

Volunteers rally to stage drive-thru Santa’s Village

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL – It wasn’t exactly what originator Wink Tapply envisioned 67 years ago, but families very much enjoyed the 2021 version of Santa’s Village, adapted to be an outdoor event this year due to the ongoing COVID virus.

In the early morning hours of last Saturday, Dec. 11, Santa’s local volunteers from Tapply-Thompson Community Center, which organizes the event each year, began the setup process for the “untraditional” Santa’s Village, plans for which had begun a few months earlier.

Due to health concerns, Matt Greenwood of the Santa’s Village Committee said the original Plan B was to transport the ‘buildings’ of Santa’s Village from the storage space on the top level of TTCC to Newfound Memorial Middle School. From there they would be set up so families could stroll through the familiar holiday village in a safe, outdoor setting. But there was one glitch.

“We discovered the ‘buildings’ wouldn’t fit through the doors to move them outside,” Greenwood said.

On top of that, the weather forecast for Saturday wasn’t favorable, with rain predicted for the Newfound Region. As a committee that never says ‘No’

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Donna Rhodes

Santa and Mrs. Claus waited eagerly for families who visited the drive-thru Santa’s Village in Bristol last Saturday, wishing each and every one of them a wonderful holiday season.

Minot-Sleeper hires new Director

BRISTOL — Jennifer “Jenna” Davis of Hill has been chosen by the Minot-Sleeper Library Board of Trustees as Library Director in Bristol. She replaces Brittany Overton, who has transitioned to a position at the Hooksett Public Library. The trustees hired Davis in November as interim library director to ensure continuing coverage while the search for a new director was underway. Shortly after she started, she decided to apply for the full-time position.

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Early deadlines for Christmas

To ensure that the Dec. 23 edition of the Newfound Landing arrives in subscribers’ mail boxes on schedule, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week will be Friday, Dec. 17 at noon. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

The staff of the Newfound Landing thanks our readers for their cooperation with this scheduling change, and wishes one and all a safe and happy holiday season.

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Bear girls fall in season opener in Alton



Joshua Spaulding

Malina Bohlmann fires off a shot during action in Alton on Friday night.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The opening game of the season had a little bit of everything for the Newfound and Prospect Mountain girls’ basketball teams.

The Bears traveled to Alton on Friday, Dec. 10, and the two teams went back and forth in the first quarter, playing to a tie and then the Bears opened up a lead at half-time. However, the Timber Wolves battled all the way back in the third quarter and took the lead to the final frame, before the Bears tried to claw all the way back, but the Timber Wolves held tight for the 44-37 win.

“We had pretty good team defense, it’s good holding them to 37 points,” said veteran Prospect Mountain coach Rick Burley. “I

thought we missed some more opportunities to put some more points on the board.”

“We just didn’t take advantage of our fast break transition, which is something Newfound is known for,” said first-year Bear coach Danielle Wilkins. “We run the floor well when we do it, but this first game was a little shaky.”

Aijah Thoroughgood got the scoring started for Prospect by putting back a rebound and Hannah Capsalis drained a three-pointer for a 5-0 lead out of the gate. A Malina Bohlmann hoop and a three-pointer from Matti Douville pulled Newfound even at five.

Bohlmann gave the Bears a lead with a basket and then Paulina

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Uncle Steve Band to hold annual charity concert tonight

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

BRISTOL – The Newfound Region’s favorite entertainers, the Uncle Steve Band, will be holding their annual charity concert from 7-9 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 16, at Kathleen’s Cottage in Bristol as a benefit for Bristol Community Services in support of the many forms of assistance they provide to local residents.

Uncle Steve, also known as Steve Furbish,

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Courtesy

The Newfound Region’s favorite Uncle Steve Band will be performing at Kathleen’s Cottage in Bristol on Thursday, Dec. 16, as a benefit for Bristol Community Services.

Baker Valley Band to perform in Plymouth



PLYMOUTH — The Baker Valley Band, under the direction of Trisha Craig, will provide an informal concert of Christmas music on the Plymouth Common on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. The program will be potpourri of traditional popular Christmas tunes and some of the less frequently heard sacred music of the season. All are welcome – dress for the weather!

The Baker Valley

Band recreates the sound and spirit of the town bands that were an essential part of the fabric of American life from the period before the Civil War up through the decade following the Second World War. Formed in 1992 in Wentworth, the Baker Valley Band has grown slowly but steadily in number, musicianship, and repertoire. The band offers programs comprised of marches, gallops, waltzes and some of the popular

tunes that have become part of our American musical memory. The band performs at Old Home Day celebrations, concerts on the green, private parties, and per-

forms in parades on a “band wagon.” Rehearsals are currently held in the Russell Elementary School gym in Rumney on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. New

members are always welcome. If you once played a wind or percussion instrument, please dig it out the closet and join us! If you no longer know where your instru-

ment is, chances are we can find a loaner get you started. No audition is required!

Four football Bears earn All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Division IV football All-State lists were released and Newfound put four players on the list to wrap up the season.

First Team Offense went to tight end Brady MacLean and wide receiver Malaki Ingram, while defensive back Quinn Van Lingen was named to First Team Defense and defensive back Dylan Hennessey earned Second Team Defense.

Also earning First Team Offense were quarterbacks Colby Bost of Epping-Newmarket and Luke Gay of Fall Mountain, running backs Calvin Lambert of Somersworth, Ryan Goding of Raymond and Tyler Gobin of Newport, tight end Dante Guillory of Somersworth, linemen Jacob Gibson and Cam Dubois of Somersworth, Nick Arivella of Raymond, Logan Ash of Newport, Brayden Murphy of Bishop Brady and Tyor George of Epping-Newmarket,

wide receivers Brady Elliott of Fall Mountain and James Dross of Epping-Newmarket, kicker Chris Messmore of Bishop Brady, punter Ben Robison of Fall Mountain and Josh Gahara of Epping-Newmarket.

Also earning First Team Defense were defensive backs Avery Bishop of Raymond, Roman Farnsworth of Mascoma and Jeff Dekorne and Jean-Marc Thelusma of Somersworth, linebackers CJ Ciano of Raymond, Karter Pollari of Newport, AJ Partington of Bishop Brady, Damian Nestle of Mascoma and Zack Douville of Franklin and tackles Quinn Healy of Fall Mountain, Gio Arscott and Thomas Hasteley of Somersworth, Devyn Heino and Dylon Carpenter of Newport and Cameron Nice of Epping-Newmarket.

Second Team Offense also went to quarterbacks Matt Wiley of Bishop Brady and Kyle Ashley of Newport, running backs Tayshawn

Shepherd and Lukas Kelly of Somersworth and Zach Patch of Fall Mountain, tight ends Ethan Rilling of Fall Mountain and Cody Merrill of Raymond, linemen Max Vogel and Dan Farnham of Fall Mountain, Owen Clark and Jeremi Morse of Somersworth, Luke Bartlett of Newport and Hawkins Barton of Mascoma, receivers Josh Gentchos of Bishop Brady, Brady Dwyer of Epping-Newmarket and Mike Mbwana of Raymond, kicker Foster Willett of Fall Mountain and Ethan McCoy of Franklin.


Also earning Second Team Defense were defensive backs Dennis Glidden of Raymond, Eric Franklin of Fall Mountain, Aiden Hefernon of Somersworth, Kevin O’Connell of Epping-Newmarket and Dustin Johnson of Franklin, linebackers Vincent Rende and Josh DeVore of Fall Mountain, Jared Decourcy of Epping-Newmarket and Blayne Belanger and

Seth Worrell of Somersworth and tackles Chase Hoelzel of Rayond, Liam Almstrom of Newport, Tucker Townsend of Bishop Brady, Owen McKinney of Mascoma, Evan Hardy of Franklin and Alan Mandigo III of Somersworth.

Earning Division IV Honorable Mention were Jesse Fisk of Fall Mountain, Kamden Pollari of Newport, Dylan Lake of Bishop Brady, Kaden Bickford, Owen O’Brien, Frisbee Rondonowu, Thomas Rees and Jack Welch of Somersworth, Asa Michetti, Tyler Jay-Marden and Trevor Sawyer of Mascoma and Trey Donahue, Hayden Robinson and CJ Darois of Raymond.

Calvin Lambert of Somersworth was named Division IV Player of the Year.

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Bristol Community Services to help more residents with TD Bank land donation

BRISTOL — Bristol Community Services Inc., of Bristol recently received a unique gift from TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®: the donation of a parking lot that is across the street from TD's store at 10 N. Main St.

Bristol Community Services, which was founded in 1970, serves approximately 70 families each month from five towns through a food pantry and gas voucher donations. The organization's first building at 21 N. Main St. was gifted to the organization 45 years ago but has only one parking space in front of the building. As the organization grew, it acquired a second, larger

building at 24 Pleasant St. in Bristol, but that building also has limited parking.

The neighboring TD Bank location owned the parking lot adjacent to its building, but it was no longer needed due to adequate parking nearby. Donating the parking lot to Bristol Community Services will allow the nonprofit to connect its two locations and improve access to its buildings.

"Several months ago, I approached TD Bank about transferring ownership of the parking lot to us," said Susan Colby, executive director of Bristol Community Services. "The additional

space not only connects our two buildings but offers easier access for donors as well as a private way for clients to access the food pantry. The lot also will allow us to build a much-needed addition to the shop and in turn, provide more for the community."

"TD saw a need and an opportunity to help our neighbors, and we had the property and means to assist Bristol Community Services," said Gary Barr, Commercial Market President of New Hampshire, TD Bank. "Food insecurity is a major issue for our community and country, and TD is pleased to support organizations like Bristol that do this vital

work."

Local attorney and former Circuit Court Judge Ned Gordon of Newfound Law PLLC provided pro bono services through many hours of his time to close the transaction for Bristol Community Services.

"TD Bank deserves much praise for contributing this property to Bristol Community Services," Gordon said. "Bristol Community Services does extraordinary work in meeting the needs of the local area and the addition of this property will allow it to improve and expand that work."

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Winter StoryWalk® at Chamberlain Reynolds

HOLDERNESS — Are you looking for something fun, outside, and educational to do with the whole family? The Squam Lakes Association has just the activity! From Dec. 15-Feb. 28, the book "Winter Dance" by Marion

Dane Bauer and Richard Jones will be featured in our winter StoryWalk® along the West Fire Road Trail, which begins at Chamberlain Reynolds Memorial Forest's West Parking Lot located on College Road in Center Harbor. A StoryWalk® is

when a children's book is taken apart and the pages are placed along a popular walking route. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt. and developed in collaboration with the VT Bicycle & Pedestrian

Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Get bundled up in your winter gear and head over to Chamberlain Reynolds to enjoy Marion Dane Bauer's story where you will meet a variety of animals who are busy preparing for winter. Discover how fox decides to celebrate the coming of the snow. Richard Jones' beautiful illustrations bring this forest community to life. As you walk along while reading the story, remember to look for animal signs along the trail! If afterwards you find yourself wanting to have your own copy of Winter Dance, consider supporting your local bookstore. Check out Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, who generously discounted the books for this StoryWalk®. Or you

could check the book out from your local library. The Holderness Free Library (our local library) created take-and-make craft sets inspired by Winter Dance. So if you are looking for a fun craft project, give them a call at (603) 968-7066 and schedule a pick-up time. To learn more about the creatures in the book and other New Hampshire wildlife, check out the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center who offer a variety of live animal programs year round (including virtual programs). Visit www.nhnature.org to see what great programs they have scheduled.

The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) in partnership with the New England Forestry Foundation maintains the trails at Chamber-

lain Reynolds Memorial Forests along with many other trails in the Squam Watershed. We also offer adventure ecology programs year-round that explore a variety of nature topics. The SLA is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners the SLA promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region. To learn more about this winter StoryWalk and other great programs offered at the SLA, visit www.squam lakes.org or call (603) 968-7336.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Dec. 16

NEWFOUND
Alpine Skiing at Bretton Woods; 10
PLYMOUTH
Boys' Hoops vs. Hollis-Brookline; 6:30
Girls' Hoops at Hollis-Brookline; 6

Saturday, Dec. 18

PLYMOUTH
Boys' Hoops vs. Bow; 2
Girls' Hoops at Bow; 2
Hockey vs. Pembroke-Campbell (PSU); 2
Wrestling at Hollis-Brookline; 9

Monday, Dec. 20

NEWFOUND
Boys' Hoops at Prospect Mountain; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Prospect Mountain; 6
PLYMOUTH
Boys' Hoops at Kingswood; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Kingswood; 6:30

Tuesday, Dec. 21

PLYMOUTH
Girls' Hoops at Con-Val; 6:30
Unified Hoops vs. White Mountains; 3

Wednesday, Dec. 22

NEWFOUND
Boys' Hoops vs. White Mountains; 6
Girls' Hoops at White Mountains; 6:30
PLYMOUTH
Girls' Hoops vs. Oyster River; 6:30
Hockey vs. Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield (PSU); 4
Wrestling at Con-Val; 6

Thursday, Dec. 23

PLYMOUTH
Gymnastics at Pinkerton; 6

All schedules are subject to change.



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CADY Corner

Protecting youth mental health: The U.S. Surgeon General's advisory

By Deb Naro
Contributor

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, mental health challenges were already the leading cause of disability and poor health outcomes in our nation's young people with up to one in five children ages three to 17 in the U.S. having a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder. COVID-19 compounded these challenges. The pandemic confronted children, adolescents, and young adults with unprecedented challenges and trauma, disrupting major elements of their daily lives. Since the pandemic began, symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns have increased among young people. And, tragically, it is estimated that more than 140,000 children in the U.S. had lost a parent or grandparent caregiver to COVID-19 as of June 2021.

From 2009 to 2019, the share of high school students who reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness increased by 40 percent, to more than one in three students. Suicidal behaviors among high school students also increased during the decade preceding COVID, with 19 percent seriously considering attempting suicide, a 36 percent increase from 2009 to 2019, and about 16 percent having made a suicide plan in the prior year, a 44 percent increase from 2009 to 2019. Between 2007 and 2018, suicide rates among youth ages 10-24 in the U.S. increased by 57 percent, and early estimates show more than 6,600 suicide deaths among this age group in 2020.

The pandemic has most heavily affected those who were already vulnerable, such as youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, racial and ethnic minority youth, LBGQT+ youth, youth from families with low incomes, youth in rural communities and immigrant households, youth involved in the justice, foster care, and/or child welfare systems, and runaway youth and youth experiencing homelessness.

We can and must protect and promote youth mental health. Mental health is an essential part of overall health, affecting how children, adolescents, and young adults feel about themselves and the world; solve problems, cope with stress, and overcome challenges; build relationships and connect with others; and perform in school, at work, and throughout life.

On Dec. 7, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a new Surgeon General's Advisory to highlight the urgent need to address the nation's youth mental health crisis. "Mental health challenges in children, adolescents, and young adults are real and widespread. Even before the pandemic, an alarming number of young people struggled with feelings of helplessness, depression, and thoughts of suicide — and rates have increased over the past decade," said Surgeon General Vivek Murthy. "The COVID-19 pandemic further altered their experiences at home, school, and in the community, and the effect on their mental health has been devastating. The future well-being of our country depends on how we support and invest in the next generation. Especially in this moment, as we work to protect the health of Americans in the face of a new variant, we also need to focus on how we can emerge stronger on the other side. This advisory shows us how we can all work together to step up for our children during this dual crisis."

Surgeon General's Advisories are public statements that call the American people's attention to a public health issue and provide recommendations for how it should be addressed. Advisories are reserved for significant public health challenges that need the American people's immediate attention.

To read the full Surgeon General's Advisory on Protecting Youth Mental Health, visit www.hhs.gov. If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGH Healthcare (934-8905) for help. You can also connect with Plymouth Area Recovery Connection (PARC), our local recovery center, located at Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth at info@parcnh.org or 238-3555.

Bears of the Week

Newfound Memorial Middle School's Bear of the Week Student & Staff Winners for the week of December 10th are Emily Hinkson and Alyssa Keegan. They have been recognized for their representation of the NMMS Core Values. Thank you for being great members of our NMMS community and showing us what Respect, Responsibility, Pride, and Integrity are all about! Thank you to Franklin Savings Bank in Bristol and the Newfound Lake Inn in Bridgewater for sponsoring this week's winners!



COURTESY



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Living off the land has always been the key to life as we've known it, from Native Americans to European colonies to today's people, with one foot in the past and the other feeling around for the next step.

Right now, the next step seems to be using the landscape as a backdrop for everything from motorized recreation (snowmobiles, ATVs, leaf-peepers) to land development and sustainable logging. Then we have the current virus-driven land speculation and what the government calls "housing starts," another turn of events that has generated little media attention.

People trying to scratch out a living here have relied on hunting and gathering, timber exploitation, subsistence farming, potato whisky, starch mills, cheese factories, dairy farming, migration from the cities, immigration, natural growth, and landscape-driven lifestyles. Thus, any new developments in trying to eke out a living from the land should come as no surprise.

One of New Hampshire's most sustainable resources is its people. Nothing much is likely to knock them down, not even the occasional rampant virus. "There is a certain boldness and brightness to the step," is how one long-ago writer put it. It is the kind of effect that can make you think you can do busi-

North Country Notebook It wasn't about cows, but sheep and making stone walls was cheap

ness on a handshake (caveat emptor).

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Long-distance races are a recent evolution, ranging from run-paddle-run events to bicycle races. One can visualize a pretty simple food-to-energy cost in such enterprises, and they are relatively easy on the landscape.

At the high end of such things is the attempt in Colorado to emulate the Europeans in their alpine-skiing three-to five-day treks. The term "hut" hardly does justice to the new American West experience, which offers creative food, hot showers, and fresh linens. Guests do none of the work. Firewood, for instance, is evidently brought in by elves.

The Colorado experience primarily attracts people who are fit enough to be on the high end of back country skiing, and who are prepared to put skins onto alpine skis and schlep cross-country to ski the slopes of one peak after another. But the real attraction is not just the landscape, but the "huts," and the level of service they offer.

In terms of jobs, this kind of thing can be seen as a high return. It could never equal that of the grand hotels, but its strength is in its spread-out variety.

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New Hampshire is about 84 percent forested, second in the Lower 48, behind only Maine (89 percent). Most people I run into who care about this kind of thing (they mostly run away) think

this state was at one time about half-cleared (which is true), and that it was for dairy cows. Nay, nay (wait--that's a horse), not true. It was for sheep.

New England at one time rivaled the likes of Australia, New Zealand, and Scotland in the export of wool. In general, in the post-Industrial Revolution world, Europe had the machinery, and we and the other countries had the land. In the end, of course, we took over the machinery leadership and surfed the wave well until synthetic fiber came along.

For a while there, New Hampshire had thousands of wool-producing farms big and small, ranging from subsistence farms with only half a dozen sheep--all scissor-shorn--to larger outfits that had water-powered shearing machines and, later, steam-driven machinery, and then electricity until the wool market began its waning years.

Not until the arrival of the railroads and refrigerated cars could the dairy industry evolve and take its successive hold on northern New England farms. Until then, the driving force behind those stone walls we now step over far back in the woods, all over hill and dale, were driven not by cows, but sheep.

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Because I've been newspapering for so long, and so enjoyed doing radio and television on the side, I've also had a keen ear for advertising--the driving force behind the news business. Well, to call it "the news business" is a bit of a misuse. News is sup-

posed to be sacrosanct, a healthy step away from crass commercialism. But it is the capitalist system--call it crass commercialism--that allows the news world to exist.

Anyway, lest we wallow in this swamp, I've long had an abnormal interest in the content of newspaper ads and radio and television commercials, and how and why they are made.

--A round of applause for MacDonald's, for a TV commercial featuring two working stiff in a truck, one sound asleep while the other orders early morning coffee for two from the drive-through. For city and small-town Americans alike, this ad resonates.

--A big "boo" for all the sound-alike ads hovering around the Medicare signup period, like vultures. Many of the supposed freebies are rare to nonexistent. Medicare itself has all sorts of free help available, and the "health plans" these outfits offer add their own costs to the heap.

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Many people out and about on the landscape have no clue about the role of potatoes in the clearing of the land. As I understand it, our acidic soils produce potatoes that are very good, for sure (in fact, superior, in my book), but have a lot of blemishes. Thus when fickle, spoiled consumers began getting picky about appearance, our spuds could not compete with gorgeous, designer-potatoes from Oregon and California.

Maine, meanwhile, SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A5

Towns

Groton

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The upcoming Select Board Meetings are Tuesday, Dec. 21, Jan. 4 & Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. The Select Board Work Sessions are Tuesday, Dec. 21, Jan. 4 & Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

The Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.

The Select board office will be closed Monday, Dec. 27 – Thursday, Dec. 30. The Town offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 23 for the Christmas holiday & Dec. 30 for the New Year's holiday.

The transfer station will also be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25 & Saturday, Jan. 1, for the

Christmas & New Year's Day holidays.

The Select Board non-public work session, work session & meeting minutes from Nov. 16 were approved.

There was one reply to the assessing request for proposals. The proposal from Avitar was opened. They gave two options for the five-year contract. The first one was for \$97,956 & visiting 10 percent of the properties. The second was for \$123,408 & visiting 25 percent of the properties. The select board approved the contract for \$97,956, which will be paid in monthly installments. It was noted the final year of the contract will involve a full evaluation of all properties in town. The Avitar Terra Mapping agreement for

a one-year contract was also approved for \$1,780.

A refund request from the tax collector for Map 5 Lot 68 for an overpayment of estimated taxes was submitted to the select board & approved in the amount of \$2,180.04.

It was brought to select board's attention that a building was being constructed without a permit. A letter will be forwarded to the owners of Map 1 Lot 66 along with a building permit application & guideline.

Abatement application & letter for Map 10 Lot 42 was received. The applicant requested an abatement as the inventory was returned in the allotted time. It was found the signed date on the form was listed as 2019 instead of 2021. The application for abate-

ment in the amount of \$10 was approved.

The yearly Dead River certificate for exemption of federal diesel tax was reviewed & signed. The Twin River office machine contract for one year in the amount of \$500 was also approved.

Two intent to cuts were received. Map 5 Lot 161 for a 35-acre cut & Map 5 Lot 162 for a 45-acre cut which were approved.

The 2022 holiday

schedule for 2022 was approved.

Under Selectboard items: Thank you to all who donated to help provide six families with a Thanksgiving meal.

Under Department items: Robert (Bubba) Ellis is requesting the residents of Groton use the designated sand pile that is marked by cement blocks & a sign that states sand for residents only. Bubba is also asking residents to only

take no more than four 5-gallon buckets of sand.

The Brown's at 1631 N. Groton Rd will present Santa's Workshop on Dec. 19 from 1 – 4 p.m. Meet & greet with Santa & Mrs. Claus for children 10 & under. Visit Santa's workshop & enjoy free digital picture with Santa, hot chocolate & candy canes.

Any newsworthy events, please let me know.

Churches

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

a.m. There will not be a 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day at St. Matthew. The next day, Dec. 26, we will have the regular Mass schedule of 8 a.m. in Plymouth, 9:30 a.m. in Bristol and 11 a.m. in Plymouth. Masks will be required at all Christmas masses. Please help us to make this a safe and healthy space for ev-

everyone attending.

There is no Mass on New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day, there is a Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew. There is no 4 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew on New Year's Day.

We wish you a safe, healthy and Blessed Christmas!

Notbook

FROM PAGE A4

held onto its potato industry, and did it by forgetting supermarket appearance and going for industrial uses instead. These include everything from French fries to potato puffs to canned potatoes, which I've used and are in fact pretty good. Why New Hampshire didn't opt for a similar tack is another question.

As for potato whisky, this was either top-shelf stuff or something to be spat out until some rum or hard cider got passed around. Today, there are half a dozen or so distilleries in New Hampshire that produce potato vodka, but none making potato whisky that I could

find. Suffice to say that in days of yore the stuff was produced hither and yon and was not perishable until ingestion, after which the jury is still out.

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As for stone walls, there was never any lack of the material, and to be made fit for plowing the land had to be cleared of stumps and stones. Thus, everything that could be pried onto a stone-boat was hauled to adjoining boundaries, and remaining outcrops of bedrock and glacial erratics were left to roving (and pricy) dynamiters, or left to the ages, to be plowed around for generations.

Stone walls can be seen as cheap alternatives to expensive and

rock-free bottomland, and anyone who knows history can understand why the enticement of stone-free land in Illinois and Indiana made local farm families move out there in droves.

The stone walls we step across today were built by husbands and wives and teenagers and even kids, who joined forces and pried rocks out of the ground and hauled them to the edges or a central pile. They are testimony to just how far people had to go, and did go, to eke out a living from the land.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



COURTESY

An event at Tamworth Distilling, one of several such enterprises around the state, some producing potato vodka but evidently none producing potato whisky. (Courtesy Tamworth Distilling)

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

What are your financial resolutions for 2022?

As you know, 2021 was full of challenges. We were still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when supply chains shut down and inflation heated up. So, if you're like many people, you might not be sorry to see the year come to a close. But now it's time to look ahead to a brighter 2022. And on a personal level, you may want to set some New Year's resolutions. You might resolve to improve your health and diet, and possibly learn some new skills, but why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- **Prepare for the unexpected.** If you haven't already created an emergency fund, now may be a good time to start. Ideally, you'd like to have three to six months' worth of living expenses in this fund, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account. (If you're retired, you may want your emergency fund to contain up to a year's worth of living expenses.) Once you've got this fund established, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as costly home or auto repairs or large medical bills.
- **Boost your retirement savings.** The pandemic caused many us to reevaluate our ability to eventually enjoy the retirement lifestyles we've envisioned. In fact, 33% of those planning to retire soon said they started to contribute even more to their retirement savings during the pandemic. In fact, according to a study from Age Wave and Edward Jones. This year, if you can afford it, increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.
- **Reduce your debt load.** The less debt you carry, the more money you'll have available to support your lifestyle today and save and invest for tomorrow. So, this year, resolve to cut down on your existing debts and avoid taking on new ones whenever possible. You can motivate yourself by measuring your progress – at the beginning of 2022, record your total debts and then compare this figure to your debt load at the start of 2023. If the numbers have dropped, you'll know you were making the right moves.
- **Don't overreact to the headlines.** A lot can happen during a year. Consider inflation – it shot up in 2021, but it may well subside in 2022. If you changed your investment strategy last year to accommodate the rise in inflation, would you then have to modify it again when prices fall? And inflation is just one event. What about changes in interest rates?

How about new legislation coming out of Washington? And don't forget extreme weather events, such as wildfires and floods. Any or all of these occurrences can affect the financial markets in the short term, but it just doesn't make sense for you to keep changing the way you invest in response to the news of the day. Instead, stick with a strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may need to adjust this strategy over time, in response to changes in your own life, but don't let your decisions be dictated by external events. These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop positive habits that can help you face the future with confidence.

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ANSWER: GERMS

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1. Treats an illness
- 4. Heating device
- 5. Another name for stomach
- 6. Clean and hygienic

DOWN

- 1. Germs
- 2. Something that starts an event
- 3. Strength and vitality

Answers:

Across: 1. Medicine 4. Radiator 5. Belly 6. Sanitary

Down: 1. Microbes 2. Catalyst 3. Energy

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- **1773:** THE BOSTON TEA PARTY TAKES PLACE.
- **1920:** ONE OF THE DEADLIEST EARTHQUAKES IN HISTORY HITS THE GANSU PROVINCE IN CHINA.
- **1944:** THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE DURING WORLD WAR II BEGINS IN BELGIUM.

a period of sickness

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Bacteria

SPANISH: Bacterias

ITALIAN: Batteri

FRENCH: Bactéries

GERMAN: Bakterien

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THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 ARRIVED IN THE WINTER OF 2019 AND HAS BEEN A HEALTH CONCERN FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HANDWASHING

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to gifting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = P)

A. 5 18 23 14 14 11 21 13
Clue: Outer covering

B. 18 6 10 6 11 14 24
Clue: Proof of purchase

C. 18 11 7 7 2 21
Clue: Strip of fabric

D. 14 9 18 10 22 23 17 6
Clue: Acquire something

Answers: A. wrapping B. receipt C. ribbon D. purchase

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	7	6	5	1	3	4	9	2
5	3	4	2	9	8	1	6	7
1	9	2	4	6	7	3	5	8
4	5	8	3	2	1	9	7	6
6	2	9	8	7	4	5	3	1
7	1	3	6	5	9	2	8	4
9	8	1	7	4	5	6	2	3
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3	6	5	1	8	2	7	4	9

ANSWER:

THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alexandria	Belser Road	Residential Open Land	\$10,000	Everett C. and Judith A. Bucklin	Mark E. and Linda Y. Bucklin
Alexandria	King Road	N/A	\$101,400	Gail E. and Gary Morrison	Rockhaven Financial LLC
Alexandria	Lakeview Heights	N/A	\$52,000	Steven Hering	Steven W. and Tricia L. Brewster
Ashland	18 Avery St.	N/A	\$185,000	Bertha Baert	Martina L. and James H. Marshcall
Ashland	74 Main St.	Multi-Family Residence	\$282,000	Brian DeLaVega	Nachelle D. Bryant
Ashland	233 Wadleigh Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$283,000	Ryan L. Horne	Britney L. and Scott A. Moir
Bridgewater	435 S. Mayhew Turnpike	N/A	\$520,000	5 Sisters LLC	2 Goats LLC
Bristol	105 Bristol Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$285,000	Beverly A. McKenna	Keith G. and Marcia P. Kendall
Bristol	22 Nyberg Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$275,000	Rachel C. Jones-Carlson	Todd M. Richardson and Jessica M. Felch
Campton	76 Bog Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$290,000	Jeremiah and Jillian Godfrey	Jeffrey Picerno and Joshua Wharton
Campton	38 Evergreen Circle	Mobile Home	\$85,000	Rososky Joint LT and Bruce R. Rososky	Christopher L. West and Laurie Gillis-West
Campton	85 Perch Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$255,000	Sandra M. Tobine	Joshua and Jacquelyn Daugherty
Campton	12 Webster Ct.	Single-Family Residence	\$300,000	Curtis Ostrander and Suzanne Cullen	Frank and Julie Odell
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Groton	N. Groton Road, Lot 11	N/A	\$20,400	Stanley F. Sekunda	Christopher W. Kidney and Jessica M. Cormiea
Groton	41 Warren Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$254,533	Stanley F. Sekunda	David and Dawn Desrochers
Hebron	Hobart Hill Road	N/A	\$160,000	Christian and Nicole Kuplin	Anne and Michael Apigian
Hebron	Valley View Road	N/A	\$160,000	Christian and Nicole Kuplin	Anne and Michael Apigian
Holderness	175 Perch Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$310,000	Mary Jane Melanson and Billy Brooker	Paige and William G. Martin
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Waterville Valley	N/A	N/A	\$1,850,000	Robert W. and Corrilee A. Trudeau	Richard M. and Mary E. Kerrigan

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volve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com

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SLA to host snowflake art program

HOLDERNESS — Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) and LRCC members Bri and Nikka to learn about the weird and winter-ful world of snow at the SLA Headquarters on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. - noon. Discover the process of snowflake formation and why no two are quite alike, learn about the history of snowflake photography, and even go out and take some up-close photos of snowflakes yourself, weather permitting! We'll make a snowflake catcher and discuss snow-related topics that range from meteorology to poetry. Make sure to bring warm layers.

For more information or to sign up for this guided hike, visit the SLA Web site (squamlakes.org) or contact the SLA directly (603-968-7336). The SLA also offers other guided hikes and Adventure Ecology programming throughout the year. These free programs are open to the public and cover a variety of nature and conservation related topics. The Adventure Ecology programs are presented by the LRCC AmeriCorps members at the SLA who perform important conservation work in support of the Association's mission.

Last-minute holiday shopping tips



Some people thrive by doing all of their tasks early. Others seem to do their best work when faced with a time crunch. The methods individuals use to manage their time at work and play may extend to the ways they approach holiday shopping as well.

There's no right or wrong way to handle holiday shopping tasks, though Christmas Eve crowds at malls and throughout shopping districts suggest that there's more late comers than there are early birds. The following tips can help those who typically wait until the last minute to check names off their lists.

- Utilize free shipping

services. Shoppers who shop for gifts online at the last minute run the risk of gifts not arriving on time. Many online retailers charge a premium for expedited shipping. Try to stick to shopping at online retailers that offer free shipping even in the eleventh hour.

- Create a budget. When rushing around from store to store, it may be easy to spend more than you want to. Make a list of how much you want to spend on each person, and stick to that limit for each person. Move on to the next store if you didn't find what you need in your price range.
- Establish a time limit. Stores have strategies

in place to keep shoppers in their establishments longer, hoping you'll make impulse buys. These tricks include scenting the air with inviting aromas, putting necessities at the rear of the store, failing to display the time, and putting discounted items by the registers or door to attract shoppers. Set an alarm on your watch or phone for each store so you get what you need and get out on time.

- Subdivide bulk gifts. Think about purchasing bulk gifts like gift baskets from wholesale clubs and then breaking them down into individual gifts. This way you can gift several people on one purchase and save time in the process.
- Choose one-size-fits-all gifts. Think about a gift that can be purchased for multiple people so you can save time shopping for individualized gifts for everyone. For example, print a personalized photo calendar for several members of your family. You also can purchase multiple subscriptions or memberships to zoos or magazines for people on your list. Streamlining gifting in this way may save money as well as time.
- Choose in-store pickup. Rather than scouring

various aisles, you can shop a retailer's website and then pick up items in the store. You'll save on potential shipping fees but still benefit by avoiding crowds.

Some people wait until the last minute to do their holiday shopping. A few tricks of the procrastinator's trade can make last-minute shopping go smoothly.

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Sunrise hike to West Rattlesnake

HOLDERNESS — Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) on a sunrise hike up Old Bridle Path to summit West Rattlesnake on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 6 a.m.

Led by Lakes Region Conservation Corps (LRCC) AmeriCorps member, Kyle Wolz, this hike will take participants up the mountain to watch the sun crest the horizon and bring

in the morning! The later sunrises this time of year make it a great time to get out before the sun is up, and with the Winter Solstice behind us that means longer days ahead! So let's celebrate by welcoming the sun from the top of West Rattlesnake and see Squam in a different light from our most popular vista.

Participants will meet at the West Rat-

tlesnake parking lot at 6am and should plan for a two hour excursion. This hike is accessible to hikers of all experience levels, but participants should expect areas of uneven terrain and a gradual incline up to the summit. Participants should bring water, breakfast/snacks, a headlamp, and warm, comfortable clothing and shoes for hiking in the winter. Additional

items participants may bring if they'd like include a small blanket or mat to sit on, a thermos with hot coffee, tea, or other warm drinks, and anything else needed for a two-hour outing.

For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology program, visit the SLA Web site (squamlakes.org) or contact the SLA directly (603-968-7336). The SLA also offers other Adven-

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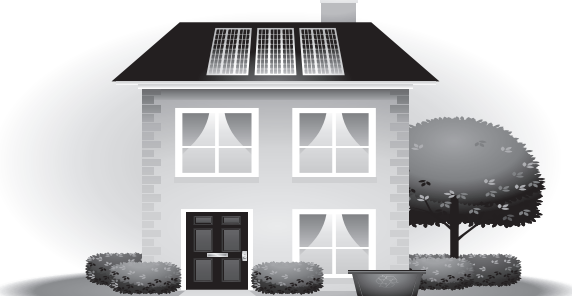
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A10 NEWFOUND LANDING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

Girls

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Huckins scored five points in a row, first draining two free throws and then converting a three-point play for a 12-5 lead for the Bears. Capsalis hit a free throw at the other end and then

drained a basket as the Timber Wolves closed the quarter on a 7-0 run. Ella Misiaszek drained a hoop and Capsalis put the final basket of the quarter in with 20 seconds to go, pulling Prospect even at 12 after the first eight minutes. The Newfound girls

held Prospect to just two points in the second quarter while scoring nine of their own. Huckins started the quarter with two free throws and after a Bohlmann hoop, MollyLu McKellar drained a pair of baskets and Huckins hit another free throw for the 21-12

lead.

Capsalis got Prospect's only basket of the quarter with 2:20 to go, pulling the Timber Wolves within seven of the Bears at 21-14 heading to the halftime break.

The third quarter belonged to the hosts, with Michaela Vernazzaro starting the frame with a free throw. After McKellar hit a hoop at the other end, Capsalis drained a three-pointer. Isa LaPlume drained a hoop for Newfound to keep the lead at 25-18 before the Timber Wolves scored the next seven points. Ella Smith started the run with a three-pointer and then Misiaszek put in a pair of baskets, pulling Prospect even at 25 with 5:20 to go in the third quarter.

Huckins put the Bears back in the lead with a pair of free throws, but Vernazzaro sank a basket to pull the Timber Wolves even again. Capsalis finished off a big steal from Smith with a three-point play and Prospect never trailed again.

Rylee Barney hit a free throw for Newfound before Smith drained her second three-pointer of the quarter and Capsalis added a basket. Huckins hit a free throw

and Smith closed out the quarter with a bucket and Prospect took the 37-29 lead to the fourth quarter.

Bohlmann started the fourth quarter with a hoop but Smith sank another three-pointer for the Timber Wolves. Misiaszek followed with a basket before Barney hit a free throw and Huckins and Bolhmann had back-to-back buckets to cut the lead to 42-36.

Misiaszek added a basket to push the lead back to eight before a McKellar free throw closed out the game's scoring for the 44-37 final.

Capsalis led the Timber Wolves with 18 points, while Smith finished with 11 points and Misiaszek added 10. Huckins led the way for Newfound with 13 points and Bolhmann chipped in with 10.

"We don't have size, but we have talented kids that can shoot and dribble attack," Burley said. "It's a different look for our team. We have four ball handlers and that's a different dynamic look.

"That's a good win for us, that's a good team we just beat," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "For the opening game, I'm pretty happy for

the girls with how they played."

Burley praised the work of Thoroughgood and Charlize Locke, noting that their work might not have showed up in the stat sheet, but it was important.

"We got in a little foul trouble early, but Charlize came in and played well down low and gave us some good minutes," Burley said. "And people don't realize what (Aijah) does defensively with ball pressure."

"Prospect played man-to-man and I don't think we were ready for that," Wilkins said. "It was not a game where we played as a team.

"The loss for them, to me is humbling," the first-year Bear coach continued. "We tell them every day in practice, every team is a beatable team.

"How many layups did we miss, how many easy fast breaks did we miss," Wilkins questioned. "That's the game right there.

"But we'll go back and watch the film and see what we can do differently," she added.

The two teams are scheduled to meet again on Monday, Dec. 20, in Bristol at 6 p.m. Newfound will be at White Mountains on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Prospect will be hosting Somersworth on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m.

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Prospect 44
Capsalis 7-2-18, Misiaszek 5-0-10, Thoroughgood 1-0-2, Vernazzaro 1-1-3, Smith 4-0-11, Totals 18-3-44

Newfound 37
LaPlume 1-0-2, Douville 1-0-3, Barney 0-2-2, Bohlmann 5-0-10, Huckins 2-9-13, McKellar 3-1-7, Totals 12-12-37

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Matti Douville drives toward the basket during her team's opening night tilt in Alton.

Concert

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said that for at least a decade the band has been raising money to support charitable organizations serving area residents. This year their venue will be Kathleen's Cottage on Lake St. and the Furbish family and their friends hope the public will come out in support of their ongoing mission to support local non-profit organizations.

The Uncle Steve Band has been entertaining crowds for more than 16 years with an "eclectic mix of rock, blues, R&B, folk, originals and some country music."

Members of the band today include Uncle Steve himself on guitar and keyboard, Plymouth Elementary School's music teacher Jake Stevens on lead guitar, Rich Delano on bass, son Josh Furbish on drums, and daughter-in-law Melissa Furbish with her amazing vocals.

The band is a regular at Bristol's annual summer concert series at Kelley Park, has taken

part in the community's Fourth of July parade, performed for the Voices Against Violence Ball and been heard at many other popular venues and event throughout central New Hampshire.

Maryann Parkhurst, owner of Kathleen's Cottage said she is excited to welcome their music and talents to Mullen's Room at her restaurant for this year's benefit concert.

"With the Mill Fudge Factory space gone now, they approached me and I said 'Absolutely! Just tell me what you need,'" she said.

It turned out that all they needed was a place to play that would be amenable to their endeavors and support their cause, and Kathleen's Cottage fit the bill.

A donation of \$10 at the door to benefit Bristol Community Services would be appreciated. To help boost funds raised by the event, there will also be "Love Buckets," as the Furbish family likes to call them, set out for additional contributions.

Doing their part to support the work of the Bristol Community Services, Parkhurst said her business will also have special raffles that night along with other prizes and give away items for all who attend the concert.

"Not only is the Furbish family great, but so is Bristol Community Services and we are very happy to help raise money for a great cause," Parkhurst said.

Those who cannot attend the Uncle Steve Band Concert that night can still take part in their fundraising efforts. The band has set up a Pay Pal account for donations, the link to which is <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8ELVqScQMP>. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

"They've raised as much as \$600 or more in the past with their (holiday benefit) concerts and I hope we can help them break a grand this year for Bristol Community Services," said Parkhurst.

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Volunteers

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to Christmas however, the members and their volunteers quickly went to Plan C.

Plan C was to make it a drive-thru event.

As the rain fell last Saturday morning the crews scurried to set up large tents, brought out all the signs and props they needed for the village, then turned up the Christmas music and let Santa know of the changes they had made.

When the rain calmed down that afternoon, Doug Williams, who serves as chair of the TTCC Council, was even able to set up his

popular North Pole Express train and its classic mountain scenery.

“These trains are actually ‘garden trains’ designed to be outdoors,” Williams explained. “It’s the scenery that has to be protected from the weather.”

Thanks to a large tent contributed by Garth Woolsey, the trains, Mrs. Claus’s Kitchen, the Toy Shop, Candy Shop and a place to wave hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus were all safely under cover.

Assisting in the drive-thru village were this year’s specially selected Elves. Among them were Sugarplum, who helped direct traffic

into the village, Snowflake who passed out toys from Santa’s Workshop, while Rudy handed out Mrs. Claus’s cookies. Besides the cookies and gifts, Ousel had the pleasure of presenting each child with this year’s Santa’s Village ornament, which was either a red or green glittery elf boot.

One mom, who has a child with autism, was thrilled with this year’s outdoor format.

“This is better with Covid going on right now...I want to come back. Thank you for all you’re doing,” she said.

Other moms and dads also gave two thumbs up as they made their way



Peter Daniels, Jangles the Elf and Rick Alpers stood beside a toasty fire as they greeted people when they arrived at Santa’s Village last Saturday night.

through the parking lot at the Middle School, where cheers and the holiday spirit of Santa’s Village filled the air.

In just the first hour, more than 225 people in 145 vehicles had already visited the village and organizers were thrilled with the outcome. That number doubled as the night went on.

“Considering what we’re facing, this has been a big success, and we’re so happy people are enjoying it,” said Leslie Dion, Executive Director of Tapply-Thompson Community Center.



Ousel the Elf had the honor of handing out the 67th annual tree ornament from Tapply-Thompson Community Center’s Santa Village to families who drove slowly through the Middle School parking lot to enjoy the familiar sights and sounds of Christmas.



After families stopped to say hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus, Ousel the Elf handed out this year’s commemorative tree ornament at Santa’s Village in Bristol last weekend.

Director

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Davis comes to the library with 18 years of professional library experience, and has pursued several interesting side lines over the course of her professional life. She was raised in Meredith, and graduated from Plymouth State College in 1998. Shortly after

graduation, she moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she managed three residence halls on the campus of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She continued her career in higher education until 2003 when she received her Master of Science in Information and Library Science (MSILS) from SUNY

Buffalo and moved back to New Hampshire to be closer to family.

Davis’ first library position was as Health Services Librarian at LRG Healthcare in Laconia. Shortly after, she joined YBP Library Services of Contoocook. In 2012, she became director at Hall Memorial Library in Northfield. She left

Hall Memorial Library in July of 2021, after helping to select her replacement and ensure good stewardship of the library during the transition.

As interim director, Davis was excited to be serving the patrons of Minot-Sleeper Library (MSL). One of the significant attractions for Jenna was the enthusiasm and commitment of

the staff.

“The staff at the MSL are a true team who love what they do, and it shows,” Davis commented.

After attending a trustee meeting, she could see that both the trustees and the Friends’ group had a deep and abiding passion for the library, working hard to ensure that it was vibrant in the communi-

ty and helped meet the community’s needs.

“It’s not often you find so many people involved in making one place more than just a building with books and when you do find it, it inspires,” according to Davis.

Davis begins her full-time role as Library Director on Jan. 3. She lives in Hill with her husband, Jeff LeBlanc, and their two dogs, Pink and Tucker. They share a love of cosplay/costuming, animals, swing dance, board games and a birthday, Dec. 18. Jenna’s other passions include reading everything in sight, audiobooks, quilting, sewing, crafting, discovering new restaurants and supporting the Franklin Animal Shelter. She prefers to be called Jen or Jenna and is looking forward to getting to know the patrons of Minot-Sleeper Library and the communities it serves. Please stop in to meet Davis and get to know her, the staff, and all the resources and services available at the library.

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