spending increases to 2.5 percent,

but often finding that amount to be insufficient to continue the current level of service because of the impact of the wage increases implemented late last year. In some cases, after accounting for the increased wages and benefits, a 2.5 percent increase would have resulted in less operational money for the department.

Complicating the budget committee's work was its difficulty in reconciling spending

reports for last year. John Sellers reported that his efforts to resolve a \$20,000 discrepancy in the funding of

special details in the police department was stymied when, according to Sellers, the town administrator cited the

privacy of employees as a reason for not providing greater detail on the spending.

Although the wag-

es of public employees are part of the public record, Bristol administrators have been reluctant

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Budget Committee unseals minutes of non-public session

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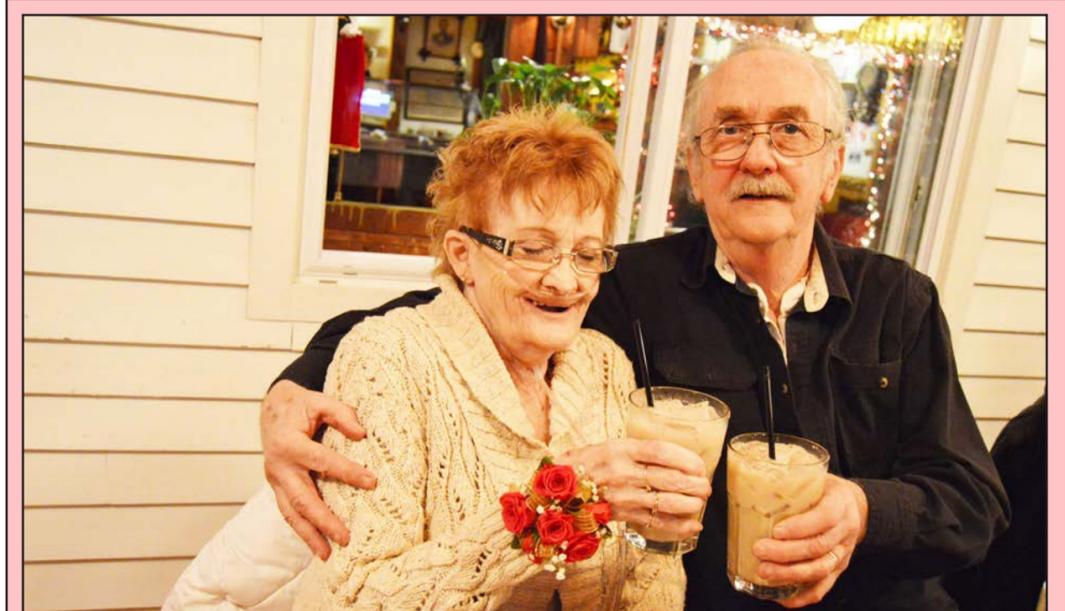
BRISTOL — Responding to a Right-To-Know request, the Bristol Budget Committee unsealed the minutes of its Jan. 3 non-public session, providing insight into why the panel took the unusual step of shutting out the public prior to the start of deliberations on the 2017 municipal budget.

The minutes indicate that there was concern about the dissemination of information in the documents one budget committee member had prepared for discussion that night. According to the minutes, officials at the Bristol Municipal Building had retained a copy of the documents David Carr was duplicating for the meeting, and they used that material to create a spreadsheet and share the information with department heads and some members of the Bristol Board of Selectmen.

Chair William Cote questioned whether such action constituted misconduct by town professionals, so he called the non-public session to discuss the matter, based on RSA 91-A:3,II(c), which per-

tains to discussions that might adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the committee. Afterward, Vice-Chair Donald Milbrand moved to seal the minutes to prevent

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DONNA RHODES

Friday the 13th brings nothing but luck to one local couple

A full moon and Friday the 13th superstitions were tossed aside, and celebrations took top priority when John and Christine Davis were lauded on their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend. The couple was married in Jamaica Plain, Mass. on Jan. 13, 1967, which was also a Friday. They eventually moved to Danbury, where they raised six children and welcomed many of their friends over the years to enjoy life on their small farm. Once the nest was empty the couple built themselves a log home from trees cut on their land in Alexandria where they still reside today. Besides their children, John and Christine have 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Family and friends gathered last Friday at the Bridgewater Inn, the couple's favorite local restaurant, to toast their love and longevity.

Live Free Home Health Care selected for two industry awards

NEW HAMPTON — Home Care Pulse, a national company dedicated to surveying both clients and employees of Home Health Care providers has awarded Live Free Home Health Care two of their most prestigious awards.

The Best of Home Care Provider of Choice Award is given to home care providers who receive the highest satisfaction scores from their current clients. Scores

are tabulated in the same way in the Employer of Choice category.

Survey results are formulated at Home Care Pulse by contacting 10 percent of an agency's clients and employees and asking a series of ten open ended questions to determine the clients and employees satisfaction with services supplied and support from their employers. Home Care Pulse is able to obtain 95 to 97 percent completion

rates of surveys each month to provide accurate information to their clients. Detailed reports are forwarded to each client agency monthly. In the months of October through December, 2016, Live Free Home Health Care earned a score of 9.47 out of a possible 10 as a Provider of Choice, and 9.02 out of a possible 10 in the Best Of Home Care Employer of Choice category.

"We've always prided

ourselves on the quality care our team provides. To be named both Provider of Choice and Employer of Choice is humbling and keeps our focus where it always has been...doing what's best for our clients and doing what's best for our caregivers. What we do is not work to us... It's an honor," said Executive Director and Co-Administrator Tammy Miller.

Live Free Home Health Care operates in

the Lakes Region and Central New Hampshire. We understand the importance of providing dignified and confidential home care to our clients, and the comfort it brings to know that your loved one is cared for like a member of our own family.

For more information, contact Live Free Home Health Care at 217-0149, or visit us on the web at: www.livefree-homehealthcare.com.

Early morning fire leaves Hill resident homeless

BY DONNA RHODES
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HILL — An early morning fire destroyed a residence at 1163 Murray Hill Rd. in the Town of Hill on Monday, leaving the owner without a home or vehicles but officials say the actual cause of the fire may never be known.

Hill Fire Chief Deanna Ford said the call for a structure fire came in at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, and quickly became a two-alarm situation due to its rural location.

Water and cold temperatures were the prime issues in dealing with the blaze.

"There were no hydrants in the area and the dry hydrants were all frozen so we had to do water shuttles," she said.



DONNA RHODES

An early morning blaze destroyed a home and two vehicles on Murray Hill Road in Hill, leaving one man and his pet homeless, but thankfully okay.

That was a time and labor intensive process since the nearest water supplies were at a hydrant by the Freudenberg NOK plant in Route 104 in Bristol and another

on Route 3A in Hill, each a few miles from the scene.

Besides Hill Fire Department, additional assistance came from Alexandria, Andover,

Ashland, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Franklin, Hebron, Meredith, New Hampton and Tilton-Northfield. Tankers from many of those

departments were then used to bring in a steady supply of the water needed to battle the stubborn blaze.

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Boogie back to the '40s at Voices Against Violence Winter Ball

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PLYMOUTH — It's time once again for the annual Voices Against Violence Winter Ball, and since this year's organizers will be transporting their guests back to the 1940's, Uncle Sam Wants YOU to join them an evening of fun on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Common Man Inn and Spa in Plymouth.

While the 1940's was a stressful time with World War II and the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1945, it was also a decade of progress that provided a lot for people to celebrate. Construction on both the Pentagon and Mount Rushmore was completed during that time, the first programmable computer was unveiled at the University of Pennsylvania and Ferrari began to produce sports cars. "The Goldbergs" was debuted on CBS as one of America's very first sitcoms, while photocopiers, electric razors, the Polaroid camera and helicopters also came onto the scene in the '40s.

Big band sounds dominated the music world back then with artists such as Count Basie, Rosemary Clooney and Artie Shaw, and those are just a few of the iconic performers whose classic hits will be featured at this year's Swing Dance Spectacular to benefit Voices Against Violence.

The charity ball will begin at 6 p.m. at the Common Man on Route 3 in Plymouth with food, fun and some terrific auction items, board members said.

Setting the scene for the 1940's will be antiques and decorations provided by The Quince and Quail in downtown Plymouth.

Those who attend will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner from The Common Man Restaurant along with dancing to not only the 40's hits but other classic music as well.

In addition to all of that, there will be many great items up for auction and topping the list this year will be tickets for the 2017 Boston Red Sox and four tickets to Walt Disney World Theme Park. Also up for bids will be numerous gift certificates to local restaurants, locally made artwork, photography and jewelry, along with a special wine tasting night for

up to 10 people.

Guests can have a little added fun by flaunting the fashions of the 1940s for the night but it is not required.

Tickets for this swinging night out are now on sale but can only be purchased online at vavball2017.brownpapertickets.com. For ques-

tions about the event, please contact Voices Against Violence at 536-5999.

We will have many auction items this year,

including gift certificates to local restaurants, Red Sox tickets, 4 tickets to Walt Disney world theme park, items from local artists, including photo-

graphs, paintings, and jewelry, wine tasting for 10, said Maryann, a member of the Voices Against Violence Board of Directors.

Red Cross assisting man displaced by house fire in Hill

HILL — The American Red Cross is assisting a man displaced by a fire at a home on Murray Hill Road in Hill.

Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers will meet with the residents to ensure everyone has a safe place to sleep and has food, clothing, and other essentials. Over the next several days, Red Cross client casework volunteers will stay in contact with the family and provide referrals as they begin their road to recovery.

In New Hampshire and Vermont, a family is displaced by a disaster

— most usually a home fire - on average every 17 hours. You can help people affected by disasters like home fires and countless other crises by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Visit redcross.org/NHVT, call 1-800-464-6692, or text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

The Red Cross and community partners around the country are participating in a cam-

paign called the "Home Fire Preparedness Campaign." If you, or someone you know doesn't have smoke alarms installed in your home, Red Cross is working with local teams to install them. If you are in need of someone to install smoke alarms, please call the American Red Cross to arrange for a free smoke alarm installation or battery check at 1-800-464-6692.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional

support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross

is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Bristol Historical Society meets Jan. 28

BRISTOL — The Bristol Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 2017 on Jan. 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Minot Sleeper Library meeting room.

A presentation about New Hampshire Native Americans will be led by local resident Richard LaFlamme.

Mr. LaFlamme was the Cultural/Historical Preservation Manager of the New Hampshire Army National Guard in the Environmental Office from 1994-2007. He wrote the first integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan for his office and dealt with many areas including Native Americans. This plan dealt with archeological sites on National Guard land. Four sites in the state are now protected. Mr. LaFlamme is a descendant of the Navajo Tribe and is a member of the Laconia Indian Historical Association. We look forward to this very interesting presentation which is open to the public.

PSU Educational Theatre Collaborative presents Integrated Arts Conference for Arts Educators and Artists

Full-day of workshops based on themes of "Fiddler on the Roof," explore opportunities for arts integration in the classroom

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETC) will present the 22nd Annual Integrated Arts Conference for Arts Educators and Artists on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth. The annual conference brings artists and educators from throughout the state together for a full day of workshops and presentations on the arts in education.

The Integrated Arts Conference for Arts Educators and Artists is held in collaboration with, and draws themes, from ETC's 2017 production of "Fiddler on the Roof," which will be presented Jan. 20 to 28 at the Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth.

Co-hosted by Trish Lindberg, co-founder and creative director, Plymouth State University Educational Theatre Collaborative, and Marcia McCaffrey, arts consultant and facilitator, New Hampshire Department of Education, the conference will explore new opportunities for arts integration in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Conference sessions, led by accomplished artists and educators, will focus on topics such as implementing and empowering arts integration

connections in the classroom; connecting concepts from "Fiddler on the Roof" to various curriculum areas and the new National Arts Standards; and using writing, drumming, theatre arts, and visual arts to create more engaged and deeper student learning experiences.

Conference breakout sessions with concurrent workshops will be held from 9:55 to 10:50 a.m. and 11 to 11:55 a.m. The afternoon session will feature a presentation by multi-instrumentalist, composer and teaching artist Randy Armstrong. The session, "Now I Have Everything," will explore global traditions in music and the arts. The conference will conclude with collaborative art activity, led

by Carole Storro, arts and music educator, ConVal School District, and Timm Judas, Doctorate of Education student and teaching lecturer at Plymouth State University.

Registration for the Integrated Arts Conference for Arts Educators and Artists is \$140 per person and includes the full-day conference, staff development certificate, lunch, refreshments, electronic teacher resource book, and one admission to the ETC production of "Fiddler on the Roof." For detailed information about the conference and individual sessions, and to register, visit www.plymouth.edu/outreach/etc/integrated-arts-conference/ or contact Deb Stalnak at 535-2933.

The Integrated Arts

Conference for Arts Educators and Artists is presented in association with the New Hampshire Department of Education, with support from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Arts Learning Network.

Newfound Area Lenten services begin March 1

REGION — Newfound Area Churches (NAC) will be holding their annual Lenten services beginning March 1. These services are held every Wednesday at noon, with a light lunch afterward.

The church rotation is as follows: March 1 - Our Lady Of Grace; March 8 - Bristol United

Church of Christ; March 15 - Bristol Baptist Church; March 22 - New Hampton Community Church; March 29 - Alexandria United Methodist Church, and April 5 - Union Congregational Church of Hebron.

For more information, please call 744-3885.

"Button Up NH" weatherization workshop coming to Rumney

RUMNEY — Button Up New Hampshire, the popular weatherization workshop series, is coming to Rumney.

This workshop is scheduled to take place on Monday, Jan. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m., at Russell Elementary School, School Street, Rumney. This free workshop is being sponsored by The Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative and hosted by Russell Elementary School. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and no registration is required.

Button Up New Hampshire workshops are designed to provide homeowners with information and techniques to help them save money on home

energy use. The presentation will be conducted by Gil Richardson from Pike, a BPI certified energy professional. Participants will learn basic building science concepts and learn the basics about air sealing, insulating, and conservation measures that reduce fuel and electricity use.

Workshop participants will learn how to sign up for Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) - a program run by the energy efficiency services at Liberty Utilities, Eversource, NH Electric Cooperative and Unutil. HPwES is open to all New Hampshire families in these service areas and is based on whether your home has a higher than av-

erage heating fuel bill. By signing up, New Hampshire residents can access a home energy audit for \$100, financial incentives up to \$4,000 and technical expertise.

Representatives of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Eversource will be available following the presentation to determine eligibility for the Home Performance With Energy Star Program. Participants should bring the square footage of their home, a copy of their electric bill and the amount of fuel used to heat their home for 12 months. This can include cord wood.

According to Sandra Jones, Co-Director of the Plymouth Area Re-

newable Energy Initiative, "These workshops over the past few years, have been bringing practical and valuable information to the people of New Hampshire to help them make good decisions about how to improve their home's energy efficiency. Those attending will learn how to identify DIY energy saving opportunities and how to go a step further to have their home tested by a professional, all with the goal of having a toasty-warm home in the winter for less!"

The Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) of Plymouth, NH is working with local groups statewide to bring this important information

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Americans for Prosperity State Director to keynote Lincoln Reagan Dinner

WOODSTOCK — The Pemi Baker Valley Republican Committee is pleased to announce that Greg Moore, the State Director of Americans for Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation in New Hampshire, will be key-

noting the committee's annual Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Woodstock Inn, Station, and Brewery in Woodstock. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, and the dinner program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In the capacity as State Director, Mr. Moore advocates on behalf of the 44,000 plus AFP New Hampshire members to federal, state and local governments.

As the State Director for Americans for Prosperity, Moore is helping

lead the effort to ensure Right-to-Work legislation is passed in New Hampshire this year.

"The economic results of Right-to-Work are clear and have convinced a majority of states to prioritize worker freedom in state law,"



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Greg Moore

said Moore in a recent opinion editorial in the Union Leader.

There are currently 27 states that enjoy this economic freedom through Right-to-Work laws.

Moore previously served as the Chief of Staff for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. There, working directly for the Speaker of the House, he worked to implement an agenda that included numerous historical firsts for the body, including passing the largest budget reduction in state history, numerous business tax and fee reductions, a Medicaid managed care law and tough welfare reform requirements. Previously, he served the same body as House Policy Director.

Moore has been Director of Policy and Communication, Campaign Manager, Communications and Press Secre-

tary Director to congressional and gubernatorial races. In these roles he has directed all aspects of the campaigns, including advertisement, field operations and earned media. Greg has also served as the Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. As a private consultant he has developed grassroots issues advocacy campaigns for numerous corporate clients in to grow businesses and influence legislation.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. RSVP by Jan. 28 and get your name entered into the early bird raffle. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jeanie Forrester at 380-2523 or jlf@world-path.net.

Contestants shine in Miss Amazing show

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MEREDITH — A group of remarkable ladies shared their talents, poise, and interview skills during the New Hampshire Miss Amazing Pageant.

On Saturday night, women and girls with disabilities took part in a series of competitions at Inter-Lakes High School to display their unique abilities.

Miss Amazing is a national 501(c)3 organization with the mission of providing "opportunities for women and girls with disabilities to build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment."

The New Hampshire competition was co-founded by Sophia Joyal, a Laconia High School student who currently holds the title of Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen. Joyal said she learned about Miss Amazing while looking into different organizations. She found out there wasn't a pageant in New Hampshire and decided to start one last year. She and her mother Doreen Richards are the co-directors of the New Hampshire pageant and the first New Hampshire Miss Amazing took place last year.

Participants range in age from five-years-old to over 35, and are entered in a number of different age categories.

The main pageant is open to ladies ages 10 through 35 and competitors enter into the categories of Pre-Teen (10-12), Junior Teens (13-15), Teen (16-19), Junior Miss (20-23), Miss (24-27), and Senior Miss (28-35). The Rising Stars category for girls ages 5-9 is a starting competition. Participants over the age of 35 are in the Shooting Star and get a special trophy.

Participants will do an interview process, a talent demonstration, and an eveningwear showing.

Joyal said they emphasize to the participants that this is not about their appearance, but what they have inside.

Miss Amazing has competitions in around 32 different states and Joyal said that list is growing.

As Vermont does not have their own Miss Amazing, a contestant from Vermont took part in the New Hampshire show and was crowned Miss Vermont.

The competition helps with a lot of important life skills too. For a good portion of the day the participants are interviewed, which Joyal said helps them learn interviewing skills for jobs.

"It's more than just



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Contestants in the Miss Amazing competition line up for a big photo.



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Shawnee Smith of Ashland is crowned Junior Miss Queen at the Miss Amazing competition.



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Emily Ledger of Center Harbor is given the crown of Teen Queen.



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(Left) Tori Belle Woltering of Raymond does a balance beam act "Balance Beam Beauty."

learning how to walk in an evening gown," Joyal said.

Joyal said they have a number of participants who have done this competition before who take on mentoring roles for those who are doing it for the first time.

"They're so nice to each other," Joyal said.

A Queen was crowned in the major age categories as were princesses. Joyal said the queens get a good year of service.

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Melissa Aubin of Merrimack shows her talents in baton twirling.

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Binge drinking: Dangerous at any age

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Tragically, in the United States an average of six people die each day of alcohol poisoning. Alcohol poisoning is caused by drinking large quantities of alcohol in a short period of time. Very high levels of alcohol in the body can shut down critical areas of the brain that control breathing, heart rate, and body temperature, resulting in death. Alcohol poisoning deaths affect people of all ages but are most common among middle-aged adults.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) scientists analyzed deaths from alcohol poisoning among people aged 15 years and older, using multiple cause-of-death data from the National Vital Statistics System for 2010-2012. Alcohol dependence (alcoholism) was identified as a contributing factor in 30 percent of these deaths, and other drugs were noted to have been a factor in about three percent of the deaths. While this study reveals that alcohol poisoning deaths are a bigger problem than previously thought, it is still likely to be an underestimate of actual incidence.

Despite the risks, more than 38 million U.S. adults report binge drinking an average of four times per month and consume an average of eight drinks per binge. Binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men on one occasion. Binge drinking typically leads to a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that exceeds 0.08 g/dL, the legal limit for driving in all states. U.S. adults who binge drink consume an average of about 8 drinks per binge, which can result in even higher levels of alcohol in the body. The more a person drinks, the greater the risk of death.

Binge drinking is not just an "adult" problem. Nationwide, 15.9 percent of youth aged 12 to 20 were binge drinkers in

the 30 days prior to being surveyed. By comparison, 23 percent of New Hampshire 12-20 year olds report binge drinking in the past 30 days—significantly higher than the national average of 15.9 percent and 18 percent in the Northeast. New Hampshire ranks second in the nation for binge drinking among 12-20 year olds.

Binge drinking can be dangerous at any age. Key findings of a CDC Vital Signs Report indicate there are more than 2,200 alcohol-poisoning deaths in the U.S. each year—an average of 6 alcohol poisoning deaths every day. It is harmful because of the potential serious consequences, and people who binge on a regular basis are at even higher risk. Since young people frequently combine high-risk activities with binge drinking, their potential for death or serious injury is very high. Medical research has also proven that because the teen brain is still developing, underage drinking can cause permanent damage.

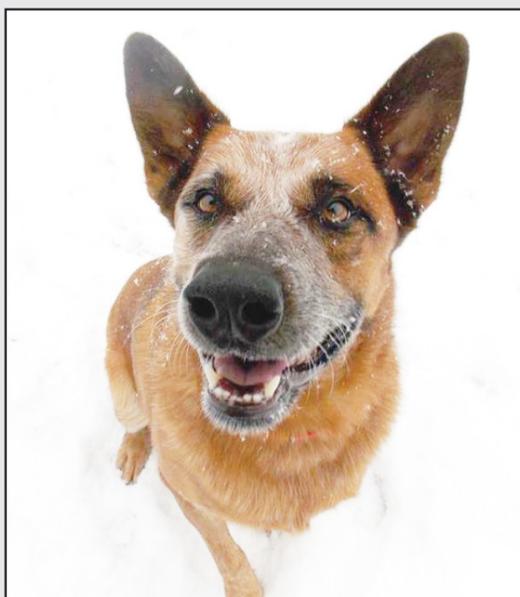
We can take steps to reduce alcohol-poisoning deaths by preventing binge drinking. If you choose to drink alcohol, follow the dietary guidelines. Avoid drinks with unknown alcohol content or mixing alcohol with energy drinks. Caffeine can mask alcohol's effects and cause people to drink more than they intend. Get immediate help for anyone experiencing life-threatening signs of alcohol poisoning. Talk with your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider if you think you may have a drinking problem, or call the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-HELP for immediate assistance.

For over 18 years, CADY has been working to prevent and reduce underage drinking. Please join us in preventing addiction and saving lives! Visit our Web site at www.cadyinc.org to learn more about CADY and our mission.

PET of the Week Jake

2017 starts off smartly with our first dog of the New Year looking for his permanent forever home, the very handsome, ever so slightly cross-eyed, Australian Cattle dog, Jake.

On the one hand, he is active and a bit of a canine go-getter but on the other, loves to sit in your lap as if he were of much smaller stature and thoroughly enjoys being brushed and groomed. Perhaps that activity appeals to his vanity, knowing that a well-kept, gleaming visage will



undoubtedly help in his quest for a new home. Originally hailing from the warmth of the gulf state of Mississippi, our Jake has adapted well to the northern climes of New Hampshire, and actually seems to enjoy the crisp outdoors here. So, a home with folks who enjoy a good hike in the woods, and one where he can really be part of the human pack is Jake's New Year's Wish.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

To the Editor:

With the Christmas season drawing to a close, the Bristol Downtown Decorating Committee sends thanks to all who helped make the downtown a special place to visit during the Christmas season. Special thanks go out to Wally Orvis for the donation of this year's tree from his Christmas tree farm located on the Old Bristol Road. His contribution was greatly appreciated. Also to be thanked is the Beno Corp. for their generous contribution given in thanks for our decorating of the fence in front of their property.

White Mountain Smile Makers generously donated tree decorations and decorated a bench on the common. Thanks to them for their support. Thank you also to everyone who donated empty milk jugs for our luminary project and to all those who helped light candles on our 1st Luminary Night.

As we clean up from the Holiday, we are reminded how good it is to live in a small community with caring people working together.

Bristol Downtown Decorating Committee

In support of HB-145

Editor's note: The following letter was originally sent to the legislative committee assembled to review HB-145, a bill proposing that large-scale transmission line projects such as Northern Pass be required to obtain individual approval from the municipal authorities in the communities they pass through.

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members, I am here today as a resident of Alexandria, and to speak on behalf of the New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCNR) in support of HB-145.

NHCNR was founded to educate and empower communities and elected officials about our individual and collective right to local self-governance in order to secure and protect the inherent and unalienable rights of all inhabitants of New Hampshire to economic, social and environmental justice, including the rights of nature. NHCNR believes that sustainable environmental and economic development can be achieved only when the people affected by governing decisions are the ones who make such decisions. Corporations have been using preemptive processes such as the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to override local decision-making authority that is carried out in the democratic process of local Town Meetings. When the SEC, made up of industry representatives, is given preemptive power over the will of communities most affected, we must ask ourselves whose interest is really being heard. It certainly isn't that of the residents or ecosystems most affected.

Corporate lobbyists will likely oppose this measure, as they must assure the ability of the corporations they represent to have the easiest access to a decision that favors their plan to profit. There is nothing wrong with corporations making a profit and having a smooth process that oversees the permitting of projects. But the decision to move forward with such projects against the will of affected communities reveals corporate determination to exer-

cise its claimed "right" to profit at the cost of communities attempting to protect their health, safety and welfare, economic sustainability, and natural environment. Residents impacted by high voltage electrical transmission lines projects in the Granite State have overwhelmingly expressed opposition throughout the ongoing SEC hearing process. The expressed support for high voltage transmission lines by politicians, lobbyists and those that are in a position to profit from these projects, in the face of significant opposition from residents, does not constitute community support or community benefits.

The plan to use Granite State communities as resource colonies for profit without giving affected communities a final say in the matter is inconsistent with the rights enumerated for residents in our state constitution or our long history of local self-governing through Town Meeting. The State is charged with protecting the rights of residents, not corporations. Clearly, Article 8. (Accountability of Magistrates and Officers) makes your job here today very easy. All power residing originally in, and being derived from the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. I urge you to listen, not just hear the voice of the people – for your power is derived from us and you are at all times accountable to us.

NH Community RightsNetwork (NHCNR) assists communities in elevating their right to protect themselves and the places they live, for the sake of the health, safety and welfare of residents, local economies, and environmental sustainability. NHCNR supports HB-145 because residents affected by high voltage transmission lines must have recognized authority to make the final governing decision as to whether or not such projects move forward.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Sanborn
NHCNR Coordinator, Board of Directors
Alexandria*

Nomination for Ronald Bucklin for Newfound Hall of Fame

To the Editor:

I would like to support Ron Bucklin for the Newfound Hall of Fame.

The first time I met Ron was my first year of teaching, and it was memorable. The faculty had a basketball team, and our first game was against IPC, and it was in the gym at NMHS. As I entered the gym, I saw this guy going through lay-ups, yelling "Up, up, up, psych up!" I thought, wow, who was this dude? I soon found out ... he played the game so hard, and gave you everything. At the end of the game, he came and shook our hand and said "Good game!" I was so impressed with his intensity and good sportsmanship! I was driv-

en into the wall on a lay up and hit my head, but continued on ... Ron called me at home that night and asked how I was. I was a Ron Bucklin fan from that night on...

We finally played on the same team, Twin Rivers, and I found out how really good he was, not only in basketball, but as a person. After the basketball season, there was summer softball, and I played on a team with Ron and witnessed intensity I have never seen. I took this into my young coaching seasons.. He would get everybody up for the game, and one time went overboard with the umpires. After the game, he got his two boys

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North Country Notebook



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Woodland caribou were part of the northern New England scene for centuries after the last Ice Age, when the earliest known people hunted them along edge of the melting glaciers.

The glaciers began melting about 14,000 years ago. Evidence so far points to the first people arriving here about 5,000 years later. This coincides with archeological finds of the earliest known fire pits, flint points, and bones of hunted species.

Woodland caribou flourished in the region for centuries thereafter, dwindling only in recent times as habitat changed. And they hung on even in the face of European settlement, logging and farming.

New Hampshire's last caribou were seen in Pittsburg around 1905. In Maine they hung on for another ten years, where two attempts to restore them in modern times

Maine, and New Hampshire too, were once the haunt of the caribou

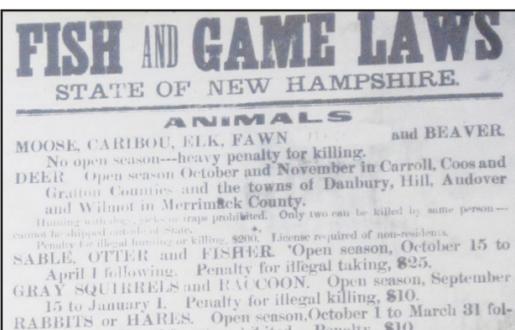


COURTESY — AROOSTOOK COUNTY HISTORICAL AND ART MUSEUM

The caption for this 1895 photo reads "Four caribou were taken on a successful hunt in the Aroostook woods."

failed. And because they are even more susceptible to brainworm than moose, and because of changes in habitat and climate, it is highly unlikely they'll ever be seen here again.

I've had a great interest in caribou ever since longtime Fish and Game wildlife biologist Dave Patrick gave me a copy of Helenette Silver's classic "History of New Hampshire Game and Furbearers" when I was a kid.



Here is part of what the author had to say about caribou when the book was published, in 1957:

"Because of their rarity, it is doubtful that hunting in New Hampshire had a very serious

effect on the species. (Pittsburg) Conservation Officer Fred Scott perhaps quite accurately describes the situation: "They were not extirpated, though some were killed. They migrated." Frank Huggins (veteran Pittsburg hunter and guide) echoes Scott's opinion: "They were not killed off, or at least not completely. They went away."

That is a haunting echo of similar popular sentiment only a couple of generations earlier, by people who simply could not fathom the disappearance of so many millions of buffalo. Surely there were hidden herds of thousands, somewhere over the next hill.

This book opened my young eyes to the rich history and legacy of New Hampshire's wildlife. In this way I learned about wolves, cougars, caribou and other creatures past and present, resulting in a lifelong curiosity about what this place was like in post-glacial times.

On trips to the Far North, I've seen the tracks (and worn the fur) of wolverines, and seen circled herds of muskox. In the past, perhaps as little as 10,000 years ago, northern New England probably had both.

During what is often referred to as the Big Cut in the 1880s, when loggers, logging camps and logging railroads pushed fast and far into the old-growth forests of northern New Hampshire and Maine, locals and visiting "sports" alike hunted woodland caribou. In fact, caribou were numerous enough in northern Maine that commercial hunters shipped carcasses to urban markets.

It was the era of the demise of the passenger pigeon and the bison. In all three cases, people thought these species were too numerous ever to end.

In a short time, at around the turn of the century, the nation's first conservation efforts took hold, and quickly grew into the great movement that saved so much of the continent's wild land and wildlife. But for the woodland caribou, which once roamed in all of the states along the Canadian border, it came too late.

Today, only a small population of 50 or so hangs on in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho, eking out its existence mostly, a wildlife biologist recently noted, in British Columbia.

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Letters to the Editor

Conservation District thanks volunteers and partners and shares coming event

To the Editor:

In 2016, the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) celebrated its 70th year helping landowners, communities and other organizations conserve soil and water resources. Whether you gave your time, purchased plants, attended a conservation workshop or donated ideas or funds, you helped us make a difference in Belknap County. BCCD's 2016 accomplishments include:

- 1700 County residents received assistance from BCCD
- 92 volunteers donated a total of 1382 hours, equal to \$31,883
- 202 acres improved through conservation measures
- 5800 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables gleaned from farms and gardens donated to people in need, (valued at \$23,200)
- \$719,414 benefit by connecting County land owners to Federal in-kind services and contracts and State Programs
- \$206,789 value of other BCCD projects and services For every \$1 in County funding, the Conservation District provides \$12.50 in value.

2016 projects included work with;

- Laconia, Gilford and Meredith with Jewett, Durkee, and Gunstock

Brooks

- Schools ,conservation workshops and aquifer information meetings for Alton, Belmont, and Tilton.
- Belknap County 's Seasonal High Tunnel and pollinator garden.
- Outreach to Belknap County communities to identify future projects
- Partnering on the Opechee Hayfield with Small and Beginning Farmers of NH
- BCCD received three grants totaling \$63,533 for County conservation efforts at Gunstock Recreation Area including renewing the Wetlands Board Walk, Special thanks to the New England Forest and River Fund, NH State Conservation Committee and the Penny Pitou Foundation. Work parties on the Wetlands Walk were assisted by an intrepid group of volunteers, Gunstock Mountain Resort, Belknap County Department of Corrections and several local officials including County Commissioner Hunter Taylor, State Representative Ray Howard from Alton, and Ruth Larson, Gunstock Area Commissioner.

2017 BCCD Initiatives include:

- Gunstock Area - Forest Plan revision focused on forest health and habitat needs, a Stream Restoration Strategy to

improve fish habitat and stabilizing and repair of the Wetlands Walk. To get involved in Wetlands Walk volunteer efforts or our Buy a Board Campaign email: wetlandswalk@myfairpoint.net.

• Plant Extra for Hunger, A Benefit Concert for Belknap County's Gleaning Program is set for Saturday, March 11th at the New Hampton School's Mc Evoy Theater from 7-10PM. Our Belknap County-NH Gleans program encourages farmers and home gardeners to plant a little extra to donate to local food pantries using volunteers to harvest and deliver the food. Peter O'Halloran & the Hired Men, the featured group plays a mix of Irish, Folk, Cowboy, Jugband, 50's, Funk and original songs. Tickets are available now for \$15

and after March 6th or at the door for \$20. For tickets email lisamorin@nh.nacdnet.net or contact Lisa Morin at 527-5880.

• BCCD Spring Plant Sale is in April. Plant list and order forms will be available in late January.

To participate in our programs and to learn more about what we do. Our Web site is at www.belknapccd.org/.

*Belknap County Conservation District Board of Supervisors
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Letter

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out of the stands and used it as a teaching moment never to do that! I only can imagine what an athlete he must have been in high school.

If anybody out there can share a story about Ron Bucklin, please contact Pete Cofran at Newfoundland Regional High School...pcofran@sau4.org.

*Earl Mills
Alexandria*

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Judith D. Colcord, 61

FRANKLIN — Judith D. Colcord, 61, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at the Mt. Ridge Nursing Home after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Ralph and Rita (Martin) Colcord. Judith was raised in Bristol and graduated from Newfound Memorial High School. She earned her LNA license and worked for a number of years at the Laconia State School and later at various nursing homes.

Judith enjoyed crocheting, reading, listen-

ing to country music, and going for rides.

Her family was important to her, and she leaves her mother, Rita, of Bristol; three brothers David Colcord of Franklin, and Paul and Raymond Colcord of Bristol; four sisters (Joyce Bucklin of Alexandria, Donna Colcord of Laconia, Lorraine Hobart of Groton, and Brenda Hobart of Hebron); many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by two sisters, Marie Matthews and Joann Speigel, and a

brother, Ralph Colcord III.

An hour of visitation will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Emmons Funeral Home, 115 South Main Street, Bristol. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am on Monday, January 16, 2017 at Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 2 West Shore Rd., Bristol. Burial will be in Homeland Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 360 Route 101, Suite 8, Bedford, NH 03110.

Fred D. Higgins III, 50



Fred was predeceased by his father, David D. Higgins, Sr.

He is survived by his many children (Bobby Ryan, Carol Wentworth, Kimberly Higgins, Kyle Higgins, Leah Jameson, Derek Higgins, Steven

Higgins, and stepdaughter Madison LeBlanc); his fiancé, Melanie Michael; two sisters, Melissa Robertson and Sara Lee Higgins Sawyer; and his mother and stepfather, Judy and Tim Metzger of Alexandria; grandchildren, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

There will be a celebration of life at the VFW in Franklin Saturday, Jan. 21, 1 to 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin is assisting with arrangements. For an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

Frederick W. Rich, 81

LADY LAKE, Fla. — Frederick W. Rich, 81, of Lady Lake, Fla. passed away on Jan. 7, 2017, at his home.

Mr. Rich retired as a manager of Installation and Maintenance for Nynex, which later became Verizon, after 30 years of service. He was a native of Everett, Mass., and came to this area from New Hampshire. Fred served his country proudly in the US Army during the Korean War. He was an antique car buff, belonging to many car clubs through the years. A professional drummer for 32 years, Fred was also the band leader for the Fred Williams LTD Band. He enjoyed skiing, motorcycling, snowmobiling and boating.

He leaves behind, to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 33 years, Judy; son Kevin D. & wife Gretchen Rich of Melrose, Mass. and their children, Callie & Darby; his daughter, Linda G. &



husband Walter Kor of North Reading, Mass. and their children Melissa, Colin & Ashley; mother in law Jessie Halpin of W. Ossipee; and sisters in law Jane & husband Joel Smith of Concord and Sheila & husband William Woods of New Hampton.

The family suggests memorials in Fred's name to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 or to the charity of your choice. You are invited to share your memories with the family at www.baldwincremation.com.

Towns

Alexandria

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judy7@metrocast.net

Winter glow

That the days are already longer is event by the flowering of geraniums and begonias. Tulips are up about 2 inches in the plant room, hyacinths about an inch. Cats are out every day on the closed porch, as the sun raises the temperature to 30-plus. They don't stay long, but always want the chance.

The birds continue to eat at the crab apples.

The ice has melted every where that was plowed. It will come again.

From the town

Sand is available at the transfer station.

Danbury

Donna Sprague
huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury Church

The regular Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, with refreshments and conversation afterward. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Groton

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rem1752nh@gmail.com

The last couple of days have been warm, and it looks like there will be more warm days next week. This has been nice, but is causing problems for many on back roads which have turned into ice rinks. Hope you all stay safe out there. I'm sure winter is not over yet and there will be more snow and cold before spring. I did order seeds last week for the garden. Always and optimist!

FRANKLIN — Fred D Higgins III, 50, of Franklin, formerly of Seabrook and Northfield, passed peacefully surrounded by family on Jan. 11, 2017 at home after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Franklin, the son of David D. Higgins, Sr. and Judy (Lemner) Metzger.

Fred was employed at Watts Technologies before becoming ill. Fred enjoyed fishing and hanging out in his garage tinkering on all sorts of engines from small too big. His latest obsession was his family of pet ducks; you could usually find him helping the ducks dig for worms.

Upcoming meetings:

Select Board Meetings will be every other week Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Town House. There will be work sessions on Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. at the Town House.

The Conservation Commission has a scheduled meeting on Feb. 9 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Looking ahead:

The Planning Board has a scheduled meeting on Feb. 22, 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Town Elections which will be March 14. If you would like to run for one of the listed positions, please stop by the office.

Dog licenses are available in the Town Clerks office for 2017. All dogs in the Town should be licensed before the end of April. Spring will be here before you know it.

Keep warm and drive safe.

Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597
hebronnhnews@live.com

Hebron Area Women's Group

The Hebron Area Women's Group will be meeting on Thursday Jan. 19 at the Hebron Union Congregational

Churches

Family Worship Center Ply. Assembly of God

If you do not have a church home, we want you to know that you will be welcomed to join our warm and friendly family at The Family Worship Center. You can always contact our Pastor Glen Yungans at 726-0254 or 536-1966.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., you are invited to join us for our Family Night at the Church. We offer Godly ministry for children, youth, and adults with programs for people of all ages: Royal Rangers Club for boys, elementary through high school; Mpact Club for girls, preschool through high school; Youth 4 Truth High School Bible Study. Do come for this great time of fellowship and learning.

Church, at noon.

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting-Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to register, change your party affiliation, and/or make other corrections to the Hebron Checklist.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Brooks
Sandra Cummings
Audrey Johnson

Public hearing

In accordance with RSA 32:5, you are hereby notified that there will be a public hearing on the Hebron town budget and warrant articles for fiscal year 2017.

To be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Hebron Community Hall, located at 16 Church Lane.

Copies of the budget and warrant articles may be picked up at the Hebron Select Board Office after Jan. 19.

Per Hebron Select Board

Patrick K. Moriarty, Chairman
John W. Dunklee, Vice-Chair
Eleanor D. Lonske, Member

Sunday, Jan. 22

Sunday, Jan. 22, please join us at 8:30 a.m. for bagels, coffee and juice; 9 a.m.: Bible Education for all age groups pre-school through Adult Bible Studies. 10:00: Sunday morning service. Children's church during the morning service for ages 3-K, and grades 1-4. 5 p.m.: Prayer meeting. "You do not need any experience in order to pray, only faith and trust in Jesus our Lord." You may put prayer requests in the green box marked "Prayer Requests" on the hall table.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. Men's brunch at the Church. Please contact Pastor Glen at 726-0254, or Willy Gusha for information for reservations.

Monday, Feb. 6

Monday, Feb. 6, noon-2 p.m. - the Church's Helping Hands Food

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"Fiddler on the Roof" takes the stage at PSU's Silver Center for the Arts

Staged by the award-winning Educational Theatre Collaborative, the play features actors from throughout the region

PLYMOUTH — The Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETC) will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at Plymouth State University's (PSU) Silver Center for the Arts on two consecutive weekends in January: Jan. 20 to 22 and 25 to 28. This year marks ETC's 24th season of producing intergenerational musical theatre.

"Fiddler on the Roof" centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to main-

tain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon the family's lives. It is an engaging musical with drama, intrigue, romance, comedy, history and lyrical music suitable for the whole family to enjoy together. Featuring a cast of 95 talented community members, ETC will mount this life-affirming, heart-filled musical with only 18 days of rehearsal.

"Fiddler on the Roof



is a timeless story for the ages," says Trish Lindberg, artistic director, Educational Theatre Collaborative. "I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with so many

wonderful cast and staff members to recreate the village of Anatevka for our audiences."

The ETC production of "Fiddler on the Roof" SEE FIDDLER, PAGE A14

COURTESY

(Left) The Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETC) production of "Fiddler on the Roof" features Bruce Goldman (pictured) of Florida and Pennsylvania as Tevye. A child star on Broadway, Goldman has performed the role of Tevye more than 150 times. Performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" will be given on Jan. 20-21 and 25-28 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 21, 22 and 28 at 2 p.m. at the Silver Center at Plymouth State University. Tickets are available from the Silver Center for the Arts Box Office, and cost \$26 to \$29 for adults, \$20 to \$25 for seniors and youth. Contact the box office at 535-2787 or (800) 779-3869, or online at www.plymouth.edu/silver-center/buy-tickets/.

Churches

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Pantry will be held and free clothing will be available.

Looking Ahead Sunday, Feb. 12

Sunday, Feb. 12, Gospel Musician Scott Brunt will give a Gospel concert in the 10 a.m. service. This will be followed by the monthly fellowship luncheon (please bring food to share) and this will be followed by the Church annual meeting. All groups and departments please get your reports to Pastor Glen by Feb. 5.

Other announcements

Michelle Thayer has a ministry to the residents at Forestview Manor in Meredith. Keep her ministry in prayer.

Our mission statement

Our Mission Statement is "Transforming lives through God's Word."

Please give announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the Church office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays by e-mailing fwcag@hotmail.com or Pastor Yunghans at gyunghans@hotmail.com, or phone the church at 536-1966 or Pastor Glen at 726-0254. Everyone is welcome at all of our services. The Church is handicapped accessible, east entrance. Note the Church's new Web site: www.assemblyofgod-plymouthnh.org.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Catholic Daughters Cabin Fever Supper and Raffle

The Catholic Daughters will be holding their annual Cabin Fever Supper after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Jan. 28 in St. Matthew Hall. At that time, they will also be raffling off a homemade quilt. Raffle tickets will be available before and after Masses for the next couple of weekends.

Newfound Area Churches Prayer Services for Christian Unity

All services start at noon followed by a light lunch. Monday, Jan. 16, Bristol Baptist Church; Tuesday, Jan. 17, New Hampton Community; Wednesday, Jan. 18, Our Lady of Grace Chapel; Thursday, Jan. 19, Alexandria/Bristol UCC; Friday, Jan. 20, Hebron Congregational.

All are welcome!

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race...no matter what your present status in the Catholic Church...no matter what your current family or marital situation...no matter what your own self image is, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Holy Trinity Parish.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, Jan. 24 Simard Hall 1-6 p.m. Register online at www.redcross.org

Holy Trinity School Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Come and see what makes us special! 50 Church St., Laconia, NH 03246 524-3156 www.HolyTrinityNH.com.

St. Agnes Feast Day Dinner

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Agnes, there will be a dinner on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Hall. All parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish are invited to participate in this special occasion. There is no charge, but please sign up on the sheets in the back of the churches if you plan to attend. For additional information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Elena Worrall at 744-0105. See you there!

Eucharistic Adoration

For the past several years, Eucharistic Adoration has been a gift of comfort and peace every Thursday at St. Agnes. Quite a few parishioners have signed up for an hour each week, praying for the needs of our community of faith. Beginning with Mass at 8 a.m., the day continues in uninterrupted silence and prayer. Adorers are needed and welcome. Can you spend an hour before the Lord once a week or once a month? To see what it's like, stop by for a few minutes of quiet prayer or reflection on any Thursday until 6 p.m.

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The Lakes Region area councils of Knights of Columbus are getting together to sponsor a 24 hour day of adoration, fasting and prayer for the intention that our nation return to a culture of respecting all life from conception to natural death. Adoration will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Tilton from Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. to Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. If you can commit to an hour or more of adoration, please call Bill Driscoll at 528-6109.

Day Away program

Are you caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or Dementia? The Day Away program has openings available and offers a wonderful chance for family members with dementia to experience a day away from home with various activities to do with caring staff and volunteers (with meal included), while also giving the caregiver some much needed time off. We are also looking for volunteers. Volunteers need only work a morning or afternoon shift and will be fully trained by our staff. Please contact Fran Olson for more information at 744-6828, or come by and visit between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Thursday in Simard Hall underneath Our Lady of Grace Chapel.

Are you interested in becoming part of a life changing ministry? Haven Pregnancy Center needs an ultrasound nurse and volunteers

Haven Pregnancy Center is in need of a part-time, paid RN or RDMS that we can train to perform limited OB ultrasounds in the pregnancy center environment. We are willing to work with a qualified applicant's time constraints. Volunteers: positions for client mentors & board members. An interview and application is required. Client mentors must attend a three day training on Mondays, Feb. 20, 27 & March 6, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call Beth now to schedule your interview! If you are ready to serve the Lord in a new way by helping women in unexpected pregnancies, and helping families learn and grow, we would love to have you join us! Call or email Beth for more information at 536-2111 or havenps@myfairpoint.net.

Weekly Meetings Thursday, Jan. 19

Day Away, Simard Hall, 9 a.m.

Cub Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 - 7 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes Feast Dinner, St. Agnes Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22 Faith Formation: Ashland/Plymouth: 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., St. Agnes Hall Bristol: 10:30 a.m. - noon, Simard Hall.

Confirmation: Bristol: 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Marian Center Plymouth: 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - (including Mass) - SMMR Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5 - 7:30 p.m. ~

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

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

If I have the gift of Prophecy and can fathom all the mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2

Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:30 a.m. Teens, Travel, and Transformation

Poet Maya Angelou wisely offers, "We are more alike than unlike." Join Bob and Jane Clay for a service that illuminates that deep understanding and the transformations that have come from our relationship with a small town in Nicaragua.

Children and Youth Religious Education, Meredith Flynn, DRE

Room 1: Pre-school-Kindergarten: Chalice Children- Core Message: Our church is a place where we all belong.

Room 2: First-Third grade: In Our Hands- Core Message: We are part of an interdependent web of life.

Room 3: Fourth-Fifth grade: Windows and Mirrors- Core Message: All people are of equal value no matter what their per-

ceived social standing is.

Middle school: Neighboring Faiths- Youth begin their studies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

High school: Youth Group- Youth in grades 9-12 meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 pm in the upstairs Youth Room.

Social Justice Community Outreach This month's outreach is to help our Youth Group prepare financially for their expensive trip to Nicaragua in February. They have been working for well over a year doing fund raising for this amazing trip. This Sunday's Outreach collection will go a long way to make this happen and the group is grateful to the Fellowship for their constant support.

Canned or dry packaged food items may be placed in the box in the foyer for our local Community Closet collection. Also, items such as small jars of peanut butter, jelly, and canned tuna or chicken can be deposited in the box for the "GOT LUNCH! PLYMOUTH" program.

Margaret Salt is collecting funds for books to go to the little library in the barrio of Primavera in Managua, Nicaragua.

Ongoing activities

Choir meets on most Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Lay Pastoral Care Under the guidance of the Rev. Linda Barnes, the Lay Pastoral Care Associates are here for you. When you have a pastoral care need or know of a need in our Starr King family, please contact Rev. Linda.

See Activities committee on the Web site at www.starrkingfellowship.org, where you can access the up to date calendar of events.

1st Friday morning Breakfast Group will meet at the PSU dining hall at 8:30 a.m. for a casual gathering of SKUUF members and friends for good food and discussion followed by an occasional discovery outing. Parking has been

arranged through PSU security in Commuter Lot #301. Contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com for more info and, if needed, a parking permit to place in the front window of your car during these mornings only.

Second Sunday Hike Depart SKUUF rear lot at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments and dinner following the hike if interested. Contact Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm.org to register and receive updates. Rain cancels.

Wise Women in Training is a women's group to discuss issues related to women. Each meeting will have a theme that will be facilitated by a volunteer member of the group. Check the SKUUF activity calendar for topics of an upcoming session or email Betty Ann to be placed on mailing list. Contact Betty Ann Trought at batrought@gmail.com or just come and meet with this welcoming group. Wise Women regularly meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Starr King Men's Group will meet 6-8 p.m., on the first and third Sundays of each month in classroom #3 downstairs. This is not a closed group so any interested male can attend. Feel free to drop in.

Gentle Yoga meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For information, contact Darlene Nadeau at 493-1478.

Bridge players meet on Thursdays in the Fellowship Room from 12:30-3:30 p.m., except between the holidays.

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'Get dusted' when jam band The Infamous Stringdusters rocks Plymouth stage

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents The Infamous Stringdusters on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Known for their high energy live shows, they have become staples in the burgeoning "String Jam" movement. All tickets for this concert are \$29.50. When The Infamous Stringdusters first emerged eight years ago, the band was immediately branded fast-picking Nashville wunderkinds, a new-generation super group built to revive the high lonesome sound. Then came immediate accolades—IBMA awards, a chart-topping self-titled album for Sugar Hill Records and a Grammy nomination

for "Best Country Instrumental" (for "Magic No. 9 from the 2010 album "Things That Fly"). Incendiary chops, complete with undeniable instrumental virtuosity and heartfelt harmonies, immediately positioned the band to be longstanding bluegrass torchbearers. And boy oh boy do they live to play live. And their fans live to experience them live... or 'get dusted' as they say.

If they get a chance, the five artists that make up the Grammy-nominated bluegrass-rock band will fit some long jams into sets that show off harmonies and the virtuosity of each member: Andy Hall on Dobro, Jeremy Garrett on fiddle, Andy Falco on



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Monthly free art drawings held at Lakes Region Art Gallery

TILTON — Over the last few months, Lakes Region Artists have been encouraging a greater appreciation of the arts by offering an opportunity for individuals to register for a monthly free art drawing.

Recently, Justin Wheeler, a self-taught, local photographer from Hill who donated his framed photograph print titled "Grey Rocks-Newfound Lake, NH," presented it to this month's winner, Anne Normandin of New Hampton. Wheeler specializes in unique and expressive landscape photography, including limited edition nature photographs, which create new and captivating visions of the natural beauty of New Hampshire. More examples of his photographs and prints are on display at the LRAA Gallery as well as on his Website, www.naturallynh.com/home.html.

Normandin was quite surprised when she was notified that she had won the drawing for the photographic print and indicated that she didn't recall having signed up for the drawing. Soon, however she realized that her daughter had submitted her name. She was pleased that she had won the photograph and she and daughter, along with two grandchildren came to Lakes Region Art for the presentation from the artist.

Currently on display at the gallery store is this month's free art



COURTESY

Lakes region photographer, Justin Wheeler, right, recently presented Anne Normandin of New Hampton, second from left, with his photograph of the Newfound Lake area. Normandin won the framed photograph in the monthly Lakes Region Art Gallery free art drawing held at the store in Tanger Outlets in Tilton. She was accompanied by her daughter, who signed her up for the drawing, and two grandchildren when she pick up the photographic print.

piece, a work by Marian Federspiel of Meredith. Federspiel is a digital painter of landscapes and lake scapes in the mountain and lakes regions of New Hampshire. Anyone interested in art, as well as a chance to win free art, should stop by the gallery to view Marian's free artwork piece which is displayed in the window. Registration slips for the drawing are available at the gallery checkout counter; no purchase is necessary to register. One regis-

tration per person, per drawing.

The Lakes Region Art is located in the Tanger Outlets (near the Customer Service office) and is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA), founded in 1940, is a nonprofit group providing education and support to local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region. For more information LRAA and the gallery, see www.lraanh.org.

guitar, Chris Pandolfi on banjo and Travis Book, who has one of the finest voices you'll hear coming from behind a standup bass.

The band lays down an Americana groove akin to the Grateful Dead, which also used

progressive bluegrass as a platform to explore other genres. They have found their stride, sticking with a more traditional bluegrass stage the band is anything but traditional, mixing in wild covers with original tunes in a very high

energy performance.

Tickets for The Infamous Stringdusters are \$29.50. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at www.flyingmonkeyNH.com.

Flying Monkey kicks off 2017 film program

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center at 39 S. Main St. in Plymouth will kick off its 2017 film program with two top-rated features.

Right around the corner, on Jan. 20 and 22, the Monkey is showing "Harry and Snowman," a critically acclaimed 2015 documentary about a Dutch immigrant who journeyed to the United States after World War II and met a broken down Amish plow horse. They developed a special bond and went on to win the triple crown of show jumping in just two years. The story is told

first hand by the now 87 year old Dutchman. According to the New York Times film critic, "Snowman" is a horse that melts the heart." All ages, including horse enthusiasts, will enjoy this film that won the audience choice award for a documentary at the 2015 New Hampshire, Woods Hole, Nantucket, and International Film Festivals among others.

Next up in the series is the award-winning drama "Manchester By The Sea," opening at the Monkey Friday, Jan. 27. The 2016 Sundance feature film, written and directed by Kenneth Lonergan and star-

ring Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams, is about a brooding Boston handyman named Lee Chandler (Affleck) who is named guardian to his 16-year-old nephew, Patrick (Lucas Hedges, in an amazing breakout performance). Affleck won a Golden Globe this month for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture (Drama). The film is screening every evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Monkey, from Friday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Feb. 5, with an additional 3:30 matinee on Sunday.

Set in the fishing and resort community of Manchester-by-the-Sea

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Holderness School exhibit explores themes of permanence and decay

H O L D E R N E S S — “Clay becomes one of the most permanent materials on earth, once it is fired and is transformed into ceramic material,” says Director of the Edwards Art Gallery Franz Nicolay. “It is one way we learn about ancient civilizations. It’s not through their woodcarvings or weavings, which decay over time. It’s through ceramics. Both Liz Howe and Don Williams start with this permanent material, but their sculptures also reference the

impermanence of human existence. It is a clear study in contrasts.”

Jan. 13 marks the opening of the winter exhibit at Holderness School, “Contemporary Ceramic Sculpture: Liz Howe & Don Williams.” And while the artists have never met, their pieces complement each other, offering different perspectives on the enduring themes of permanence and decay.

Liz Howe’s pieces in the exhibit range from beautifully sculpted vas-



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es with hints of rich pigment beneath their white glazes to trapezoidal

made structures fuel my imagination,” writes Mr. Williams in his artist statement. “Wind swept tundra, eroded canyons, Anasazi cliff dwellings and oil refineries, all intersect and overlap in my dreams. Lines and planes come together to form structures. Walls enclose and mark boundaries. Manmade grids stretch across meadowlands. The pieces I make draw from this imagery. Sometimes fragments or artifacts, they reference places and objects, remembered or imagined. They have a history, have born witness to forces of change, and the passage of time.”

Mr. Williams has also included functional pieces in the exhibit. In contrast to the rugged, industrial nature of his sculptures, the set of cups he has chosen to display are delicate and light. Formed out of thin strips of porcelain, each cup is unique, adding further interest to this study in texture and form.

While the artists explore similar subjects through their ceramic sculptures, their roots extend in two very different directions. Don Williams grew up in Manhattan and played with clay in his mother’s studio. It wasn’t until he was a pre-vet major at the University of New Hampshire, however, that he rediscovered his passion and committed to working as a full-time artist. According to his artist statement, Don

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Want soup? Bowls and tickets on sale now for Artistic Roots Souper Bowl

PLYMOUTH — The members of the Artistic Roots Co-op invite you to the 14th Annual Souper Bowl. The event is held at the Plymouth Senior Center on Depot Street in Plymouth on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 2-5 p.m. Local restaurants provide the soups and you have the opportunity to vote for your favorite! Additionally, there will be a Tea Cup auction sponsored by gallery members.



Artistic Roots on the Common in Plymouth is selling tickets and bowls now for our Annual Souper Bowl scheduled for Feb. 4 from 2-5 p.m. at the Senior Center on Depot Street.

To assure that you have a ticket, visit Artistic Roots before and choose your favorite bowl or mug. Cost of the bowl and the all-you-can eat extravaganza including bread, beverages and dessert, is \$25 per person. The bowls are created by local artisans and are stunningly

designed for this special annual event. The cost of the dinner only option is \$20 per person (bring your own bowl or mug). Children under six eat for free! All leftovers are donated to the Bridge House and a percentage of the profits will be donated to “Keep the Heat On.”

Artistic Roots is located on the Commons in Plymouth and is open daily. Artistic Roots Co-op is a nonprofit organization that hosts the work of over forty artisans. Additionally, the organization offers a wide-variety of art classes to the local community.

Genesis Behavioral Health signs agreement to purchase HealthLink building

LACONIA — Genesis Behavioral Health recently signed a purchase and sales agreement with LRGHealthcare to purchase the HealthLink building located at 577 Main St. in Laconia. With the purchase of the property, Genesis Behavioral Health plans to combine the two campuses located at 111 Church St. and 771 North Main St., and two leased administrative office suites on Water and Beacon Street into a singular location in downtown Laconia.

“We have been seeking a facility that best meets the needs of our patients, staff and our community for many years,” said Maggie Pritchard, Executive Director of Genesis Behavioral Health. “The prospective purchase of this property is an opportunity for Genesis to become more efficient, expand services in Belknap County and contribute to the economic growth and vitality of downtown Laconia.”

“The agency’s ability to successfully provide diverse services that benefit the region is indicative of its strong community partnerships and illustrates the many ways in which the public benefits from access to mental health treatment. We look forward to having a facility in which patient care and access to care will be en-

hanced and partnerships between community members, area business, foundations and other stakeholders will allow the organization to more effectively contribute to the health and well-being of our citizens.”

Genesis Behavioral Health is working with Samyn-D’Elia Architects, P.A. of Ashland, REI Service Corporation of Manchester and Conneston Construction, Inc. of Laconia. The renovation of the facility will provide for a much more energy-efficient operation and create employment opportunities as our project management team is committed to using local vendors to assist the region in its economic development. It is anticipated that Genesis will assume occupancy of the building a year from now, or sooner, if the project is completed ahead of schedule. In order to fund this multi-million dollar building renovation project, Genesis has planned for a strategic combination of financing to include: bond financing from the NHHEFA, CDFA tax credits, proceeds from the sale or repurposing of the two existing facilities, related energy program financing, grants and a capital campaign.

Edward Engler, Mayor of the City of Laconia states, “We are so excited to bring additional em-

ployees and new customers to the downtown area and that a significant structure located in the heart of downtown Laconia will receive a major facelift. The city is committed to making our Main Street a vibrant center for commerce and this initiative will contribute significantly to that objective.”

“LRGHealthcare has a strong history of partnership with Genesis Behavioral Health and we understand the need for community-based healthcare for those with mental illness. The sale of the HealthLink building to Genesis further solidifies our desire to find solutions that meet the growing demands for mental health services in our region,” said Kevin Donovan, CEO, LRGHealthcare.

Genesis Behavioral Health is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, Genesis serves nearly 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 524-1100 or visit the website at www.genesisbh.org. Find Genesis Behavioral Health on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and information.

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Investment Tips for “Millennials”

If you are a “millennial” – a member of the age cohort born anywhere from the early 1980s to the late 1990s – then you’re still in the early chapters of your career, so it may be a stretch for you to envision the end of it. But since you do have so many years until you retire, you’ve got the luxury of putting time on your side as you save and plan for retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making the best use of that time:

- Invest early – and often. Even if you are at the very beginning of your career, make investing a priority. At first, you might only be able to contribute a small amount each month, but something is far better than nothing – and after a year or so, you might be surprised at how much you’ve actually put away.
- Take advantage of your employer’s retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, contribute as much as you can afford. At the least, put in enough to earn your employer’s match, if one is offered. Your contributions can lower your taxable income, and your earnings can grow on

a tax-deferred basis.

- Invest more as your earnings increase. As your career advances, and your earnings rise, you’ll want to increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar plan. And if you ever “max out” on your annual 401(k) contributions (the limits change over time), you can probably still contribute to another tax-advantaged retirement plan, such as a traditional or Roth IRA.

Thus far, we’ve only discussed, in general terms, how much and how often you should invest. But it’s obviously just as important to think about the type of investments you own. And at this stage of your life, you need an investment mix that provides you with ample opportunities for growth. Historically, stocks and stock-based vehicles provide greater growth potential than other investments, such as government securities, corporate bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs). Of course, stocks will rise and fall in price, sometimes dramatically. But with decades ahead of you, you do have time to overcome short-term losses. And you

may be able to reduce the effects of market volatility by spreading your dollars among many different stock-based investments, along with a reasonable percentage of bonds and other, more conservative securities.

Here’s something else to consider: Many millennials want more from their investments than just good performance – they also want their money to make a difference in the world. This interest in “impact” investing (also known as “socially responsible” investing) has led some of your peers to screen out companies or industries they believe have a negative impact on society in favor of other businesses that are viewed as contributing to a more sustainable world. If this viewpoint resonates with you, then you may want to explore these types of investment opportunities with a financial professional.

But most importantly, keep on investing throughout your life. As a millennial, you’ve got plenty of the one asset that can never be replaced: time. Use it wisely.

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Who's in your heart?

PLYMOUTH — Announcing the first annual fundraiser to benefit Plymouth Regional Senior Center; remember who is in

your heart or memory this Valentine's Day by purchasing a heart. All you need to do is stop by or mail in your payment, and a heart

will be designated with the name that you specify and then displayed at the Center. Then, if you like, you can come visit us, on Feb. 17, at

10:30 a.m., to hear the names of the people in everyone's heart. If you would like to eat brunch with us on that day, there is a suggest-

ed donation of \$3 per person. Hearts are \$1 for each white heart, \$3 for each pink heart or \$5 for each red heart.

Purchasing a heart also enters you to win a prize for each of the three categories.

If you would like to designate a heart (one name per heart, please), by mail, please send the corresponding heart(s) amount(s), along with the name of the person you want on the heart(s), to Plymouth Regional Senior Center, Attn: Robin, P.O. Box 478, 8 Depot Street, Plymouth, NH 03264, please be sure to include your name and return address. Or, again, you can come visit us and do so in person, if you have further questions, please call Robin at 536-1204.

SLA welcomes local ski legend for Speaker Series event

HOLDERNESS — The Squam Lakes Association welcomes Dan Egan, local ski legend and US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame inductee, to speak at the first Squam Speaker Series of 2017. Egan's talk will be held at the Squam Lakes Association on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Dan Egan has an established reputation being one of the most influential adventure skiers of all time. Egan, along with his brother John, were critical in the development of "extreme" sports known for their ski-movie scene in the '80s and '90s, traveling to the most remote areas of the world in search of a high-country adventure,

and featured on the Discovery Channel, CBS, NBC, ESPN, and ABC's "Good Morning America."

Egan opened up the world to helicopter skiing, researched adventure tourism for the Canadian government, and created more than 100 episodes of his "Wild World of Winter" television series, which aired for more than 15 years, reaching more than 70 million viewers. In 1989, Egan launched the Egan Entertainment Network, Inc. (EEN) to market and promote skiing around the world.

Locally, Egan was executive director of New Hampshire's SKI 93 Association from 1993 to 1998,



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Dan Egan and general manager of Tenney Mountain from 2002 to 2004. Currently, Egan leads and participates in adventure travel trips, is co-founder of Skiclincs.com, and coaches the X-team Advanced Ski Clinics all over the world.

Join us for this exclusive Squam Speaker Series event as Egan shares his experiences, insights, and evolution of his career as an adventure skier. This free program starts at 7 p.m. at the SLA Resource Cen-

ter, 534 Route 3, in Holderness. All are welcome. For more information, call the SLA at 968-7336 or e-mail info@squam.org.

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benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character and unique resource values of the Squam Lakes and surrounding watershed. For more information on any of our programs, visit: www.squam lakes.org.

Filing for Town of Alexandria offices will begin Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 through February 3rd, 2017. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3rd, 2017.

Position:	Length of Term:	Available Positions:
Selectman	(3 year term - 2020)	One (1) position
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Cemetery Trustee	(3 year term - 2020)	One (1) position
Budget Committee	(3 year term - 2020)	Three (3) positions
Budget Committee	(2 year term - 2019)	Two (2) positions
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
Planning Board	(3 year term - 2020)	Two (2) positions
Planning Board	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
Budget Committee	(1 year term - 2018)	Two (2) positions

Franklin Savings Bank taps Nicole Rea for Assistant Branch Manager in its Retail Division

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank announced today the promotion of Nicole Rea to Assistant Branch Manager of the bank's second office in Franklin located at 933 Central Street. In her new role, Rea will focus on coaching and supporting sales, service and operational initiatives for her team.

"Nicole has been a tremendous asset to our retail team since joining us," commented Ron Magoon, President & CEO.



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Nicole Rea "Her professionalism, leadership and commitment to providing our customers with superior customer service make her an ideal candidate for this new role."

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NOTICE ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall, Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist in preparation for the First Deliberative Sessions of the Newfound Area School District on February 4 and the Town of Alexandria on February 11. Change of party will be accepted.

George Whittaker
Suzanne Cheney
Loretta Brouillard

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BRISTOL FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN ELECTIONS

Anyone wishing to file for any of the following openings in the Town of Bristol must sign up with the Town Clerk at 230 Lake St. Bristol starting January 25, 2017-February 3, 2017 by 5:00 PM.

- 2 Selectmen for 3 years
- 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years
- 1 Treasurer for 3 years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust funds for 3 years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- 4 Budget Committee members for 3 years
- 3 Library Trustees for 3 years
- 1 Newfound Area School Board Rep for 3 years

Regular Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm. The office will be open until 5:00 pm on January 29, 2016

Raymah Simpson
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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Two retired soccer goals are up for bid.

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Questions regarding the item contact Pete Cofran at Newfound Regional High School 744-6006 x: 1507

Bids will be accepted by the Business Administrator until 3:00 pm on January 31, 2017

Bids may be mailed or delivered to:

Michael Limanni
Business Administrator
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Bristol, NH 03222.

Bids may also be sent via email to: mlimanni@sau4.org.

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Town of Groton

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Any resident of the Town of Groton who wishes to file a declaration of candidacy for the following Town offices, may do so between **January 25 – February 3, 2017** at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am -4pm, Tuesday 4pm – 6pm, ending February 3, 2017 at 5:00pm.

- The following positions are available:
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 - TOWN TREASURER – 3 YEAR TERM
 - PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM
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 - SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 3 YEAR TERM
 - MODERATOR – 2 YEAR TERM
 - TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND – 1 YEAR TERM
 - TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND – 3 YEAR TERM
 - LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR TERM
 - ZONING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM
 - ZONING BOARD – 2 YEAR TERM
 - CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR TERM

Submitted by
Ruth Millett, Town Clerk

Select Board Town of Hebron PO Box 188, Hebron, NH 03241 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with RSA 32:5, you are hereby notified that there will be a public hearing on the Hebron town budget and warrant articles for fiscal year 2017.

To be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Hebron Community Hall located at 16 Church Lane.

Copies of the budget and warrant articles may be picked up at the Hebron Select Board Office after January 19, 2017.

Per Hebron Select Board,
Patrick K. Moriarty, Chairman
John W. Dunklee, Vice-Chair
Eleanor D. Lonske, Member

TOWN OF HEBRON

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Tuesday,

Jan. 24, 2017, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to register, change your party affiliation, and/or make other corrections to the Hebron Checklist.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Brooks
Sandra Cummings
Audrey Johnson

Newfound Area School District Full Time – School Year

Student Services Secretary

The position covers New Hampton Community School and Bridgewater-Hebron Village School.

The position provides support to special education case managers with regard to special education procedures and record keeping.

Experience in NHSEIS preferred.

While this is a full time position, the district would consider two-part time employees.

Interested qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, job application, and letters of recommendation to:

Stacy Buckley – Superintendent
Newfound Area School District
20 North Main Street, Bristol, NH 03222

For more information and a copy of an application go to:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD Town of Bristol, NH

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Town Office Building, 230 Lake Street, Bristol, NH concerning a Subdivision for Elizabeth Jane Greenwood Revocable Trust. They wish to divide 38.1 acres into two lots. The property is located at 215 Hemlock Brook Road, Tax Map #205, Lot #002 in the Rural District.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Town Office Building, 230 Lake Street, Bristol, NH concerning the Minor Site Plan Review for Ivan Quinchia/Mayhew Program to construct a ground mounted 21.9 kw P.V. Solar Array. The property is located at 293 West Shore Road, Tax Map & Lot #104-001 in the Lake District.

Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund announces grants to local non-profit organizations

MEREDITH — The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded \$106,400 to 35 non-profit organizations. These include \$92,400 awarded to 21 local agencies, and \$14,000 donated to 14 area food pantries. These grants are additional to the Bank's many local contributions in the form of sponsorships, donations and scholarships, as well as the impressive volunteer efforts of its employees.

"The community has always been at the heart of our mission," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "We're very proud to be able to offer any support we can to organizations that provide so many wonderful local resources and services."

Recent recipients of the MVSB Charitable Fund include:

Belknap House (Laconia)

Awarded \$5,000 to support their Strengthening Families program, which enhances the five protective factors that keep families strong and children safe from abuse and neglect. Belknap House is an emergency cold weather shelter scheduled to open this winter that will provide support to homeless families in Belknap County.

Belmont High School Robotics (Belmont)

Awarded \$7,500 to go toward the equipment purchase for elementary and middle school-level programs related to robotics. These programs, which encourage student interest in STEM-based fields, provide engaging experiences in robotics-related activities.

Belmont Middle School (Belmont)

Awarded \$6,000 to

go toward the creation of a makerspace area, including a 3D printer, software, sewing machines and electronic kits for students. The space will be made available for Belmont Middle School students and teachers to gather, create, invent and learn.

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth/ CADY (Plymouth)

Awarded \$5,000 to support the Launch Youth Entrepreneurship Program, a development program that combines workforce training, paid summer employment and substance misuse prevention strategies for youth living in the Newfound and Pemi-Baker regions. CADY was founded in 1999 to educate families, schools and communities about the importance of drug prevention and misuse among youth of Central and Northern NH.

End 68 Hours of Hunger (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$6,000 to expand the food provision program for children in need from Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro and Ossipee. The program allows children, who would otherwise have insufficient food on the weekends, to bring home a bag containing three dinners, two breakfasts, lunches and snacks on Fridays. End 68 Hours of Hunger confronts the hunger some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning.

Gilford Youth Center (Gilford)

Awarded \$2,500 to support transportation costs for summer camp. The Center's Summer Camp is a seven-week program, of-

fered to local area middle school students. Gilford Youth Center is a safe, affordable and inclusive facility for Gilford and the Lakes Region, offering educational, athletic and community opportunities for youth, adults and families.

Got Lunch - Ashland/Holderness (Ashland)

Awarded \$1,000 for support of the Got Lunch program in the towns of Ashland and Holderness for summer 2017. Got Lunch is a community-based program that provides healthy lunch foods to children during their summer break.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council (Plymouth)

Awarded \$5,000 to go toward the cost of a professional delivery service to pick-up donated food twice per week for GCSCC Seniors. The Plymouth Regional Senior Center receives generous donations of up to 50 cases of food from Hannaford Supermarkets through the Fresh Produce Rescue Program of the NH Food Bank, and funding supports pick-up and distribution. Founded in 1972, GCSCC provides home-delivered meals, outreach and counseling, on-demand transportation, activities, educational programs, congregate meals, volunteer opportunities, assistance with chores and repairs and telephone reassurance to the homebound community.

Greater Meredith Program (Meredith)

Awarded \$5,000 to expand their Career Partnership program to Interlakes Middle Tier students. The expansion will increase the reach of the program so that every student, prior to high school graduation, is

involved with at least one job shadow and one internship. The Career Partnership Program offers work-based learning opportunities through internships, job shadowing, guest speaking and career fairs.

Interlakes Community Caregivers (Center Harbor)

Awarded \$3,500 for an expanded and improved volunteer screening program to include critical background checks. Interlakes Community Caregivers is supported by caring volunteers who provide services to individuals and families in times of need. This program complements existing public and private resources that assist community members to live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Laconia School District - Office of Extended Learning (Laconia)

Awarded \$4,000 to provide elementary students from low-income families the ability to rent or purchase instruments for Beginners' Band. Beginners' Band is an individualized and group instrumental instruction program for elementary students in Laconia.

Lakes Region Art Association (Tilton)

Awarded \$1,000 toward the replacement of the Association's computer, printer and software. The Lakes Region Art Association, formerly known as the Laconia Art Association, was founded in 1940 to encourage the creation of art and to further community appreciation of art by the promotion, education, sale and display of visual fine arts by local artists.

Lakes Region Humane Society (Ossipee)

Awarded \$7,400 toward the repair and refinishing of the Society's concrete floor, where shelter dogs wait before they are adopted. The Lakes Region Humane Society provides year-round rescue and shelter services to dogs and cats.

New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse (Laconia)

Awarded \$5,000 to update the organization's computer network and information security systems. New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support.

New Durham School (New Durham)

Awarded \$6,000 to help students attend the Camp Invention Enrichment Program for one week. Camp Invention is a summer STEM enrichment program where students are given the opportunity to practice innovation, creative problem solving and apply engineering skills.

NH Historical Society (Concord)

Awarded \$2,500 to support the expansion of the Society's education program to Lakes Region students. The New Hampshire Historical Society is the independent nonprofit that saves, preserves and shares state history, serving thousands of children and adults each year through its museum, library, education, publications and outreach programs.

Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (Gilford)

Awarded \$6,000 to support the Institute's four-day Camp Resilience program for disabled veterans. Camp Resilience, which consists of life-skills training and outdoor team-building activities, empowers disabled veterans to gain greater self-confidence and to improve their quality of life.

The Village Players (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$5,000 toward the repair and replacement of its theater roof. The Village Players is a non-profit amateur community theater in Wolfeboro.

Wamesit Engine Companies (Meredith)

Awarded \$2,500 to go toward the purchase of thermal imaging cameras for all fire trucks

at the Meredith Fire Department. Thermal imaging cameras allow firefighters the ability to see in a smoke filled room. Wamesit Engine Companies was founded by active and retired members of the Meredith Fire Department to serve the Greater Meredith Community.

Wolfeboro Senior Center and Meals (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$1,500 to extend the Center's meals and activities service period one month; beginning services in August instead of September and lasting through May of the following year. The Wolfeboro Senior Center was founded in 2010 to enrich the lives of local seniors through educational programs, informative events, recreation and nutritious meals within a welcoming community.

Women's Health at Memorial Hospital (North Conway)

Awarded \$5,000 to support the Hospital's New Life Prenatal Substance Abuse program for prenatal drug addicted women and their drug-exposed newborns postpartum.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of John Starrett, then President and CEO of the Bank. Since then, 329 grants totaling \$1,290,867 have been awarded to a wide range of environmental, social, educational and historic projects throughout the Greater Lakes Region and Plymouth areas. Over the years, the Fund has supported literacy programs, after-school programs, environmental monitoring and education, restoration of historic structures, organizations that provide support for individuals and families in challenging circumstances and equipment that helps save lives. The deadline for consideration for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Applications are available on the Bank's website and at all MVSB offices.

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Rea

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Rea joined FSB in January 2015 as a Personal Banker. She has over 11 years of experience in retail banking and previously worked for Merrimack County Savings Bank for nine years. Rea graduated from White Pines College with a degree in photography.

Rea enjoys photography, cooking, crocheting, snowshoeing, hiking and making crafts. She resides in Franklin with her husband and three children.

Established in 1869, Franklin Savings Bank is an independent, mu-

tually-owned community bank, offering a full array of commercial lending, retail banking and investment services throughout the Central Lakes Region and southern New Hampshire. Headquartered in Franklin, the Bank has offices in Bristol, Boscawen, Tilton, Laconia and Gilford, as well as an office in Bedford for business lending. Franklin Savings Bank also offers investment, insurance and financial planning services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Independence Financial Advisors, from offices in Franklin, Bedford, Nashua and Roch-

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Budget

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tant to divulge details of individual compensation. Town and school district reports in New Hampshire used to list every employee's wages, but, as the number of employees grew larger, most abandoned the practice, in part to save on the cost of printing the annual reports. Today, many communities, such as the City of Rochester, post employee names and wages on their Web sites. Others release the information to newspapers interested in providing those numbers as a public service.

Chair William Cote said none of the budget committee members has an interest in the names of the individuals involved, but they do need to know where the money went, even if the employees are identified only by a number.

"We're just looking to see what was paid," he said.

Betsy Schneider said there was a \$14,000 discrepancy in the legal category, even after the committee had been presented with a new spreadsheet on spending for 2016.

Cassandra Pearce, the town's finance officer, suggested the problem may be due to the spreadsheet not showing items that were paid late in the year, and she said she would be happy to go through the list and update everything for the budget committee's next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 23.

The budget committee's frustration at receiving incomplete information and constantly changing numbers resulted from staff changes since the former town administrator and the town's long-time finance director left. Bristol had to hire an accounting firm to straighten out the books and oversee the finances until the new staff members could take over. Town Administrator Nik Coates arrived just over a year

ago, in the middle of the last budget cycle, and Pearce was hired part-way through 2016, and both have been scrambling to catch up.

Meanwhile, some budget committee members created their own spreadsheets and had to reconcile their numbers with what the town was providing for information.

Another complication is the lack of a recording secretary. Wendy Costigan, who has been handling the minutes of several town boards, has not been present for the last two budget committee meetings, and Selectman Shaun Lagueux informed the budget committee that she would no longer be taking minutes. Coates took minutes at the Jan. 3 meeting, but Cote found himself taking notes while trying to conduct the meeting on Jan. 9.

Ashley Dolloff, initially criticizing Cote for failing to stay on top of the meeting, later suggested that someone else should take notes in the future, and offered to do so herself. Instead, Vice-Chair Donald Milbrand said he would take on that duty.

Settling into the budget work, committee members set the legal budget at \$70,000, as the selectmen had proposed. Last year's appropriation had been \$66,000, but the town spent \$114,746.

There were several attempts to reduce the police budget from the \$1,118,293 proposed by the selectmen, after Rob Glassett first tried to increase it to the police chief's original request of \$1,123,293.

David Carr, who had prepared a list of budget adjustments he wanted to make, offered an amendment to reduce the figure to \$1,049,722, representing an \$18,000 increase from last year's appropriation. Commenting that he didn't agree with the wage increase the selectmen had approved last year, now that it is in place, he said his

proposal left the wages alone and he looked at other areas of the police budget to make cuts.

Police Chief Michael Lewis said he agreed with some of Carr's suggestions and offered to reduce his budget by \$14,239.

Carr's amendment fell to defeat on a 4-8 vote, giving Kevin MacCaffrie the opportunity to offer his own amendment of \$1,057,474, a \$26,000 increase from the 2016 appropriation. His amendment passed, 8-5, but when the committee voted on the police budget as amended, it failed, 6-7.

Milbrand offered a new motion to fund the department at the selectmen's level of \$1,118,293, but Sellers amended it \$1,060,000, a motion that failed, 6-7.

Finally, Schneider brought the back-and-forth to an end by offering a motion of \$1,104,000, which roughly coincided with what Lewis said he could live with. Although she had proposed the amendment, Schneider abstained from the vote, and the amendment passed, 9-3-1. The article then passed as amended, 9-3-1.

It was Fire Chief Ben LaRoche who called for a reduction in the fire department budget. He said that, after reviewing the original \$1,023,070 budget proposal, he concluded \$1,016,035 would be sufficient because of personnel realignment. He noted that his new figure also included \$10,000 for the replacement of protective clothing in a program he hoped to continue for five years to get caught up and get onto a 10-year replacement cycle. Selectmen had planned to seek \$20,000 in a separate warrant article this year, but LaRoche supported the smaller figure as part of an ongoing effort to keep current.

After the budget committee went along with that suggestion on a 7-4-2 vote, Sellers attempted a deeper cut, offering a figure of \$950,843 which he said would bring it to a 2.5 percent increase over 2016's appropriation. His amendment failed, 5-6-2, and the original motion, as amended to reflect the chief's preference, passed, 8-4-1.

The forestry request of \$7,750 was reduced

to \$5,450 on LaRoche's recommendation when he said he thought the department could make the necessary repairs to the forestry truck with \$2,000, rather than the \$4,000 in the selectmen's budget.

The appropriations for crossing guards and emergency management passed as proposed by the selectmen, at \$5,483 and \$1,500, respectively.

The highway budget, originally proposed at \$563,977, was reduced by \$5,000 at the selectmen's suggestion because a grant for sidewalk work did not come through. MacCaffrie then amended that number to \$539,100, which passed, 7-6. The motion as amended also passed, 7-6.

The committee tabled a motion by Sellers that would have reduced the paving budget from \$250,000 to \$0. Committee members said they would like to hear more details about the proposed paving projects from Highway Superintendent Mark Bucklin.

The "fire betterment" account, covering activities related to the flushing of hydrants, remained the same from 2016 to 2017, and committee went along with the selectmen's \$10,000 appropriation.

The trustees of the Minot-Sleeper Library had voted to give three-percent wage increases to the library staff, exceeding the compensation on the town's new wage scale, but the budget committee went along with the increase, approving a total appropriation of \$205,211. That figure is \$29,326 more than the library's 2016 budget and \$843 more than the selectmen had proposed for 2017. The budget committee's vote was 7-3-3.

The land use/health office account took a hit when the budget committee balked at increasing the land use officer's position to full-time. Selectmen had hoped to increase Scott LaCroix's hours to catch up on building and health inspections and have him devote more time to assisting businesses and individuals looking to move into town.

Selectman J.P. Morrison, the selectmen's liaison to the budget committee, said Bristol has a reputation of being

difficult to deal with, and the board wants to change that to become more welcoming. A fiscal conservative, Morrison said he understood the budget committee's reluctance to increase the salary line from \$20,280 to \$52,420, and he would oppose it if the land use officer was anyone other than LaCroix, who comes to the town with an engineering background and who has shown himself to work well with people.

The land use position used to be full-time, but hours were cut back when the recession reduced the amount of building construction. Activity is beginning to increase again, so the town now has a part-

time land use/health officer and an assistant who works on a stipend. Schneider said she doesn't think the town needs a full-time land use officer at this time, and MacCaffrie amended the total land use budget to \$28,000, saying that is close to a 2.5 percent increase from the 2016 appropriation.

The committee went along with the selectmen's other proposals on animal welfare (\$750), health agencies (Newfound Area Nursing Association, \$32,400), welfare administration (\$11,984), welfare services (\$35,600), Tapply-Thompson Community Center (\$103,803), beach attendants (\$20,841), and Kelley Park (\$35,500).

Minutes

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the public from having access to any information about the non-public session.

This reporter filed a Right-To-Know request, stating that matters of compensation or discipline of individuals are beyond the purview of the budget committee and arguing that concerns should be discussed in open session as long as members did not identify the person being discussed.

"Even if the budget committee did have a legitimate reason for entering into nonpublic session, I cannot imagine a reason for sealing the minutes of that session. ... The only legitimate reason to seal minutes would be if there is ongoing litigation or negotiations, neither of which apply to a budget committee," the request stated.

The budget committee took up the request at its followup meeting on Jan. 9 and voted to unseal the minutes.

According to those minutes, "... an email was sent to department heads and some members of the BOS [Board of Selectmen] stating that the budget Committee was going to cut \$350,000.

"Copies of the spreadsheet and email were shown to the committee members."

The minutes continue, "David Carr stated he never stated that the notes were specifically private but never said they were for public distribution. He intended to make them public at the 2017-01-03 Budget Committee meeting."

After reviewing the content of the email, "A discussion was made about the severity of the described action and that it varied between Committee

members.

"William Cote stated a second concern about the response of requests made by the Budget Committee.

"A resolution was proposed to write a letter to the BOS expressing the Budget Committee's concerns. ... The motion PASSED 12-0-1 (the lone abstention was Leslie Dion)."

In sending along the minutes by email, Cote said he originally planned to bring up the issues in public session, but people at the NH Municipal Association advised him to discuss them in non-public session.

"Now after the fact, due to the gossip and comments by town officials, employees and others touting an illegal non-public session by the Budget Committee, my second call to NHMA counsel and a call to Town Counsel revealed we could have discussed these issues in public session due to their opinion on the severity of the offenses. Please know that I was also supported in going into non-public as both felt it was always "better to err on the side of caution." Also, they reiterated that the Budget Committee as a public body has "every right to go into non-public session."

Questioned about the policy of retaining copies of documents that come through the Bristol Municipal Building, Town Administrator Nik Coates conceded that there is a gray area about when a document becomes a public record. Because Carr is a member of a municipal committee, his notes were considered public when he duplicated them on town equipment.

Coates said the board of selectmen would be taking up the budget committee's concerns at its next meeting.

Hill Fire

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log-sided, single story ranch style home with only the one occupant inside at the time the fire broke out. That person was able to grab his pet cat and find shelter at a neighbors' house across the road as first responders raced to the scene.

Ford said the structure is a total loss, including two vehicles that were parked in the garage when the flames broke out.

"He's not only without a home, but he has no transportation now," she said.

Companies were on

the scene all through the night as hot spots continued to crop up inside the building. Ford said that by about 7:30 a.m. things appeared to be under control but even as they awaited the State Fire Marshals Office at mid-morning, there were still a few occasional flare-ups.

Investigators found that the fire was accidental and started in the two-car garage, which was attached to the residence. Whether it was due to electrical problems or some other cause will most likely never be known since no obvious source of the flames was uncovered.

"It was all too far gone to say with certainty what caused the fire, but it was definitely not suspicious in origin," said Ford.

In the meantime, the owner is staying with neighbors as he works with his insurance company. The New Hampshire Red Cross has also reached out to lend him assistance. Ford said there have already been several offers of help from local residents but it will still be a few days before any of his future needs can be determined.

There were no injuries incurred while fighting the fire.

Fiddler

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features Bruce Goldman of Florida and Pennsylvania as Teyve, and Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki of Center Barnstead as the Fiddler.

A child star on Broadway, Goldman has performed the role of Teyve more than 150 times, and Tirrell-Wysocki was voted best fiddler in New Hampshire by New Hampshire Magazine.

Other performers include Melody Funk of Holderness as Golde; Teghan Kelly of Meredith as Chava; Brittany Irish of Thornton as Hodel; Campton Elementary School K-8 Music Director Anthony Coppola as Motel; Fran Page of Plymouth as Mordcha; Melissa Furbish, PSU Alumna and vocalist with the Uncle Steve Band

as Fruma-Sarah; Nancy Barry, Producing Artistic Director of Inter-Lakes Summer Theatre as Gramma Tzeitel; and Joe Casey, MD of Holderness as the butcher, Lazar Wolf.

The Educational Theatre Collaborative was founded in 1994 by Trish Lindberg, Ph.D. and Dan Perkins, Ph.D. - both educators at Plymouth State University. ETC produces theatre and integrated arts experiences in collaboration with Plymouth State University, Plymouth Elementary School, Friends of the Arts and surrounding communities. ETC was awarded the Moss Hart Trophy in 2013 by the New England Theatre Conference for excellence in theatre, and offers the very best in educational musical

theatre for the entire community.

"There is tremendous power in the arts and community," says Lindberg. "ETC strives to bring folks together in a caring and nurturing environment to create the magic of musical theatre for all ages."

Performances of Fiddler on the Roof will be given on Jan. 20-21 and 25-28 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 21, 22 and 28 at 2 p.m. at the Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University.

Tickets are available from the Silver Center for the Arts Box Office, and cost \$26 to \$29 for adults, \$20 to \$25 for seniors and youth. Contact the box office at 535-2787 or (800) 779-3869, or online at www.plymouth.edu/silver-center/buy-tickets/.

Button Up

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to the public on behalf of New Hampshire's utilities. These workshops are being funded by Eversource, Liberty Utilities, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Unitil.

All Button Up NH Workshops are free and open to the general pub-

lic.

For more information on upcoming workshops visit: <http://www.myenergyplan.net/buttonup> or contact Robbin Adams, robbin@plymouthenergy.org or by calling 603-536-5030. To learn more about the Home Performance with Energy Star program go to the "Save @ Home" tab

at www.nhsaves.com.

The Button Up NH program also includes over a dozen mini energy videos to help NH residents start learning right now about home energy issues and savings. These videos can be viewed by going to the Button Up NH Videos link on the home page of www.plymouthenergy.org.

Miss Amazing

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The Queen winners can fundraise to take a trip to Chicago and participate in the national Miss Amazing competition, as did winners from last year's state pageant.

Joyal said it is greatly rewarding to see the looks on everyone's faces when they get crowned and watch their confidence grow.

"Knowing I've made an imprint on them that will last a lifetime, no way to describe it," Joyal said.

Talon Salon of Gilford donated hair and makeup services for the competition.

This year's show was emceed by radio personality Keith Murray. The pageant also recognized last year's Queens Kristen Davidson, Lyndsay Stevens, and Amina Dalahi

Jasmine Emerson, age 12 of Alton, was crowned the Pre-Teen Queen. The crown for Junior Teen Queen went to 14-year-old Sonya Frost of Laconia.

The crown for Teen Queen was presented to 18-year-old Emily Ledger of Center Harbor.

Ledger is a student at Inter-Lakes High School, and thanked everyone for coming to her school.

"This is awesome and I love this," Ledger said.

The Junior Miss Queen title was given to 20-year-old Shawnee Smith of Ashland.

"I am so excited," Smith said, adding she is excited, "because I'm the queen."

Melissa Aubin, 24, of Merrimack, was crowned Miss Queen. The title of Senior Miss Queen went to 33-year-old Ericka Champoux of Laconia.

Jayci Young, a six-year-old from Spofford, and five-year-old Katie Durand of Wolfboro, were crowned the Rising Stars.

Emi Ryan, a 15-year-old from Springfield, Vt., was crowned Vermont's Junior Teen Queen.

Churches

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lowship is located at 101 Fairgrounds Rd., Plymouth. The phone number is 536-8908.

The Web site is www.starrkingfellowship.org, where you can access "Newsletters" to read, or print out, any of several past issues; "Podcast" to enjoy lis-

tening to sermons you have missed, or just want to hear again; "Events Calendar" to find out what is going on in our Fellowship.

Films

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north of Boston, the drama follows its main character as he is called out of his solitary existence in Quincy to return to his hometown by the sea due to a family emergency. Against the bleak winter landscape, director Kenneth Lonergan juxtaposes the present family circumstance with another, winters before. Through a masterful cross-stitch of present and past, character and culture, solidarity and solitude, the audience comes to understand the power of place and the safety nets sometimes made of friends and family and other times from

going it alone. Expertly acted, particularly by Affleck and the young Lucas Hedges, the film is expected to receive multiple Academy Award nominations on Jan. 24.

"We are excited to be building a film schedule for the community that will include Oscar contenders like 'Manchester', cult classics, family features, documentaries and new releases. We have been running a successful monthly silent film series for several years now and are happy to be expanding our movie menu," shared general manager Brooks Bartlett.

Looking ahead on its film calendar, The Flying Monkey will

present the little-seen Oscar-Nominated Short Films beginning next month as well as a Sunday family matinee series. For more information about these and other upcoming films and live performances, menus and promotions, please call 536-2551 or visit flyingmonkeynh.com.

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What's On Tap

The winter sports season continues for the local high school teams in the coming week.

At Newfound, the alpine ski team will be at Sunapee today, Jan. 19.

The Newfound hoop girls will be hosting White Mountains Regional on Friday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 24, also at 6:30 p.m.

The Bear boys' basketball team will be at White Mountains Regional for a 6 p.m. game on Friday, Jan. 20, and will be hosting Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

At Plymouth, the alpine ski team will be at Cranmore at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20.

The Plymouth Nordic ski team will be at Souhegan for a meet on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m.

The Bobcat ski jumping team will be at Hanover for a 6 p.m. meet.

The Plymouth boys' basketball team will be hosting Kennett for a 6:30 p.m. game on Friday, Jan. 20, and will be at Coe-Brown on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

The Bobcat hoop girls will be at Kennett for a 6 p.m. game on Friday, Jan. 20, and will be hosting Coe-Brown at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The Plymouth hockey team will be hosting Kennett for a 5 p.m. game on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Plymouth State University.

The unified hoop Bobcats will be at Winnisquam for a 3:30 p.m. game on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Newfound searching for JV baseball, softball coaches

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School has an opening for a JV baseball coach and a JV softball coach. Please send letter of intent, resume and names and phone numbers of three references to Superintendent Stacy Buckley, SAU4, 20 North Main St., Bristol, NH. 03222. Questions should be directed to Peter Cofran, Athletic Director at pcofran@sau4.org or 744-6006, x1507.

Bears break through for victory

Morrill puts in 17 to lead Newfound hoop boys to first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound boys' basketball team came aching close to its first win of the season on Thursday, Jan. 5.

One week later, the Bears were able to complete that mission, as coach Tom Bourdeau's boys held on for a 62-59 win over White Mountains Regional.

"That feels really good," said Bourdeau. "The kids needed it."

"They really played well for 32 minutes," the first-year Newfound head coach stated. "Every kid stepped up at one point or another."

The Spartans scored the first two points of the game on fouls host before Ben Morrill got Newfound on the board with a hoop and Mike Doan finished off a nice feed from Morrill to give Newfound the 4-2 lead. The Spartans bounced back with the next seven points, including a three-pointer and took a 9-4 lead.

Morrill answered that run with a three-point and Jarrod Fairbank followed that up with his own three-pointer to catapult Newfound into the lead at 10-9. The Spartans hit a free throw and a hoop to go up by two but a Mason Dalphonse three-pointer put Newfound back on top. The visitors were able to get the final basket of the quarter and took a 14-13 lead after eight minutes of play.

The Spartans came out in the second quarter and hit two free throws and a bucket to stretch the lead to 18-13. After Fairbank hit a hoop for the Bears, the Spartans got another basket and again led by five.

Back-to-back baskets from AJ Muse and Morrill pulled the Bears to within one but the Spartans followed with a free throw to put the lead at two at 21-19. A Morrill hoop tied the game at 21 before the Spartans got another basket to go up by two again.

A Dalphonse free throw and a Doan three-point play allowed the



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Ben Morrill goes strong to the basket in action against White Mountains last week.

Bears to get up by a 25-23 score and a Devon Kraemer-Roberts hoop off a steal by Dalphonse pushed the lead to four. Dalphonse also hit a free throw to make it 28-23 before the Spartans hit two free throws to cut the lead to three.

Morrill drilled a three-pointer to push Newfound's lead to six but the Spartans answered with a hoop and a free throw to cut the lead to three. A Tim Bony free throw made it a four-point game at the half, with Newfound up 32-28.

The visitors came out and hit the first three points of the second half to cut the Newfound lead to just one before Fairbank got Newfound on the board with a three-pointer. White Mountains came back with their own three-pointer to again put the lead at one but Newfound, or more specifically, Fairbank, scored the next six points and Newfound's lead jumped to 41-34. The Spartans were able to stop the run with two free throws for a 41-36 score.

Dalphonse hit a hoop to push the Newfound lead back to seven and after a free throw from the Spartans, Muse hit

a bucket. White Mountains got another hoop but Muse finished out the scoring for the quarter with a basket and Newfound's lead was 47-39 heading to the final eight minutes.

The visitors were not going to go quietly in the fourth quarter and the Bears struggled to hang on to the eight-point lead. White Mountains got the first hoop of the quarter and Morrill answered with a basket. White Mountains hit a three-pointer before Dalphonse hit a free throw. After a Spartan hoop, Muse converted a three-point play and then sunk another hoop for a 55-46 lead for the Bears.

The Spartans converted a three-point play and dropped another free throw to cut the lead to 55-50. Muse hit a free throw with four minutes to go to make it a six-point lead but a traveling call against the Bears allowed the Spartans to hit back-to-back buckets and cut the lead to 56-54 with 3:20 to go.

Morrill brought the home crowd to its feet with a three-pointer but the Spartans got a hoop with 2:20 to go to cut the lead to three. A back-court violation by the



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Jarrod Fairbank puts up a shot during his team's win over White Mountains on Jan. 12.

Bears gave the visitors the ball back and they got the score within one at 59-58 with just less than two minutes to play. The teams exchanged steals but neither team was able to convert. Doan hit a free throw to make it 60-58 with 1:11 to go but the Spartans answered with one from the stripe with 48 seconds to go. Doan hit another free throw with 39 seconds to go and Fairbank added another with 19 seconds to go for the 62-59 lead. White Mountains had time to get off one final shot but the three-pointer was off the mark and Newfound celebrated the 62-59 win.

"That was so much needed," said a relieved Bourdeau. "Now we know we can do it."

"I can't wait for practice tomorrow, seeing them pumped and ready to go and keep building."

He noted he was going to enjoy watching the video of the game but also admitted there were things the team can do better, including protecting the lead late in the game instead of rushing things.

"It's not a mistake when you learn from it," Bourdeau said. "We'll see when we see it again how they respond."

Bourdeau singled out the play of Morrill and Doan in the first win of

the season.

"Ben stepped up huge today," Bourdeau said. "The coaching staff has been waiting for that all year."

"And Mike had a strong day on the boards," the Bear coach continued. "He gives up three or four inches in there but still fights."

Morrill finished with 17 points, while Fairbank finished with 15 and Muse added 12.

The Bears will be in a rematch with the Spartans in Whitefield on Friday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. and will be hosting Bourdeau's former team, Prospect Mountain, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

NRHS 13-19-15-15-62
WMRHS 14-14-11-20-59

Newfound 62
Morrill 7-0-17, Muse 5-2-12, Dalphonse 2-3-8, Fairbank 6-1-15, Bony 0-1-1, Kraemer-Roberts 1-0-2, Doan 2-3-7, 23-10-62

White Mountains 59
LaChance 5-0-12, Curtis 1-4-7, Pribbernow 5-5-15, Brown 0-2-2, Plumley 2-0-4, Bosse 0-1-1, Crane 6-4-18, 19-16-59

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Bears hold on for two more wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The undefeated season continued for the Newfound girls' hoop team with two more wins last week.

The Bears welcomed Berlin to town on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and got out to a fast start and had a solid lead through three, only to see Berlin chip away in the fourth. However, the Bears still came away with a 47-35 win.

"The press was working well and we were getting turnovers and finishing," said coach Karri Peterson of the first quarter of play. "We played strong defense for the first 24 minutes but things fell apart in the fourth quarter."

"We allowed them to score more in the fourth than we did in the previous three," the Bear coach continued.

The Bears got out to a quick start, outscoring the Mountaineers by a 15-6 score. The Bears struggled to finish layups in the second quarter but the defense was solid and kept Newfound out to a lead of 23-10 at halftime.

The press and strong defense continued to do its job in the third quarter, creating numerous scoring opportunities

despite missing some layups. Newfound still led 36-17 at the end of the third quarter.

Berlin came charging back in the fourth quarter, hitting four three-pointers and outscoring the Bears 18-11 but the Bears were able to hold on for the win.

"(We are) nursing some injuries right now," said Peterson. "I am just hoping we will heal fast and get things back on track."

Dukette led the way for the Bears with 25 points, 11 rebounds, 12 steals and four blocked shots. Amanda Johnston continued her solid play with 10 points, 12 rebounds and seven steals.

On Friday, Jan. 13, the Bears traveled north to Whitefield to take on White Mountains and managed to escape with a 48-42 win.

"As usual when Newfound heads to White Mountains, it is always an exciting, intense game," said Peterson. "Both teams came out pressing and running in the first eight minutes and the offenses were abundant in the loud, raucous environment."

The Bears found themselves behind by a 17-13 score after one quarter and in the sec-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ashlee Dukette had 25 points against Berlin and 26 against White Mountains last week.

ond quarter, the Bears settled down defensively and despite foul trouble, outscored the Spartans 11-9 to head to halftime with a two-point deficit at 26-24.

Newfound played solid defense in the third quarter, allowing just seven points to the Spartans while scoring 12 points to take a three-point lead heading to the final quarter.

The game stayed close in the fourth until the final three minutes, when Newfound was able to open up a bit more of an advantage and took the 48-42 win.

"It is always a tough place to play, but it was definitely exciting," Peterson said. "The girls handled it well."

"They are starting to see their defense can play a major factor in our success," the veteran coach continued. "When we contain people on

defense, even if we are struggling offensively, we can stay in the game."

"We still have a few aspects to work on but we are making strides," Peterson added.

Dukette finished with 26 points and 17 rebounds, while Johnston finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Gracie Schilling added six points, while Savanna Bony added seven assists.

The Bears will be meeting up with the Spartans again on Friday, Jan. 20, playing host to the Spartans at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Bears will be at Prospect Mountain for a rematch of the finals of the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament at 6:30 p.m.

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Nominations being sought for new Newfound Hall of Fame class

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School is in preparation for its second annual Hall of Fame Induction during Homecoming

2017. The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize the significant contributions of athletes, coaches, teams and contributors to Bris-

tol High School, Bristol Memorial High School, Newfound Memorial High School and Newfound Regional High School, while reinforcing a sense of history and tradition.

Last year's inductees included Ray Bailey, Jr., '76, Al Blakeley, Cathy Leaver, Bill Marston, '49, Charlie Marston, '49, Earl Mills, Chet Wells and Kammi (Reynolds) Williams, '87. In addition, the 1972 NHIAA girls' basketball state championship team was inducted.

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

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

mer coach.

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

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

Deceased athletes, coaches or contributors are eligible for induction.

Nominations are due by March 31, with the selection committee making their decisions in April.

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



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Flying Bear

The Newfound spirit team once again entertained the crowd during halftime of the boys' basketball team's first win of the season against White Mountains on Jan. 12.

Long ball helps Bobcats to first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — After a few tough games to start the season, the Plymouth hoop boys were able to fight through adversity and picked up the first win of the season on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The Bobcats traveled to Laconia and picked up a 56-48 win over the Sachems.

"It was a much-needed win," coach Mike Sullivan said, noting his team was down 19-6 after one quarter. "We were a little frustrated, we were playing hard, doing the right things, but nothing was going down for us."

"But we were able to climb our way back out of it," Sullivan continued. The Bobcats trailed by seven at the half but outscored the Sachems 23-10 in the third quarter to catapult into the lead and picked up the win.

"We shot our way through it," Sullivan

said. "It was really fun to watch, I was happy for the kids."

Sullivan noted that his team is starting to execute better on the offensive side of things, which leads to better shots and stronger games.

The Bobcats drilled 10 three-pointers on the night, with Nick Qualey, Dan Carey and Owen Brickley combining to hit all of the long bombs.

"Take away the first quarter and I thought we controlled the game and did a nice job closing the game," Sullivan added.

Qualey finished with four three-pointers and 16 points, while Brickley added 14 points on three three-pointers. Jordan Docen had 12 points and Carey hit three three-pointers for nine points.

"Danny, Owen and Nick, it's pretty important for them to play well for us to have success," Sullivan said. "I was so happy for the team to

get a win and get that feeling."

The Bobcats carried that over to Lebanon and almost pulled off a win against the Raiders, believed to be one of the best teams in Division II.

"It was a great basketball game," Sullivan said of the 45-42 loss. "It was two good defensive teams."

The Bobcats were up after one quarter and trailed by six at the half. They were able to take the lead in the third and got down by nine in the second half but couldn't quite close things out.

"We just wouldn't go away," Sullivan said. "We had our chances."

Qualey hit four three-pointers for 12 points while Brickley added 10 points.

The Bobcats will be in action on Friday, Jan. 20, hosting Kennett and will be at Coe-Brown on Tuesday, Jan. 24, both at 6:30 p.m.

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Ski legend Dan Egan to speak in Holderness Jan. 25

HOLDERNESS — The Squam Lakes Association welcomes Dan Egan, local ski legend and US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame inductee, to speak at the first Squam Speaker Series of 2017. Egan's talk will be held at the Squam Lakes Association on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

Egan has an established reputation as being one of the most influential adventure skiers of all time. Egan, along with his brother John, were critical in the development of "extreme" sports known for their ski-movie scene in the '80s and '90s, traveling to the most remote areas of the world in search of a high-country adventure, and featured on the Discovery Channel, CBS, NBC, ESPN and ABC's "Good Morning

America."

Egan opened up the world to helicopter skiing, researched adventure tourism for the Canadian government, and created more than 100 episodes of his "Wild World of Winter" television series, which aired for more than 15 years, reaching more than 70 million viewers. In 1989, Egan launched the Egan Entertainment Network, Inc. (EEN) to market and promote skiing around the world.

Locally, Egan was executive director of New Hampshire's Ski 93 Association from 1993 to 1998 and general manager of Tenney Mountain from 2002 to 2004. Currently, Egan leads and participates in adventure travel trips, is co-founder of Skiclincs.com, and coaches the X-team Ad-

vanced Ski Clinics all over the world.

Join in for this exclusive Squam Speaker Series event as Egan shares his experiences, insights and evolution of his career as an adventure skier. This free program starts at 7 p.m. at the SLA Resource Center, 534 Route 3, in Holderness. All are welcome. For more information call the SLA at 968-7336 or e-mail info@squam.org.

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Economides, Camara, Roman lead Bears in first meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRETTON WOODS — The Newfound alpine ski team kicked off the new season on Thursday, Jan. 12, as the Bears traveled north to Bretton Woods.

In the giant slalom, Eliot Economides led the way for the Newfound boys, as he finished in 11th place in 1:13.14.

Trevor Robie was second for Newfound and placed 21st overall in 1:23.29 and Ethan Pruet

finished in 25th place in 1:25.19 to finish as the third scorer.

Reid Wilkins rounded out the scoring for the Timber Wolves with a time of 1:28.56 for 28th place.

Cian Connor finished

in 29th place in 1:29.7, Aaron Nguyen placed 31st in 1:31.3, Charles Gould was 33rd in 1:35.55 and Brandon Marcoux finished in 34th place in 1:37.16.

In the slalom, Economides again led the way

Stevens leads unified Bobcats to opening win



JOSHUA SPAULDING

The Plymouth unified hoop team poses for a photo after winning the season opener on Jan. 10.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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PLYMOUTH — After a postponement of the scheduled first game of the season on Jan. 5, the Plymouth unified basketball team was able to get the season under way on Tuesday, Jan. 10, as the Bobcats welcomed Inter-Lakes-Moultonborough to town.

While the Bobcats got out to a fairly good lead early on, the visitors came charging back and tied the game on a few occasions in the second half before Plymouth was able to sneak away with a six-point win, 34-28.

The Lakers got the game's first points but back-to-back buckets from Shawnee Stevens got the Bobcats their first lead at 4-2. The Lakers hit the next hoop to tie the game at four, but two baskets from Austin Madden got the Bobcats out to an 8-4 lead after one quarter of action.

Kody Pack was the man early in the second quarter for the Bobcats. He hit the first hoop of the frame to push the lead to six before the visitors answered with a hoop. Pack then hit two more baskets to stretch

Plymouth's lead to 14-6.

The Lakers hit a hoop to get within six again but a Stevens basket closed out the first half scoring and Plymouth took the 16-8 lead to the halftime break.

The Lakers came out of the second half with the first two baskets, cutting the lead to 16-12 before Nick Freitas hit two hoops for the Bobcats, opening the lead back up to 20-12. After another Laker basket, Stevens drained another hoop and Plymouth was up 22-14.

The Lakers answered with three consecutive hoops, including a pair of three-pointers and the game was tied at 22. Jack Newman hit a basket for the Bobcats and Stevens hit another hoop to put Plymouth back up but the Lakers did get another hoop to keep it close.

However, Stevens drained the final basket of the third quarter and Plymouth's lead stood at 28-24 heading to the fourth quarter.

The Lakers came through with the first two baskets of the final frame and again pulled even with the Bobcats, this time at 28. Freitas broke the tie with

a hoop and Stevens followed with another basket to push the lead to four. Stevens then closed out the scoring with a steal and a hoop, giving Plymouth the 34-28 win in the season opener.

Stevens led the way for the Bobcats with 16 points on the afternoon.

Plymouth will be back in action on Thursday, Jan. 26, when they take travel to Tilton to take on Winnisquam, a make-up game of the originally-scheduled season opener.

PRHS 8-8-12-16-34

ILMA 4-4-16-4-28

Plymouth 34

Freitas 3-0-6, Stevens 8-0-16, Madden 2-0-4, Newman 1-0-2, Pack 3-0-6, Totals 17-0-34

Inter-Lakes 28

Haddock 5-0-10, Sorrell 2-0-6, Morrisette 1-0-2, Cristiano 2-0-4, Lamprey 1-0-2, Saylor 2-0-4, Totals 13-0-28

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TARA GILES — COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Aaron Nguyen skis for Newfound at Bretton Woods on Jan. 12.

for Newfound, as he finished in 1:00.38 for second place overall.

Connor was the second Bear, finishing in 1:27.83 for 24th place and Pruet finished in 25th place in 1:28.04 to finish as the third Bear.

Wilkins rounded out the scoring in a time of 1:29.1 in 27th place.

Nguyen finished in 30th place in 1:30.38, Marcoux finished in 1:30.59 and Gould was 34th in 1:37.53.

Newfound was sixth overall in the giant slalom and finished in fourth place overall in the slalom. The Bear girls finished fifth in the giant slalom and finished fourth in the slalom.

In the giant slalom, Shanley Camara finished in 20th place in 1:33.33 to lead the Bears.

Victoria Roman fin-

ished in 22nd place in 1:35.83 to place as the second scorer. Sophia Petit finished in 32nd place in 1:54.31 to place as Newfound's third scorer.

Stephanie Norton finished in 2:29.13 to round out the scoring for Newfound in 38th place overall.

In the slalom, Roman led the way for Newfound with a time of 1:34.55 for 20th place overall.

Camara finished second for Newfound and 24th overall in 1:41.81 while Petit was 30th in 1:47.42 to finish as the third scorer.

Norton rounded out the scoring for the Bears with a time of 1:52.18 in 34th place overall.

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The Executive Director (ED) is the key management leader of Tin Mountain and is thus responsible for overseeing the administration, fund raising, technical programs and strategic plan of the organization. The ED reports to the Board of Trustees to fulfill the organization's mission. The ED oversees about 10 employees who are involved in outreach, fund raising, environmental programs, research and teaching.

The successful candidate must have the necessary education and experience to work with the staff and Board of Trustees to enhance Tin Mountain's success with donor foundations. The writing of grants, written and oral communications and the ability to manage the annual budget are critical requirements.

Professional qualifications:

- College degrees in an applicable science; Ph.D. preferable.
- Business/Management degrees, Ed.D., MBA may be acceptable.
- Eight or more years nonprofit senior management experience.
- Proven success in nonprofit fund raising and donor relations.
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- Ability to convey a vision of Tin Mountain's strategic future to staff, board, volunteers and donors.

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Healey, Henderson earn Rev Tour podiums

WATERVILLE VALLEY — It was a great week for U.S. Snowboarding at the Toyota U.S. Revolution Tour, with Kyle Mack (Bloomfield, Mich.) taking a win and Lyon Farrell (Haiku, Hi.) taking second for the men and Nora Healey (Plymouth) earning a win for the women.

The Waterville Valley stop of the Rev Tour featured back-to-back slopestyle competitions, one on Thursday and one Friday. A chance to earn valuable FIS points as well as World Snowboard Tour points, the Revolution Tour is an important competition tour for elite up-and-coming athletes.

Thursday's competition faced weather challenges, and the course was abbreviated due to visibility. Athletes did well considering the conditions, laying down their best performances on one jump and three rails. Julianne O'Neill (Breckenridge, Colo.) won the event for the women, with Samm Denena of Canada in second and Taelor Mattingley (Sandy, Utah) third. Lukas Caye (Minneapolis, Minn.) was the winner for the men, with Luke Winkelmann (Blowing Rock, N.C.) in second and Kirk Teare (Essex, Vt.) in third.

Friday's weather was cold but clear, and competition organizers were able to offer a full course to the athletes. For the men, U.S. Snowboarding pro slopestyle team member Mack topped the field, rookie slopestyle team member Farrell was second and Caye scored his second podium of the week in third. For the women, rookie slopestyle team member Healey was first, Haliee Soderholm (Salt Lake City, Utah) was second and Anna Valentine (Sparta, N.J.) was third.

U.S. rookie slopestyle team member Caroline Claire (Wilmington, Vt.) hit the podium twice at the



Toyota U.S. Revolution Tour at Waterville Valley this week, including a win on Monday. The second stop of the Rev Tour featured back-to-back slopestyle competitions; Claire was first on Monday, second on Tuesday.

On Monday, Claire was joined on the podium by local girl Grace Henderson (Waterville Valley) in second and Marin Hamill (Park City, Utah) in third. On Tuesday, the same ladies owned the podium, but in a different

USSA — COURTESY PHOTO (Left) Nora Healey (center) picked up a win in the Rev Tour stop at her home mountain, Waterville Valley.

order: Henderson first, Claire second, Hamill third.

For the men, it was Ryan Stevenson (Washington, N.J.) who took the win on Monday, with Cal Carson (Winter Park, Colo.) taking second and Kiernan Fagan (Brownfield, Maine) in third. Tuesday's podium was Mac Forehand (Stratton, Vt.) in first, Stevenson in second and Richard Thomas (Orono, Minn.) in third.

The next stop of the Toyota U.S. Revolution Tour will be contested at Mammoth Mountain Feb. 7-12, with half-pipe, slopestyle and big air competitions.

So I guess this Olympics thing is official again

Back at the end of October, I got an e-mail from the US Olympic Committee, announcing that they were giving me a credential for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang.

My experience with the 2014 Olympics in Sochi was beyond compare. I was blown away by everything that went in to the Olympics and enjoyed everything about my trip to Russia. Getting a chance to cover local athletes who I covered in high school who are now on the biggest stage in the world was fantastic and just getting the chance to see elite athletes compete on said stage was impressive. I tried to see as much as I possibly could and got to all of the venues and saw almost every single sport, at least for a little while.

But most impressive to me about the entire experience was that so many people helped me to make the experience possible. Going to the Olympics is not a cheap venture, even as someone who is going there to work. As I worked toward the Sochi Olympics, so many people came out to help me, sending donations and holding fundrais-

ers. I billed it as an experience of a lifetime and it indeed was just that. I was blown away by people I didn't even know helping to make this experience happen for me.

As a result, I was able to experience Sochi without going into any more credit card debt. I remain truly grateful to everyone who made that experience a possibility for me. As I prepare for my second Olympics experience, I realize that I can't expect that I can promote this as an experience of a lifetime, since I already experienced it once before. So I've yet to figure out just how I want to go about funding this trip. I was likely going to put off thinking about it for a little bit, but my brother, despite being in the southern hemisphere for Christmas, got me thinking about it over the holidays. One of his gifts to me was a check to go toward my Olympic experience and after

leaving it on my table for a few weeks, I took it to TD Bank here in Wolfeboro last week and Donna helped me to set up a new Olympic account. Four years ago, the folks at TD Bank were very helpful in helping me get this going (while Citizens Bank came through with a huge assist when currency exchange became an issue) and I am thankful for them for helping me out.

So now there is an account at TD Bank in Wolfeboro under my name and 2018 Olympic Fund. If someone wants to help out, I

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING



JOSHUA SPAULDING

THE 2014 OLYMPIC credentials took me to Sochi, the 2018 Olympics will take me to Korea.

would be grateful but I completely understand that this is a different situation than it was four years ago. I am brainstorming ideas to raise money and my company has again agreed to match anything I raise (in addition to paying me while I'm there), so I'm optimistic that it can happen.

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And I'm hopeful that this Olympic ex-

perience will be just as much fun and just as exciting as 2014. Finally, have a great day Donna Beaudoin.

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