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## Wildlife Encounters ends tenure at BES after-school program in grand fashion

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BRISTOL — The Newfound Area School District's Project Promise Program ended the first half of the school year on a "wild" note when nearly 100 students and adults came out to enjoy the last of the program's sponsored presentations from Wildlife Encounters of Rochester. In all, Wildlife Encounters introduced the students to more than 60 different creatures over eight weeks.

Owner Derek Small and his center's curator Meaghan Dow brought one final sampling of their animals for boys and girls to observe and learn more about last Tuesday, and the six they presented held the audience spellbound for more than an hour.

First up was a throw-back to the age of dinosaurs, a beautiful Blue and Gold Macaw named Sophie.

Small reminded students of Project Promise that the world has gone through several cycles of extinction. Birds like the macaws have survived the climate changes and while many are threatened or are endangered

today, their origins go back many centuries.

The macaw is famous for its beautiful feathers that have been sought after over the years by poachers. Laws now seek to stop that harmful practice though.

"That's important because besides laws to protect these beautiful birds and their habitats, birds like the macaw help the environment," Small said.

By eating seeds from local vegetation, their droppings promote the growth of foliage in their environment.

"We need to have animals like this because no one animal can survive on earth by themselves. They all play an important role," advised Small.

Next up was an elegant Serval Cat, known as the "bobcat of Africa" and beautifully marked with rings, stripes and spots.

Serval cats, Small said, are Number 9 on Animal Planet's list of deadliest cats, due to their large, alert ears, protective coloration and ability to jump as much as 10-feet high and as far as 15-feet or more horizontally.

Through prior wild-



Donna Rhodes  
Nine-year-old Mabel Bureau of New Hampton had the opportunity to hold a bearded dragon when Wildlife Encounters of Rochester made the last of their eight weekly visits to Project Promise in Bristol last week.

life education sessions with Small, students were able to identify the white spots on the back of the cat's ears as a means of self-defense.

"You're right," he told the boys and girls. "It looks like eyes looking back at predators and that scares them away."

Small added that people in Africa have learned from the Serval cat and other members of the feline family to create masks that have eyes on the back to defend themselves against

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## STEM Scouts program offers students a unique learning experience

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BRISTOL — STEM Scouts is a great new opportunity for both boys and girls alike to enjoy a great learning experience through the Daniel Webster Boy Scout Coun-



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"Team Marble," comprised of eight-year-old Ceili Irving, nine-year-old Adeline Dolloff and eight-year-old Addie Alpers, worked hard on their design for an engineering challenge at their new co-ed STEM Scouts troop, made possible through the Daniel Webster Council of Scouting in New Hampshire.

cil of New Hampshire. Last week, the third through fifth graders involved in STEM Scouts had a lot of fun with engineering when they met in the gym at Bristol Elementary School.

District Executive Sean Fogle said the Bristol troop is currently the only one of its kind in the state, serving as a pilot program for future STEM troops. They meet weekly and focus on skills and learning experiences through science, technology, engineering and math. Currently only one other troop in Connecticut is offering the program to students in New England.

As a co-ed group under the leadership of Jenn Simons and Cristen Dolloff, the children are given a variety of challenges each Wednesday afternoon that incorpo-

rate research combined with some fun, hands-on experiments.

Simons said she became involved as a STEM leader when she accompanied her son to a special scouting camp in New Mexico. Hearing of the new scouting opportunities being made available to children, she quickly signed on for the training program out there.

The new troop, sponsored by Tapply-Thompson Community Center, has attracted 10 members to the troop since its start in September, with more waiting in the wings to sign on.

"We'd love to have them join but first we'll need some more adults to help oversee our meetings," Simons said. "We'd really like to get more involved so we can

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## Community honors Franklin woman's memory by supporting Animal Shelter

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TILTON — Chantal (Desrosiers) Sisco of Franklin lost her valiant battle with cancer last month, and to honor her deep love for pets, her friends, neighbors and even strangers came together to make donations to the Franklin Animal Shelter in her name.

Sisco was a much-loved paraprofessional at Franklin High School for 18 years, a wife, mother of two daughters and a caring member of her community.

Debra Shepard



of Tilton met Sisco through their shared love for dogs. When Shepard's dog had puppies, Sisco adopted one and named him "Chemo," a nod to her battle that the dog's love helped her face. When Shepard announced she had another litter of the Golden Retriever/Labrador pups approximately a year

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Donna Rhodes  
(Left) Debra Shepard of Tilton sits in the midst of some of the many donations for the Franklin Animal Shelter made through her Facebook friends in memory of Chantal (Desrosiers) Sisco.

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## New Year brings early deadlines

MEREDITH — The offices of the Newfound Landing, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, will be closed Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

In order to ensure that our Jan. 5 edition arrives on local newsstands on schedule despite the holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases, letters to the editor, and obituaries intended for

publication next week has been moved up 48 hours. Submissions should be dropped off at our offices or e-mailed to newfound@salmonpress.news no later than noon on Friday, Dec. 30 for inclusion in our Jan. 5 edition.

Please note that any submissions received after noon on the 30th will be held for publication on Jan. 12.

For information on

the holiday deadlines for display advertising, please contact our Sales Representative, Tracy Lewis, or Sales Assistant Lori Lynch at 444-3927 or courieradv@salmonpress.news.

The staff of the Newfound Landing thanks our readers for their cooperation with this change in our usual schedule, and wishes one and all a safe and very happy New Year.



# New “scrubber” machine demonstrates Cafe Monte Alto's commitment to the environment

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PLYMOUTH — Eddie Giunta and his wife Hertha (“Mickey”) Giunta own Café Monte Alto, a popular gathering place for fresh coffee in downtown Plymouth, and recently, they backed up their concern for the environment through the installation of a “Scrubber,” which removes particulate matter from the ovens as they roast their special blends of coffee.

Eddie can typically be found inside their Railroad Square roasting facility where he roasts and bags their coffee beans for the café.

The process is simple, actually, where the beans are placed inside the roasting oven until they are ready for making a good hot brew. In the process however, the oven emits not only a fresh coffee aroma that can be smelled all around town, but smoke and particulates as well.

When the Giuntas realized this meant pollutants were being sent out into the atmosphere, they decided to do something about it this fall.

“We’re really fortunate no one had complained about the smoke before. This community has really embraced us since Day One and now we were able to do something about all of that smoke,” said Mickey.

Now when the coffee beans are roasting, chaff from the beans is collected in two bins while the smoke itself then makes

its way through baffles that remove any other particles that may be coming from the oven. What makes its way up and out of the smoke stack in the end is nothing but clean air and the remaining chaff is taken home to fertilize the Giunta’s gardens.

The entire family is very ecologically minded, the couple said. Mickey’s family owns a coffee farm in Peru. There they have three sediment ponds that clean the water used to rinse a natural nitrate “slime” off the beans once they are picked.

“Most growers only have one sediment pond but my wife’s family is very conscious about the environment too. The water from the beans is cleaned naturally through the ponds then piped back up to the first pond to be used again,” he explained.

And it is from there that nearly all of Café Monte Alto’s fresh coffee originates. While it isn’t technically an organic coffee, it’s as close as one can get, Eddie said.

Coffee really can’t be considered truly organic due to a fungus that spreads amongst the bushy flowering plants that has to be treated or it will kill them. The fungus is dealt with in an eco-friendly, but not entirely organic manner at their farm; the best way known to keep it in check by today’s standards.

“I would be quite skeptical if anyone ever said



Eddie Giunta of Café Monte Alto was pleased to display the new baffling system installed on his coffee roasting oven that now keeps pollutants out of the atmosphere in downtown Plymouth.

they had organic coffee. The plants wouldn’t live,” Eddie said.

He and Mickey know a thing or two about growing coffee, too. They met in Germany as airline employees many years ago. Eddie was just out of the service and Mickey, who has dual citizenship in Germany and Peru, had come back to Germany to work. After they met and married, they decided to move on to a new way of life and ended up in Puerto Rico where some of Mickey’s family had moved.

Becoming part of the third generation in her family to be involved in coffee growing, she and her husband established their own plantation on the fertile Puerto Rican soils in 1990 and remained there for nearly ten years.

During that time they endured six hurricanes, the last of which, Hurricane George, completely decimated their business.

“The eye of that hurricane passed right over us, and by the time it was done, there was nothing left of our farm,” said Eddie.

Rather than battle with the government there in an attempt to

rebuild, they gave up the property and moved to New Hampshire where Eddie had spent time on Rumney’s Stinson Lake as a child.

Their first home was in Belmont, where Eddie began roasting small amounts of beans in his garage. One day he heard that what was then known as Volpe’s Market on Main Street in Plymouth was selling fresh roasted coffee, so he brought a sample of his to the store to see what they thought.

“A month later, I

stopped back to see how it was selling and the owner liked it so much that he asked if I wanted to take over the coffee shop. If I hadn’t gone back up there that day, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” said Eddie.

He and Mickey make occasional trips to Peru to visit her family and see how things are going on the farm her cousin now owns. As a result of their trips they also helped establish a school and a medical facility for families living nearby who work on the coffee

farms.

Those workers have also inspired the couple in their business here in New Hampshire. Mickey had a photo of a female worker carrying a baby on her back as she picked the beans and that photo was transformed into a painting that now adorns many of the Café Monte Alto labels.

“It just touched me to see her working so hard with her child on her back like that so the label is sort of a tribute,”

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## Keep the Heat On auction will feature familiar favorites and exciting new items!

PLYMOUTH — Neighbors helping neighbors. That’s what we’re known for in New Hampshire. The Plymouth Area Community Closet (PACC) and the Keep the Heat On (KTHO) Committee are grateful to our generous friends who have responded to the urgent appeal for fuel assistance funds for our neighbors. Tickets for the 12th Annual KTHO event on Jan. 18 are selling fast at Chase Street Market, sponsors are signing on to help in a big way, and new auction and raffle items are coming in every day!

The live auction with Lisa Lovett and Terri Daucher will be the culmination of a fun-filled evening that will include a silent

auction, raffle, and buffet dinner supplied by more than 20 of our finest area restaurants and their chefs—all to raise money for local families in need of home heating fuel assistance. The contributions for the raffle and auctions—both silent and live—are truly extraordinary, so be sure to bring your checkbook or credit card to KTHO and help us reach this year’s goal of \$50,000 for fuel assistance!

The auction committee is still deciding on a destination for this year’s fabulous travel vacation, but it might just be a place on your “bucket list!” Are you dreaming of a getaway close to home? How about a weekend retreat at Little Squam

at a private cabin and guesthouse? Do you crave adventure? Come and bid on a sky-diving experience!

Join us and place your bids on passes to a variety of area attractions to keep you busy year-round, including lift tickets to your favorite ski area. Browse the wide variety of items that you can enjoy in your own home, including a beautifully framed lithograph by Michael Atkinson (“Canyon Lands”), a lovely hand-turned ash bowl by Dr. Fred Kelsey, and a quilling piece by Sandra White of Alton (“Cattails and Sunflowers”).

The auctions will also feature products, services, and gift certificates donated by our many generous area businesses, craftspeople, and professionals. Too numerous to list, they range from practical (a haircut or an oil change for your car) to luxurious (several lovely pieces of jewelry and a beautiful handmade quilt). New items are being added to the list every day, so you’re sure to find something perfect for you! PSU’s Prospect Hall will once again provide the ideal browsing venue, and the KTHO decorating committee is planning a fabulous setting, with background music by the talented David Lockwood.

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Wishing Everyone a  
Very Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year.  
-Deb Rano

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Unveiled on Monday morning before an array of state and university dignitaries, the Raymond S. Burton '62 Open Laboratory is located within PSU's Lamson Learn-

“This open lab is a significant component in our new learning model,” said PSU Pres-



Plymouth State University President Donald Birx was joined by the late Ray Burton's lifelong friends, Duane Baxtor and Retta Presby, as he unveiled a plaque outside the new Raymond S. Burton '62 Open Lab inside the university's Lamson Learning Commons

She also addressed his deep commitment to education. Burton began his adult career as both a teacher and a principal before heading into the political arena. He believed that a commitment to greater learning opportunities was an important factor in the

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As the holiday clock ticked down on Dec. 24, outdoor enthusiasts with their shopping lists completed enjoyed some time on the slopes at Ragged Mountain in Danbury on Christmas Eve. With 18 trails open, warm fireplaces to huddle by and lots of great food to enjoy inside the lodge, the day truly gave a “lift” to their holiday spirits.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:45 pm  
Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn  
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First hearing being held on Tuesday,  
January 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
Second hearing being held on Tuesday,  
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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2016 at the Town Office Building, 230 Lake Street, Bristol, NH concerning the Site Plan for Goodrum Properties LLC to implement 5 Residential Apartments in an existing building. The property is located at 20 Spring Street, Tax Map & Lot #114-107 in the Downtown Commercial District.

John Jenness, Chair  
Newfound Area School District Budget Committee

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Pursuant to RSA 40:13, II (b)  
All petitioned warrant articles for the School District Warrant must be submitted by the second Tuesday in January. Such articles must be signed by twenty-five (25) or more legally registered voters of the School District and articles must be delivered to a member of the School Board or the School Administrative Unit #4 Office, 20 North Main Street, Bristol, NH no later than 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.



## CADY Corner

BY DEBRA NARO

The 21st Century Cures Act starts the New Year off on the right foot

The White House Office of the Press Secretary released on Dec. 7, 2016, a statement by President Obama on the Senate Passage of H.R. 34, the 21st Century Cures Act that states the following:

"We are now one step closer to ending cancer as we know it, unlocking cures for diseases like Alzheimer's, and helping people seeking treatment for opioid addiction to finally get the help they need. The bipartisan passage of the 21st Century Cures Act is an example of the progress we can make when people from both parties work together to improve the health of our families, friends and neighbors.

The Cures Act makes important investments that will save lives. First, for the families and communities that have lost too many loved ones to the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic, it invests the \$1 billion I requested in my budget to address this crisis. Second, the bill answers the Vice President's call for a Moonshot in cancer research by investing \$1.8 billion in new resources to accelerate discoveries. Third, it invests nearly \$3 billion to build upon the major biomedical research initiatives we have launched in my Administration – known as the BRAIN and Precision Medicine Initiatives – which are tackling diseases like Alzheimer's and creating new re-

search models to find cures and better target treatments. Fourth, the Cures Act takes important steps to improve mental health, including building on the work of my Administration's Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force. And fifth, the legislation advances the progress we've made in improving the Food and Drug Administration's drug development process by, for example, making sure patients' voices are part of those decisions.

This is a reminder of what we can do when we look out for one another. Like Joe Biden and so many other Americans, I've lost people I love deeply to cancer. I've heard often from those whose loved ones are suffering from Alzheimer's, addiction, and other debilitating diseases. Their heartbreak is real, and so we have a responsibility to respond with real solutions. This bill will make a big difference, and I look forward to signing it as soon as it reaches my desk."

CADY would like to extend our gratitude to our federal delegation: Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, and Congresswoman Annie Kuster for supporting this important, comprehensive health policy bill which supports medical innovation, strengthens mental health services, and addresses our country's opioid epidemic. We are hopeful that this funding will prove to be a turning point in the serious addiction crisis our state is experiencing and save lives.

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## PET of the Week Pig Pen

Handsome, loyal, debonair, a canine widower, Pig Pen arrived in October at New Hampshire Humane Society because his owner died.

WE provide care and comfort to over 1000 animals each year, lately many because their owners have passed away or can no longer provide for their pets due to age and infirmity.

Pig Pen is the polar opposite of his Charlie Brown name, dapper,

clean, neat as a pin, with a clear pristine will to find a new forever home. His birthday is January 1st, shall Pig Pen not ring in the New Year still waiting in a kennel at the shelter for a new set of humans to fall in love with him.

Experienced dog owners in a cat free home is preferred, with adults who can 1st) give him a chance to thrive & 2nd) provide him a warm, safe environment to flourish and



blossom into the devoted dog he was before and can be again.

Merry Christmas Pig Pen, you ARE a good dog!



## North Country Notebook

*Of mice and men, and New Year's regimen*



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

This column will appear just four days shy of 2017, too late for my usual Christmas Gift List, but not too late for readers to roll their eyes at my infrequent New Year's Resolution List.

This is actually an unusual thing for me, because I long ago resolved to avoid resolving anything because (a) I've never lived up to a resolution list, and (b) nobody cares. But I received a shocker of a telephone call this morning, and a resolution list will sooth my shattered nerves.

The telephone call came from a reader in Lincoln who reported that there is a move to regulate log and firewood piles there on account of endangering neighbors' property values. This made me rush out to take a fresh look at my own log piles, which are admittedly pretty shabby.



JOHN HARRIGAN

**A typical scene at the end of my barns, showing what a dandy place it would be for solar panels.**

But the prospect of putting up a giant painted pastoral scene or something to screen my log piles from possible tax litigators moved me to mollify myself with a Resolution Column. So here goes.

--Burn more wood in spring and fall chill fires. Of late I've become lazy about this, and have been burning a little oil instead. This is un-American of me, and in line with keeping energy dollars at home I should think about friends and neighbors who run skidders and chainsaws, and get my butt in gear.

--Plant some fruit trees. I've been putting

this off on account of life expectancy (mine, not the fruit trees'). But I've already defied my own expectancy by living past 65, and new varieties of fruit trees bear fruit in an amazingly short time.

--Ditto for solar panels. I have an ideal southwest-facing situation in the form of the back wall of my last (so far, at least) barn. Never mind that for most of the year it is enshrouded in snow, mist, fog and low-lying clouds. Besides, solar panels are cheaper by the minute, and all I really have to do is look up my nearest Solar Power Guru.

--Downsize my gar-

den. Currently I could feed half of Texas. I should leave all that grubbing to grubs, of which I have plenty. My lawn has so many craters it looks like the moon.

--Speaking of which, I should look into various strategies on skunk control. This was never a problem before, because what few skunks I ever saw around my place were just passing through on sort of seasonal visits, like leaf-peepers, and evidently sought warmer climes before the snow flew. These days some skunks are looking suspiciously like squatters. I'm

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## Letters to the Editor

**Bristol's "Dangerous city" designation stems from selectmen's reluctance to manage police department**

To the Editor:

Did you see the NH1 TV report that named Bristol is one of the 14 most dangerous cities to live in in New Hampshire, based on FBI statistics?

The failure of the Bristol police force to maintain a safe environment for the citizens of Bristol stems from a lack of accountability, standards and expectations set by the Select Board, who are, after all, the managers of the town departments. This laissez-faire attitude of the Selectmen toward the police department originated when the town adopted the "Town Manager" form of government that eliminated the then existing "Police Commission." When at town meeting voters rescinded the "Town Manager" form of government the select board never assumed their lawful responsibility for oversight of the police department. Since that time the police department has grown into an unmanageable, autonomous, abomination that believes itself to be unanswerable to the taxpayers and citizens of Bristol.

The police department is a revolving door for entry level officers looking to get experience and

certification at the expense of the Bristol taxpayer. The current police chief is a disaster; he states that he needs such a large full time force (11 full time for 3,000 residents) based on the influx of summer residents. Then he has the audacity to run a lawn care service (ML landscaping) in his spare time.

The police chief is a full time contractual position; his salary is set on a yearly basis, and should be fixed at the time his contract is negotiated; why he received a \$5,000 raise in the middle of his contract year is the epitome of poor management; it certainly wasn't warranted by his performance. The taxpayers of Bristol will be shelling out \$80,018 for a police chief that has allowed Bristol to sink to one of New Hampshire's 14 most dangerous cities.

Time is long overdue for the select board to step up and start managing the departments by setting goals and expectations, and if they are unwilling, unable or unqualified to do so, then they should step aside.

*Paul Simard  
Bristol*



Barbara Vera Bliss, 88

ALEXANDRIA-Barbara Vera Bliss, 88, of 39 E. Gale Rd, died Saturday, Dec.17, 2016 at Lakes Region General Hospital after a period of declining health. She was born in Bristol, the daughter of Florence Mae Plummer.

Barbara was raised by William Newton and Florence (Plummer) Newton. A lifelong resident of Alexandria, Barbara graduated from Bristol High School and married Elmore Bliss, of Bristol. She worked off and on

at Plymouth Stitching over the years, but her primary focus was always on her family. In her free time she enjoyed knitting, crafting, yard sales, card games and BINGO, all of which were enjoyed more when they



included time with friends and family. Family members include two daughters: Sharyn Orvis of Bristol; Caryl Braley of Alexandria; a son Raymond Bliss of Bristol; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A gathering to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at the Alexandria Town Hall, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All friends and family members are invited

to attend, to share fond memories and favorite photos of this very special lady. A graveside service will be held at the Riverside Cemetery in Alexandria in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters Association, 158 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol.

Towns

Alexandria

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WONDERLAND

There is nothing so magical as a soft two inch snowfall. Every branch is outlined. All the piles are frosted, no signs of activity. Even the mountain laurel bush has puffs of snow like blossoms of flowers on each stem. The sun will come and do some melting. So look while you can. Nothing stays the same. Happy 2017.

FROM THE TOWN

Next Select board meeting Jan. 3, 2017.

Danbury

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South Danbury Church

On Thursday, Dec 22, a morning snowstorm finished blanketing the area with a fresh layer of snow in time for the roads to clear and for the annual Christmas program to go on as scheduled.

A novel twist this year was the involvement of the audience through the introduction of the paper bag pageant. Early arrivers picked a bag with the character props needed for the nativity presentation. No practice necessary, the program

showed reverence to the past while proving traditions can be carried forward in a new fashion.

The church will continue the Friday night speaker series on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in 2017.

January Winter Market

The January Winter Farmers Market will be held form 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the grange hall on Saturday, Jan. 7. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the Blazing Star Bistrot. A few of the vendors will be taking this market off to rest from their holiday season and build back up their supply. Vendors signed up for this market are Nimmitta Natural Design, Cutting Farm, Margaret Hoyle Socks, Marge Gorman, Field Acres Farm, Healthy Porcupine, Danbury Grows, Stevens Homemade, Huckins Farm, Huntoon Farm, Autumn Harvest Farm and Hibernating Artists.

The grange appreciates the community at large for their support of the market. The Nov and Dec markets have attained the highest sales since market sales have been tallied. Not only are customers finding quality products to buy at the market, but by spending their dollars locally, they also support our local economy.

Studies show that local businesses spend a large percentage of their dollars locally. When hiring help, they hire local and when needing services, they turn to local providers. It is a "win win" situation.

A farmers market offers a variety of choices in products but quality is common to all. Take time to ask questions. The vendors know their products -they make it and they also usually know how theirs is different from the next guy's. Even if you are new to buying local or buying handmade soap or farm raised meats, the vendors can also help you learn about the questions you should be asking. Through asking questions and gaining knowledge, the consumer can determine what product works for them. And remember, the only dumb question is the one not asked.

Hebron

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Casella Pickup Schedule

Casella will be picking up on the regular Monday schedule the day after New Years. Happy New Year to all!

Notebook

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blaming global warming.

---Double up on the birdfeeders (or double down, as gamblers and political commentators are fond of saying). This is partly because I like seeing lots of happy, otherwise starving winter birds, and partly because I sometimes fail to heed overwhelming Fish and Game warnings and take my birdfeeders down before the bears get them. This past fall it was Bears 3, Harrigan 0.

---Get another cat

that is from a proven long line of really good mousers. This will enable me to avoid having to tend a trap line. Trap lines are no fun unless you get to hole up in a cabin all winter, drinking cheap whisky and thinking about how to build a better mouse trap, and emerge in the spring, rubbing your eyes like a half-blind woodchuck.

---Wire up the Deep Winter Woodshed, right there beside the outdoor furnace, so I can actually see what I'm doing when I'm out there in the dark heaving 100-pound pieces

of wood around. It's an expensive prospect, but it has to be a whole lot cheaper than visiting the Emergency Room.

---Happy New Year to you and yours, and the best for 2017 and beyond.

(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.)

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# 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 Yunghans at 726-0254 or 536-1966.

**Thursday, Dec. 29**  
Thursday, Dec. 29, 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; Mpack Club for girls, preschool through high school; Youth 4 Truth High School Bible Study. Do come for this great time of fellowship and learning.

**Friday, Dec. 30**  
Friday, Dec. 30, 1-4 p.m. – Youth Fun Day at the Church.

**Saturday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Service**  
Saturday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m., New Year's Eve Service, Refreshments and Fellowship. Please do come and celebrate the end of 2016, and the blessings God has poured out on us all. And we look forward to the New Year 2017.

**Sunday, Jan. 1**  
Sunday, Jan. 1, Happy New Year! You are invited to begin 2017 with us at our regular Sunday schedule: 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 a.m.: Sunday morning service. Children's church during the morning service for ages 3-K, and grades one through four. You may put prayer requests in the green box marked "Prayer Requests" on

the hall table.

**Monday, Jan. 2**  
Monday, Jan. 2, noon–2 p.m. – the Church's Helping Hands Food Pantry will be held and free clothing will be available.

**Upcoming Saturday, Jan. 6**  
Saturday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m., the monthly Ladies Bible Study will be held at the church. All ladies are invited.

**Sunday, Jan. 8**  
Sunday, Jan. 8, the monthly fellowship luncheon will follow the service. The monthly fellowship luncheon will follow the service. Please bring food to share. 5 p.m.: Prayer meeting. "You do not need any experience in order to pray, only faith and trust in Jesus our Lord."

**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.

## Hebron Union Congregational Church

All are welcome to join in our worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. There will be no New Year's Eve gathering this year. However, prior to the service on Sunday, New Year's Day,

there will be a potluck breakfast at 8 a.m. for anyone who would like to come.  
Our Bible study meets on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. and all are welcome. There will be a Fair meeting following the service on July 10.  
We gather once a month to make soup for people in our local communities. Our next soup route is Jan. 9. While we are making soup for others, we also share a meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like more information about Soup Route, would like to volunteer to help us, or would like to receive soup from us, please contact our church secretary using the contact information listed below.  
Our church is located in the center of historic Hebron village at the intersections of North Shore Road and West Shore Road. Our church secretary's office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and our phone number is 744-5883. Our address is 16 Church Lane, PO Box 67, Hebron, NH 03241. The secretary's email address is staff@hebronchurchnh.org. To find out more about our church, please visit the church Web site at www.hebronchurchnh.org.

## Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal

We certainly had a beautiful white Christmas this year. Hope your Christmas celebration was all you hoped it would be!

**Visiting Bell Choir**  
All are invited to our Epiphany service on Sunday, Jan. 8. Church of the Holy Spirit will be hosting the Thornton Central School Bell choir. They will be performing at the 9:30 service. We so enjoy this annual performance and want to thank their music teacher, Andrea Charbonneau and the students at TCS.

**Episcopal Church Women with Men Invited**  
Their next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 5 at noon in Griswold Hall. They have invited the ECW group from Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith to a Yankee Swap and a potluck luncheon. This is

an annual event which brings together two groups who work to improve and help the lives of people in their communities. This year they have added a new twist by inviting men to their meeting. So come along for good food and a fun time.

**Thank you, From the Lunch Club**  
The Lakes Region Community Services Lunch Club has been meeting in Griswold Hall on Wednesdays since the beginning of the summer. The head of the lunch club writes, "Our lunch club is made up of people with varying abilities to plan, shop, prepare, and eat healthy meals that have been prepared by themselves. We wish to thank you for letting us use Griswold Hall as the place that allows us the space to facilitate our Lunch Club!"

## Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

**Online giving**  
If you are interested in becoming an online giver, please go to our website, holytrinityparishnh.org and look under online giving. Any information you need to get started will be available to you right there..

**Parish database updates**  
Have you moved recently, or changed your email address or phone number? Please let us know so we can keep you up to date with parish events and schedules. Sandy (Plymouth office) 536-4700, holytrinitynh@gmail.com. Chris (Bristol office) 744-2700, holytrinitybristol@gmail.com.

Please note: The Knights monthly breakfast will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8 instead of Sunday, Jan. 1.

The Mass schedule for the weekend of Dec. 31-Jan. 1 will be the regular weekend schedule of Masses. Saturday 4 p.m.: St. Matthew Church Sunday 7:30 a.m.: St. Matthew Church 9:30 a.m.: Our Lady of Grace 11:30 a.m.: St. Matthew Church

## Plymouth Congregational UCC

**Worship Service, Jan. 1, 9:30 a.m.**  
Come to church the

first day of the first month of the new year! Start your new year with your faith community. The service will include an open service of communion. Everyone is welcome, no matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey.

**Snow Day Closings**  
PCUCC follows the public school schedule of snow closings. Check WMUR for Plymouth Schools. On the weekend, check the church FaceBook page for current information. We try to stay open, but want everyone to stay safe!

**Live-Streamed and More!**  
Don't miss a thing. Many programs and Sunday Worship are on FaceBook. "Like" the church FaceBook page and you will receive notification when the weekly service goes live on Sunday morning! Missed something? You can find it on the FaceBook site, "Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Plymouth NH." Scroll down to the date of the service or program you missed. It is all there! You will also find current information about upcoming church events and a few posts to make you laugh.

**New Web site**  
Our website has the same old address (www.uccplymouth.org) but has a new-easier-to-use look. Enjoy new photos, an easy to read calendar and quick links to programs and happenings that interest you most. Give it a try!

**Sermon Musings**  
Following each Sunday Worship Service, you are invited to gather in the fellowship for more conversation on the sermon and related subjects. This is a small group that can discuss the topics and ask questions more intimately.

**Weekly Newsletter**  
If you are not receiving the weekly news in your inbox and would like to be included, call or email the office and request to be added to the list.

**Church Calendar**  
The public is welcome and expected at these ongoing free programs. You may receive the complete calendar by email, or look on the Web site, www.uccplymouth.org. The people friendly way to get information is still available; call and chat with Richard at the church office.

Sunday Services at 9:30 each Sunday, Pastor Paulo Franca will greet you and preach the sermon. Everyone is welcome here!  
Adult Choir: Singers wanted! Everyone welcome. Claire McIver directing.  
Communion: First Sunday of every month. For homebound, call the office to arrange. Open, all invited to partake.  
Coffee House: Usually last Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Free, Music, Discussions, Refreshments. Community invited.  
Sunday Nitters: alternate Sundays in the evenings in homes. Call the office for the latest. Everyone invited. It is an opportunity to visit over supper and get to know

your church friends better.  
Rev. Franca's sermons: www.uccplymouth.org. Inspiration is waiting for you.  
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Church closings will be posted on wmur.com or on WMUR television.  
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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.

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Hamilton Wright Mabie

"May I know the circle of love into which I was born.  
May my life make the circle wider and wider,  
Starting with my family and these friends, starting today."  
Betsy Darr

Sunday, Jan. 1, 9:30 a.m. Annual Book Service Nancy Chaddock, Discussion Leader  
During this informal, annual service we talk about the books that we have enjoyed this past year. Bring the book, or title and author to add to our list. Children are very welcome to join us for this service. There will be no coffee social hour, nursery or Sunday school this morning. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Children and Youth Religious Education, Meredith Flynn, DRE  
There are no children's RE classes this morning.  
Neighboring Faiths-The middle school youth do not have class today.  
Youth Group- The high school Youth Group meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.  
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# Join a New Year's Eve party with the Adam Ezra Group

PLYMOUTH — The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents The Adam Ezra Group

on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 8:30 p.m. Known as Boston's premier Folk-Rock band, liter-

ate songcraft and high energy live shows have catapulted them onto the national stage and

## Deadline to apply for FSB Fund for Community Advancement Grant is Jan. 3

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erate income families and individuals.

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For more information about the FSB Fund for Community Advancement as well as how to apply, please visit [www.fsbnh.bank](http://www.fsbnh.bank), then select "Community" in the site navigation. You may also contact Dorothy J. Savery, Corporate Secretary, Executive & HR Assistant, at 934-8316 (toll-free at 800-FSB-4445) or via email at [Dorothy.Savery@fsbnh.bank](mailto:Dorothy.Savery@fsbnh.bank).

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COURTESY

The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents The Adam Ezra Group on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 8:30 p.m. Known as Boston's premier Folk-Rock band, literate songcraft and high energy live shows have catapulted them onto the national stage and garnered legions of loyal fans.

garnered legions of loyal fans. Jay Psaros will open the evening. Tickets for this concert start at \$24.

Ring in the New Year with Boston's Adam Ezra Group!

Adam Ezra Group's songwriting is making waves around the country: A songwriting partnership with the legendary John Oates is taking Adam back and forth between Nashville and tour; the theme song, "Grow Your Own Way," went viral in the midwest; and Adam Ezra's debut efforts in movie scoring have led to an appearance at the 2016 Tribeca Film Festival and the release of

Adam Ezra Group's new album, aptly titled, "Songs for a Movie."

Known for a sound that cuts across musical genres and energized live shows, Adam Ezra Group played upwards of 200 shows in 2015 and recently received a Song of the Year award, along with producers Shep Goodman and Aaron Accetta, at the New England Music Awards for the song "Let Your Hair Down."

Adam Ezra Group is made up of singer, songwriter, and guitarist, Adam Ezra, Alex Martin on drums, Corinna Smith on fiddle, Francis Hickey on bass and Josh Gold on keys. While on tour, the band—known for its social activism and community volunteer-

ism—often devotes their time to local charity and goes out of their way to connect with their fans. Their goal is to reach as many people as possible while sharing their belief in the power of community and the human spirit.

Concert-goers are in for a special treat on New Year's Eve, as Adam Ezra Group are putting together a special party that will raise the roof in Plymouth NH and have fans talking about it for months.

Tickets for Adam Ezra Group NYE Bash are \$24, and \$29 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at [www.flyingmonkeynh.com](http://www.flyingmonkeynh.com).

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in the upstairs Youth Room.

Social Justice Community Outreach 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.

### Ongoing activities

Choir meets on most Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, but not during the holidays.

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](http://www.starrkingfellowship.org), where you can access the up to date calendar of events.

ship.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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [battrought@gmail.com](mailto:battrought@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. The New Year begins with meetings on Jan. 11 and 25.

Starr King Men's Group will meet 6-8 p.m., on the third Sunday only 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, especially during the holidays.

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

Starr King UU Fellowship is located at 101 Fairgrounds Rd., Plymouth. The phone number is 536-8908. The Web site is [www.starrkingfellowship.org](http://www.starrkingfellowship.org), where you can access "Newsletters" to read, or print out, any of several past issues; "Podcast" to enjoy listening to sermons you have missed, or just want to hear again; "Events Calendar" to find out what is going on in our Fellowship.

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DONNA RHODES

Meaghan Dow of Wildlife Encounters displayed a beautiful Blue and Gold Macaw to the students and family members who attended the last of eight weekly after school presentations for the Project Promise Program.



DONNA RHODES

“Domino,” the Giant Crested Porcupine of Africa, couldn’t get up close with boys and girls in the Project Promise Program last week, but they were still excited to meet him when Wildlife Encounters made their final presentation to their after school program at Bristol Elementary School last week.

## Wildlife

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animals that might endanger them too.

Curator Dow then brought out a totally different type of animal, a bearded dragon that some students from New Hampton Community School’s third grade class knew quite a bit about.

“We have one in our classroom,” several exclaimed. Hearing that, Small selected Mabel Bureau to come and hold the reptile as he and she both discussed its many unique features.

A chinchilla captured everyone’s heart and Small asked the boys and girls to determine whether it was a mammal, reptile or amphibian. Thanks to his previous seven visits, they all recognized the chinchilla as a mammal, then learned that it was not a part of the rabbit family, as some believed, but actually a rodent.

For many years chinchillas were heavily sought after by hunters for their luxuriant fur and were nearly wiped off the planet at one time. Small said an explorer found 11 of them hidden away on Machu Pichu many years ago however and helped save the species by taking them to a center where they were bred and continue to thrive so they can one day be returned to the wild.

A King Snake kept everyone spellbound as Dow walked him through the crowd while students were tested on their knowledge of snakes.

“V-shaped” tongues signify a venomous snake, while a simpler tongue, such as the King snake’s, shows they are not venomous.

“A King Snake does eat venomous snakes though and they’re used to control rattle snakes in the western farmlands,” said Small.

A Giant Crested Porcupine from Africa was among the last of the wildlife visitors. “Domino” displayed his thousands of black and white quills, which are used in his defense against predators, and Small offered even more information on the magnificent ro-

dent.

His quills are actually specialized hairs that can spread out to startle a predator. The Giant Crested Porcupine also has extremely powerful claws that can dig through concrete and, unlike American porcupines, can make a speedy escape from predators.

“If this porcupine is really scared he can run very, very quickly to get into the safety of a burrow,” said Small. “If a predator catches up to him though, he will stop running. He has razor-sharp quills (under the tail) that they then run into or he can even back into whatever animal is chasing him.”

Those specialized quills are so deadly sharp that they have been known to kill predators as large as a lion, a tiger or even a human.

As the program came to an end, students filed past Small, who held a more than seven-foot-long Jungle Carpet Python. Each had a chance, if they chose, to run their hands down the length of his smooth and muscular body on their way out the door.

“This was really fun,” said Kayleigh of Bristol, “but I think my favorite

animal was the chinchilla though.”

Some of the Danbury students involved in Project Promise enjoyed the Red Fox and Arctic Fox they had seen earlier last month while the colorful Macaw captured a lot of attention from all the children last week.

Susan Seaverns, director of Project Promise, said the two-month adventure with the animals of Wildlife Encounters was a great experience for her after-school students.

“This was awesome. The kids have loved it and looked forward each week to the opportunity to see wildlife they wouldn’t typically see here in Bristol,” Seaverns said.

The weekly visits also helped with enrichment programming. Students were able to discover the differences between mammals, reptiles and amphibians while enjoying a hands-on experience where they learned more about each, along with their importance to the environment.

“We hope this inspired them about the animals in our world and will help them to better connect with them in the future,” Seaverns said.

## STEM

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expand the program to older boys and girls once they move on to middle school, too.”

Last week’s challenge centered on the members using engineering techniques to roll a marble from a point about three feet up on the gym wall then down along a structure of their own design and choosing. The goal was to successfully capture the marble in a cup at the end of the course in as short a time as possible.

To accomplish that task, each of three teams was provided with cardboard tubes, plastic craft matting, strips of foam pipe insulation, plastic soda bottles, tape and scissors to assemble a track in any way they saw fit.

“This was way harder than I expected,” said eight-year-old Addie Alpers as she and Team Marbles made adaptations to their course and performed test runs prior to the competition.

It wasn’t all about the marble competition though. At a meeting earlier in the month they were also asked to select an engineer whom they found to be inspiring and do research on that person.

Fifth-grader Conner Sullivan from Alexandria found he didn’t have to look far.

“I was doing some research and found that Percy Spencer invented the microwave,” he said.

With the name being somewhat familiar to him, he spoke with his



DONNA RHODES

Olivia Simons, Josh Blouin and Connor Sullivan were all smiles as they prepared to test out the marble course they designed for a STEM Scout engineering challenge last week.

grandparents and they were able to help him link Spencer to their family tree.

Ceili Irving wanted to learn more about a female engineer and soon discovered Emily Warren Roebling who built the Brooklyn Bridge, while Madeline Dolloff learned that another woman, Mary Anderson, invented the windshield wipers.

“It was good to know women had great ideas that help us all,” said Dolloff.

After 45 minutes of strategy, the three teams went head to head in their engineering competition. Marbles dropped down from the wall, rolled around loops, over jumps, through tunnels and eventually made their way to the cup at the end of each course.

“The goal was to get your marble through the maze as fast as possible but there were also bonus points for jumps and overall creativity,” said

outh.

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“Of course, people miss the smell of the coffee roasting but at least we aren’t polluting the atmosphere. That’s important to us,” said Eddie.

## Monte Alto

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said Mickey.

Of course all the beans used at the Giunta’s café are from the family farm, except for the decaffeinated beans. Those they purchase from Papua New Guinea since the decaffeination process is a long and much more arduous task than their family would like to tackle. Even those beans however, are roasted by Eddie right in downtown Plym-

Simons.

Times were really close but in the end the Mighty Marbles, made up of Julian Field (age 9), Nick Simon (age 11) and Sam Worthen (age 10) topped the field with their steep drops, tunnels, jumps and a time of 2.73-seconds from start to finish.

Since September the troop has also worked with Ozobots where they learned about the programmable “brains” of a computer, and inflated balloons with baking soda and vinegar, a favorite project for most of the members. An interesting challenge that lies ahead will be the chance to create music with bananas.

The STEM Scouts meet each Wednesday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Bristol Elementary School. For more information on how to become involved with this latest scouting endeavor, please email [simon.jenn@yahoo.com](mailto:simon.jenn@yahoo.com) or visit the Daniel Webster Council’s Web site at [www.nhscouting.org](http://www.nhscouting.org) for other scouting opportunities in the area.

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Shelter

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later, Sisco was back for yet another. That one she named “Doc.”

“The dogs gave her a lot of hope and a lot of incentive. She really loved her pets and they helped bring her the strength she needed for fighting the cancer,” said Shepard.

After more than two-and-a-half years of chemotherapy and other forms of treatment, Sisco finally succumbed to her illness on Nov. 30 and by Dec. 5th Shepard had reached out to her friends on Facebook for donations of food and supplies for the shelter.

“I know she would be happy to know people were helping animals at the local shelter. It just seemed to be a fitting way to pay tribute to her and her love for pets,” Shepard said.

In no time at all people began pledging their support, dropping off contributions at Shepard’s home or making arrangements for them to be picked up.

“I couldn’t believe how generous everyone was. The donations just started rolling in right away. I was really impressed,” Shepard said.

Last Wednesday morning she stopped to pick up one last box of donations then headed for the shelter on Punch Brook Road where Manager Charlotte Rice was amazed by all Shepard brought with her.

Boxes and bags of kitty litter, dog food, cat food, treats, and even blankets and paper towels were stacked high once the



DONNA RHODES

As a tribute to Chantal (Desrosiers) Sisco of Franklin, Debra Shepard presented Charlotte Rice of the Franklin Animal Shelter with a carful of donations of cat and kitten food, dog food, treats and other items that were donated by both herself from her friends on Facebook.

car was unloaded. There was even some Kitten Replacement, a product that simulates mother’s milk for abandoned kittens that often make their way to the shelter.

“Wow. That’s something we always need. All of this will be put to very good use,” Rice assured her.

The shelter currently has 12 cats and two dogs in their care. Their mission, besides care and shelter, is to advocate for neglected or abandoned cats and dogs as well as “surrendered” animals from the communities of they serve by “taking steps to control overpopulation and providing healthy animals that will be adopted into loving ‘forever’ homes.”

Shepard said that while she has already dropped off all she had collected in the past few weeks, it’s never too

late to pay tribute to her friend. She hopes others will continue to make donations in Chantal Sisco’s name in the weeks, months and years to come.

“This is something I don’t want to end. I hope even more people will be able to donate to the shelter in her memory as well,” she said.

A wish list of items needed and an online Pay Pal feature for financial contributions can be found on their Web site, [www.franklinanimalshelter.com](http://www.franklinanimalshelter.com).

The shelter is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., from

1-7 p.m. on Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday. Their mailing address for checks or gift cards to Tractor Supply and Walmart is P.O. Box 265 Franklin, N.H. 03235-0265.

Heat On

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There are multiple reasons to go to KTHO: you’ll find some fabulous deals in the silent auction, you’ll enjoy a delicious meal created by our best local restaurants, and you’ll be entertained by the terrific live auction team of Lisa Lovett and Terri Daucher—all for the very important

Burton Lab

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democracy that makes New Hampshire great, something the state should support whenever possible. The lab, she said, will now impact future learning experiences in a totally unique and positive manner.

“Ray believed change was inevitable but when blended properly, it strengthens us all. I know he would be proud to have this tribute to his legacy,” said Hassan.

State Sen. Jeff Woodburn, serving the North Country in Senate District One, also spoke of Burton’s love for education.

“If anything, Ray Burton was fundamentally a teacher,” he said.

Woodburn served for a time as an intern to Councilor Burton where every day for him was also a learning experience. He believed in people, Woodburn said. It wasn’t what they did at the start of the day but what they did by the end of the day

goal of helping your neighbors in need. If you can’t be there, please consider joining as a sponsor or auction donor. The need has never been greater, and every contribution helps!

Tickets for the 12th annual KTHO are on sale at Chase Street Market for \$40, and are available in limited numbers. To reserve a

table for 8 or more, call Susan Messinger at 707-9684. KTHO is organized and sponsored by the Plymouth Area Democrats, partnered with the Plymouth Area Community Closet in their continued mission to provide assistance to our neighbors. KTHO—and the fuel assistance it helps provide—are entirely non-partisan.

that truly mattered. He schooled Woodburn and all his interns on the importance of government caring for the people they serve, sending his interns off many a day to help with medical needs, food and housing crises, or any employment issues his constituents faced.

“He always paid attention to the people who need government. That’s his legacy and that’s why we honor him and hold him in our hearts,” said Woodburn.

Burton’s successor, Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, congratulated the university for their continued recognition of Burton. He, too, acknowledged Burton as an educator at heart, whether in the classroom or in his early career or in Concord later in life. He promised to do his best to remind people of the importance of seeing things “Ray’s Way,” with less concern for people with titles and influence and more for the people on the ground level who make New Hampshire great.

Representatives of Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen also read letters of praise and congratulations on the latest facility at PSU that was donated in Burton’s honor.

A final speaker was Trevor Chandler, a member of the PSU Class of ’09, a former intern for Burton and now the Associate Regional Field Director of Human Rights Campaign.

Chandler said that changing the world through public service, as Burton did, is a person’s way of putting into action the most basic premise of “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” He praised Burton for teaching him through his daily actions and deeds and said Burton truly lived up to the Plymouth State University motto, “Ut prosim,” which translates to “That I may serve.” The new lab, he said would serve others well into the future.

Helping Birx unveil the plaque outside the new open lab was both Baxter, who chairs the Raymond S. Burton Fund, and Burton’s close friend Reta Presby.

The lab itself is an expansive venue filled with numerous tables that can be clustered for more intimate educational gatherings as needed along with three large computer screens that allow students the opportunity to conference with leaders in industry, natural resources, economics, health care, government and more.

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## What's On Tap

The holiday tournaments wrap up and regular season action returns as the calendar flips to 2017.

The finals in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament are today, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m. for the girls and 6 p.m. for the boys in Gilford.

The Plymouth wrestling team competes in the holiday tournament at Noble High School in Berwick, Maine today, Dec. 29, and Friday, Dec. 30.

The Newfound hoop girls will be playing on Tuesday, Jan. 3, as they travel to Newport for a 6:30 p.m. game.

The Bear hoop boys will be at Laconia for a 7 p.m. game on Thursday, Jan. 5.

The Plymouth hoop boys will be visiting Kingswood for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The Bobcat girls' basketball team will be hosting Kingswood for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team returns to regular season action on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at John Stark-Hopkinton at 7 p.m.

The Nordic Bobcats will be at Plainfield to kick off the season on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m.

The Bobcat ski jumpers will hit the jump at Proctor Academy at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The Plymouth wrestling team will be at Pelham for a 6 p.m. game on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The Plymouth unified hoop team will be playing its first game of the season on Thursday, Jan. 5, at Winnisquam at 3:30 p.m.

## Trout Unlimited offering free trip to fishing camp

PLYMOUTH — A free stay at the July 9-14 Barry Fishing Camp is available for one lucky boy or girl ages 10-16. It's a six-day overnight summer camp where novice anglers will learn the basic skills and equipment needed to get started fishing. Campers will also hike, swim, canoe, create campfire skits and enjoy a host of other great activities. For more information about the camp, visit [www.wildnh.com/barrycamp](http://www.wildnh.com/barrycamp).

Applicants must submit a recommendation letter(s) from your school counselor, teacher, Scout leader, sports coach, religious leader or a Trout Unlimited member and written statement on why they would like to attend the camp or a story about a fishing experience they had, along with their address and contact information.

Send application to the Pemigewasset chapter of Trout Unlimited, POB 1356, Campton, NH 03223. The camp is filling up fast so don't wait to apply, a candidate for 2017 will be chosen in January. For additional information, e-mail [PemiTU@gmail.com](mailto:PemiTU@gmail.com).

## Bears head to break undefeated

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound girls' basketball team headed to the holiday break with an undefeated Division III record after easily taking care of business against Franklin on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The Bears came out strong with the press but it also took them a while to get going on the finish, but things began to turn around and the Bears turned a 5-4 lead into a 17-4 advantage after the first quarter.

Newfound pulled back to a half-court press in the second and then dropped back, outscoring the Golden Tornadoes by a 21-8 score in the second quarter to take a 38-12 lead at the halftime break.

Coach Karri Peterson got all 11 players into the game in the third and

fourth quarter and rolled to the 62-18 victory.

"We got back and just played solid defense, allowing four points in the third and two in the fourth," said Peterson.

Ashlee Dukette finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Bears while also recording six blocks. Amanda Johnston finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Bears were in action after deadline in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament and the finals are today, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m. at Gilford High School.

The Bears will return to regular season action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, as they head to Newport for a 6:30 p.m. contest.

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## Bears struggle on the road in Somersworth

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

SOMERSWORTH — After taking steps forward in the first three games of the season, the Newfound hoop boys did not continue that trend on Tuesday, Dec. 20, as the team traveled to Somersworth.

The Bears fell behind 22-7 after one quarter and the Toppers outscored them 26-6 in the second quarter and 12-6 in the third quarter before the teams were even at 12 points each in the fourth quarter for the 72-31 final.

Coach Tom Bourdeau was not pleased with the results put forward by his team as it heads to the holiday break.

"The team, after showing improvement in each of our previous three games, took a giant step backwards," Bourdeau said. "Our attitude and effort was terrible."

Devon Kraemer-Roberts and Mason Dalphonse led the way for the Bears with nine points each. AJ Muse added seven points.

Newfound was in action after deadline in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford. The tournament finals are today, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. at Gilford High School.

The Bears will return

## Early deadlines for next week

REGION — Due to the holidays, the deadlines for the newspapers in the coming week have changed.

Our offices will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 2.

Because of this, all deadlines have been moved up 48 business hours.

Therefore the deadline for submissions for

the Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Baysider, Newfound Landing and Plymouth Record-Enterprise is 8 a.m. today, Dec. 29. The deadline for submissions for the Granite State News is today, Dec. 29, at noon. The deadline for submissions for the Carroll County Independent and Meredith News is today, Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.

Thanks for your understanding.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ashlee Dukette led Newfound with 14 points in the final regular season game of 2016.

## Cats rally to force a tie, but fall in overtime Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey bests Con-Val-Conant for first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The first regular season game on the ice of Plymouth State University's Hanaway Rink for the Kearsarge-Plymouth Cats was delayed a few days, but fans who came

back on Monday, Jan. 19, for the rescheduled game with Moultonborough-Inter-Lakes were treated to a heck of a finish.

The Cats trailed by a 3-0 score in the second period before rallying for three goals to tie the

game before the Renegades found the back of the net with less than four minutes left in overtime to seal the 4-3 win.

"Coming out for the third, the one thing I told them is that we had the momentum," said K-P coach Dave McKenney,

noting his team had scored the final goal of the second period. "Let's ride the momentum, stay together."

And the Cat coach continue to roll his three lines and the team picked up two more

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## Some random thoughts as the year comes to an end

### SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

of reasons. First and foremost, the staff there are wonderful and are always helpful and friendly and that's fantastic. Additionally, I can get in a lot of quick runs without killing my legs first thing in the morning. I spend much of the day standing around in ski boots, so the runs I get in during the morning and at lunch are my exercise for the day and at King Pine, there's a chance to get a lot of runs in. This year also brought almost perfect weather, with decent temperatures and plenty of sun, which made for some great pictures.

I am not a fan of early deadlines and this time of year always brings extra early deadlines because of the two holidays on back to back weeks plus the half-day holiday for the Christmas and New Year's Eve. We have to move everything up two days, which means we only have a couple of days worth of stuff in the paper and the

paper essentially has to go to bed a week before it comes in your mail. I'm writing this on Wednesday, Dec. 21, for papers that will come out on Thursday, Dec. 29. Early deadlines usually also make for long nights at the office and this week is no exception, since I was here until after midnight Tuesday and expect to be here well past 1 a.m. this evening.

The holidays tend to bring a slight reduction to the schedule, as many teams take breaks, but the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford features Kingswood, Newfound and Prospect Mountain, while Kennett hoop teams play at the Mike Lee Holiday Basketball Bash in Farmington and the Kennett hockey team hosts the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament. This makes for a busy few days after Christmas, so here's hoping that things went well.

So far this season I've seen both Kingswood, Prospect and Plymouth hoop teams, the Kennett and Newfound girls' hoop teams, the Kearsarge-Plymouth and Kingswood girls' hockey teams and the

Kennett and Kingswood alpine teams. There are still a number of teams left that have started playing that I haven't seen, including the Kingswood swim team, Prospect and Kingswood indoor track, Kennett hockey and boys' hoop teams, the Kingswood boys' hockey team, the Plymouth wrestling team and the Newfound boys' hoop team. The plan was to see the Newfound boys and Kennett hockey in their holiday tournaments and the Kennett hoop boys and Plymouth wrestlers before Christmas. Soon the Nordic teams and unified basketball join the fray, making for even more fun.

Finally, have a great day Dave McKenney.

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# Bobcats struggle in final game of 2016

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — It was not the way coach Mike Sullivan wanted his Plymouth boys’ basketball team to go into the holiday break.

But after a disappointing 52-27 loss to Kearsarge on Dec. 21, the Bobcat coach has a pretty good idea what his team has to work on over the break.

“We knew the first two would be hard games,” Sullivan said. “But the break will give us a chance to get some guys back and get healthy.”

“We can clean up some things offensively,” Sullivan continued. “More repetition will be good for us.”

Against the Cougars, the offense struggled and they managed to score just six points in the first half.

And despite that low output on the offensive end, the Bobcats were still in the game midway through the second quarter. However, the Cougars pulled away at the end of the second quarter and never looked back.

The visitors scored the first six points of the game, four of them coming from the free throw line before Patrick Malm got Plymouth on the board with 4:45 to go in the first quarter. After the Cougars got another hoop, Jake Lamb worked hard inside to get another hoop to cut the lead to 6-4. The Cougars scored the final three points of the quarter to go up by a 9-4 score heading to the second quarter.

The Cougars then scored the first four points of the second quarter to increase the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Nick Qualey launches a jump shot in action against Kearsarge last week.

lead to 13-4 before a Jordan Docen bucket got Plymouth on the board at 13-6.

“I remember looking at the clock at 15-6 and thinking it’s not too bad right now,” Sullivan said, noting that moments later he remembers looking up and seeing things were well out of hand.

The Cougars scored the final 16 points of the quarter, including four

from the foul line and they took a 29-6 lead to the halftime break.

The visitors didn’t back down in the third quarter either, as they scored the first nine points of the frame, including a three-point play for a 38-6 lead. Nick Qualey got Plymouth’s first hoop of the second half with 1:40 gone in the frame and he then hit another hoop to put the Bobcats into double

digits at 38-10. Kearsarge came back with six free throws in a row to push the lead to 44-10.

Qualey drilled a three-pointer for the Bobcats but Kearsarge answered with two more hoops to go up 48-13. Malm hit a free throw for the final point of the third quarter and Plymouth trailed 48-14 heading to the fourth quarter.

Kearsarge scored the first hoop of the fourth quarter and then three hoops from Jackson Palombo and one from Chris Patnaude helped the Bobcats to put some points on the board. Shiv Patel also hit a jumper and Collin Goodale drained a three-pointer, allowing the Bobcats to outscore the Cougars by a 13-4 tally, including the final 11 points of the game.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jackson Palombo makes a move to the basket against Kearsarge on Dec.

The Bobcats struggled against Kearsarge’s 6’7” center Tayler Mattos, who presented a serious matchup problem for the Plymouth boys. Mattos made the most of his chances at the line, hitting all 11 free throws he was awarded.

“In that first quarter, we played good defense,” Sullivan said. “We drove him off the block and made it difficult for them for sure. That kept us in it.”

The Bobcats had three good looks at the basket early on and didn’t hit anything on the shots and Sullivan said that was a tough way to open the game.

And he noted that there was at least one thing lacking in the game with the Cougars.

“Right now we’re lacking some leadership,” Sullivan said. “We need some guys to step up.”

“I’m not sure who that’s going to be, who reels it in when things aren’t going well,” the Bobcat coach added.

Qualey led the way for the Bobcats with seven points on the night.

The Bobcats will be

back in action in 2017, as they will be at Kingswood for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

JV

The JV Bobcats came through with a big win in the opener, as they got a 67-38 win over the Cougars. Palombo scored 21 points to lead the way, while Marcus Morel scored 13 points and Samson Deruvo finished with 10 points.

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Plymouth 27  
Qualey 3-0-7, Goodale 1-0-3, Lamb 1-0-2, Patnaude 1-0-2, Malm 1-1-3, Docen 1-0-2, Patel 1-0-2, Palombo 3-0-6, Totals 11-1-27

Kearsarge 52  
Bryk 1-3-5, Mattos 8-11-27, Kulacz 1-0-2, Johnson 6-4-16, Sterozuk 1-0-2, Totals 17-18-52

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Friday, Dec. 30  
**PLYMOUTH**  
Wrestling at Noble Tournament; TBD  
Tuesday, Jan. 3  
**NEWFOUND**  
Girls’ Hoops at Newport; 6:30  
**PLYMOUTH**  
Boys’ Hoops at Kingswood; 6:30  
Girls’ Hoops vs. Kingswood; 6:30  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
**PLYMOUTH**  
Hockey at John Stark; 7  
Nordic Skiing at Plainfield; 2  
Ski Jumping at Proctor; 6  
Wrestling at Pelham; 6  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
**NEWFOUND**  
Boys’ Hoops at Laconia; 7  
**PLYMOUTH**  
Unified Hoops at Winnisquam; 3:30

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### Consider Some New Year’s (Financial) Resolutions

We’re just about ready to open the door to 2017, so you might be thinking about some New Year’s resolutions. What’s on your list this year? More visits to the gym? Learning a new language? Mastering the perfect beef bourguignon? All worthy ambitions, of course, but why not also include some financial resolutions?

By reviewing your needs and goals, you can identify some resolutions that are particularly relevant to your own situation. But here are a few suggestions:

- Build an emergency fund. If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or faced some other large, unanticipated expense, could you cope with it? If you didn’t have the money readily available, you might have to dip into those investments intended for long-term goals, such as retirement. Instead, build an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account.
- Cut down on debts. It’s not easy to cut down on one’s debt load. But if you can find ways to reduce your debts, you’ll help improve your overall financial picture. Many

debts are not “useful” – that is, they don’t carry any tax advantages – so every dollar you spend to pay down those debts is a dollar you could use to invest for your future.

- Boost contributions to your retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax deferred and your contributions may lower your taxable income. Plus, most plans offer a selection of investment options, so you can choose the investment mix that fits your objectives and risk tolerance. Therefore, if your salary goes up this year, or if you think you can find other ways to free up some money, increase your contributions to your retirement plan.
- Review your portfolio. Is your investment portfolio still on track toward helping you meet your long-term goals? If not, you may need to make some changes. You’ll also want to study your investment mix to make sure it still accurately reflects your risk tolerance. Over time, and often without your taking any significant actions, your portfolio can “drift” to a place where

you are taking on too much risk – or even too little risk – for your needs and long-term objectives. If this happens, you may need to “rebalance” your holdings.

- Avoid mistakes. None of us can avoid all mistakes, in life and in our investment activities. But as an investor, you’ll clearly benefit from minimizing your errors. For example, it’s generally a mistake to jump out of the market in response to a period of volatility. If you wait for things to “calm down” before investing again, you might miss out on the opportunity to participate in the next market rally.
- Think long term. Keep this in mind: You’re not investing for today or tomorrow, but for many years from now. Try to keep a long-term focus when making all your key investment decisions. By doing so, you can avoid overreacting to short-term developments, such as a sudden drop in the market or a “momentous” political event that actually decreases in importance as time goes by.

Try to follow these financial resolutions as best as you can. You could make 2017 a year to remember.

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goals to tie the game at three to eventually force overtime.

“MA-IL is very well-coached, it’s a great matchup,” McKenney said. “It was a physical game but it didn’t get chippy.

“That’s a team I wouldn’t mind playing all the time,” he continued. “Hats off to their coaches and their captains.”

The Renegades didn’t waste too much time before getting on the scoreboard, as they lit the lamp with just 1:50 gone in the game for a 1-0 lead.

K-P came back with some chances, as Jake Arnold had a couple of bids saved and Garrett Sprenger had a shot blocked. Keeper Cody Rowe turned in a save in the K-P net.

The Cats took a penalty with 11:05 to go in the first period and Rowe made a couple of big saves in the net, while Tony Velez, Tucker James and Max Phillips all had good clears out of the zone to help kill the penalty.

Velez and Sprenger teamed up on a scoring bid that was denied and Arnold had a bid stopped as well. Garrett Demas also had a shot denied for the Cats. The Renegades were able to control the puck in their zone for a while before the Cats got some chances on offense, with Arnold and Josh Johnston denied by the keeper. Bert Prince and Demas teamed up on another bid and Velez got in the zone with some great moves but was denied. Rowe held tight in the net with a couple of solid saves for the Cats.

The hosts went on the power play with 2:33 to go in the first and James unleashed a couple of wicked slap shots form the points but he was rebuffed by the Renegade keeper. Arnold and Alex Nangle had chances as well but the penalty was killed off and the period finished with the Renegades up 1-0.

After the Renegades had a few early chances in the second period, Maddie Folcik had a shot go wide of the net for the Cats. K-P took a penalty with 13:18 to go but it was the Cats who had the best chance, as Velez roared through the crease for a shorthanded bid that was denied. MAIL took a penalty

with 11:34 to go to leave the teams at four on four for 16 seconds and the Renegades capitalized, scoring 12 seconds into the four-on-four for the 2-0 lead.

The penalties were successfully killed off, though Velez, Nangle and Arnold had chances on the power play. MAIL had a good bid coming out of the penalty box but sent the puck wide. Arnold found Doug Breault with a bid that was tipped wide and Demas had a shot stopped.

The Renegade lead with to 3-0 with 7:56 to go and things appeared grim for the Cats when they took a penalty just less than 50 seconds later.

However, after a Rowe save, Velez and Arnold teamed up on a picture-perfect goal to get the Cats on the board. Velez slipped a perfect pass through the crease to a charging Arnold, who tapped the puck in for K-P’s first goal.

“That goal, Tony to Jake, was just perfect,” McKenney said.

The Cats continued to pressure when the penalty ended, with Breault and Nangle getting good looks in front. Kearsarge-Plymouth got a power play with 3:27 to go in the second and controlled the puck well in the zone, with Arnold and Nangle getting bids but the Renegades killed the penalty off. Breault, Velez and Arnold had continued chances but the game went to the second intermission with the visitors up 3-1.

The Cats rode the momentum out of the second intermission and got on the board just 48 seconds into the third period. Phillips sniped a shot to the top shelf from the side and the Cats were within one at 3-2.

Rowe did his job to keep his team in the game with some good saves, while James offered up some good defense and Nangle had a bid denied.

With 12:28 to go in the game, the Cats tied the game as Velez got in close and poked the puck in from the side for the tying goal.

The Cats took a penalty with 10:42 to go but did a nice job of killing off the penalty, led by Gordon Hoyt’s strong defense. Prince, Carter McLean and Arnold had chances but they couldn’t convert as the MAIL goalie held tough. Rowe also



did his job with some saves. Prince had a shot tipped by Sprenger but it was stopped and McLean had a shot stopped. K-P got a power play with 44 seconds to go and regulation ended with the score tied at three.

The Cats had a power play for 1:16 of the overtime and Breault and Velez had chances but could not convert and the Renegades killed the penalty. James had a couple of chances, with Velez, Nangle and Johnston but they could not find the net.

With 3:52 to go in the overtime, MAIL got the game winner, firing a shot to the far post from the circle to Rowe’s right for the game-winner.

“The leadership of Doug, Jake, Alex and Maddie, you can feel it throughout the team, even when we were down 3-0,” said McKenney. “And I thought Gordie (Hoyt) had a good

game and Cody made some saves.

“Without him, we wouldn’t have made it to overtime,” the Cat coach continued.

The Cats did get their first win of the season on Wednesday, Dec. 21, defeating Con-Val-Conant 6-3 at Proctor Academy.

“The kids dug deep,” said McKenney. “It was a really great team effort.”

The game was tied heading to the third period but the Cats were the better team in the final 15 minutes to walk away with the win.

“It was a 6-3 game but it felt like a one-goal game until the end,” McKenney said.

Arnold had a heck of a game for the Cats, as he recorded a hat trick and added two assists.

Breault also had a solid game with a goal and an assist, while Nangle added two assists and earned his coach’s

praise for making things happen on the ice. Prince and Velez each added a goal for the Cats.

Rowe turned in 15 saves to earn the win for the hosts.

“It was nice to spread

out the scoring and get a full team effort,” McKenney said.

The Cats will be back in action after the holiday break, taking on John Stark-Hopkinton at New England College

Third annual Battle of the Sexes is a success

WATERVILLE VALLEY — December is not normally a month when people think much about tennis, except in Waterville Valley. For the past three years, the men and women of Waterville and the surrounding communities have gathered at the White Mountain Athletic Club to reenact on a larger scale, the 1970s battle between Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King.

This year, 20 valiant souls of each gender once again met to determine bragging rights in tennis and in fundraising for Pemi-Baker Community Health’s hospice and palliative care program.

The matches continued from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, with the total number of games

to determine who would carry off the trophy for 2016. The men were clad in t-shirts boasting of their male chauvinistic pig nature, while the women wore a dazzling variety of colorful and humorous costumes.

Once again, the men prevailed, by a narrow total of 75-71 games won. The women (as usual) did far better on the fundraising, as nearly \$8,000 was raised to support hospice services in the greater Plymouth area.

At the end of the event, all retired to the Coyote Grill for a raucous evening of raffles and awards, hosted by Tom Gross, local celebrity and tennis maven.

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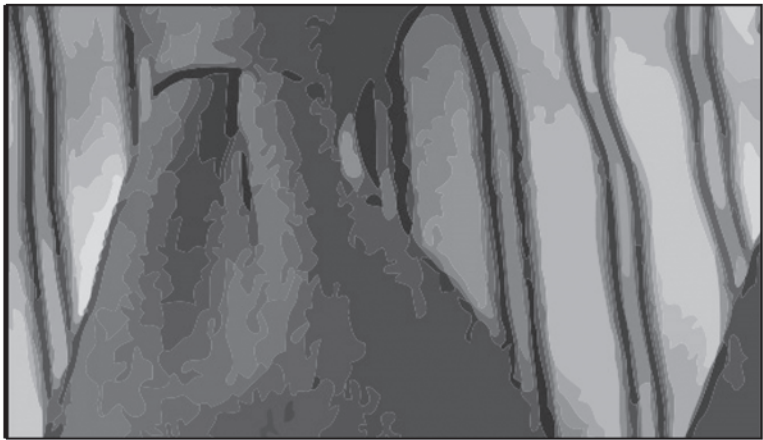
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