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## Hassan praises Schilling Brewing Co.'s charitable efforts

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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LITTLETON—New Hampshire Sen. Maggie Hassan visited Schilling Brewing Co. last Tuesday to congratulate them on their charitable efforts, and hear their concerns about the state of the craft beer industry.

She praised Schilling for temporarily releasing its trademark on the label "Resilience IPA" so that it could be used for a nation-wide fire relief charity project by Chico, California-based Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. Sierra Nevada founder Ken Grossman visited Littleton in December to promote the project.



Sen. Maggie Hassan, Stuart Cozzens, John Lenzini, and Jeff Cozzens enjoy a half-pour of Schilling beer last Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"These guys made a huge contribution," said Hassan, who named them Granite States of

the Month last December for their efforts.

Schilling CEO Jeff Cozzens said that local investments in infrastructure, and community engagement, had been key to his firm's success. He said his firm employs some 50 people at the moment, and as many as seventy during the summer rush.

"There's some exciting entrepreneurs in the area," observed Head Brewer John Lenzini, who mentioned new businesses such as Crumb Bar, the Freehouse Taproom, and the Inkwell Coffee House.

The two agreed that attracting quality employees was a priority. Lenzini acknowledged

that craft brewing called for a specialized skill set, while Cozzens emphasized the importance of the sciences to his firm, and added that the craft beer industry was adding hundreds of millions of dollars to the New Hampshire economy.

"We need the help of Concord and Washington to streamline some things for us," Cozzens said. He said the process for certifying beer labels, an essential part of the production process, is "tremendously inefficient." During the government shutdown, "It was a huge problem for us" because beer was de-

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## Littleton Regional Healthcare announces withdrawal from North Country Healthcare

LITTLETON — Littleton Regional Healthcare (LRH) announced today, that after careful consideration, the Board of Trustees has voted to exercise its option to withdraw from its affiliation with North Country Healthcare (NCH). The timing of the announce-

ment is a result of a provision in the original affiliation agreement, which allows each of the NCH hospitals a one-time option to withdraw during a short period commencing on the third anniversary of the affiliation, which if not exercised, results in per-

manent affiliation. The withdrawal will be complete after April 1.

North Country Healthcare was formally established on June 30, 2015. This affiliation created a nonprofit health care system in Northern New Hampshire and in-

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Community members discuss WREN's future in Bethlehem.

## WREN focused on firmer, more compact foundation

BY ANGEL LARCOM  
Contributing Writer

BETHLEHEM — On Feb. 23, WREN hosted an open gathering in Bethlehem with the goal of engaging the community in a think tank regarding WREN's future. This event was

the organization's first public outreach since the sudden and shocking announcement that all operations would cease at the end of 2018. It was well-attended by community members and former employees.

Board President, Su-

san Retz opened the discussion by addressing many of the questions and rumors that had been circulating about what had happened to make the nearly 25-year-old organization take such a drastic step two months ago.

Retz said, "It's hard to explain how we got here, and it wasn't one thing that caused our current situation."

Last February, Retz received a phone call from Alison Chisolm, Executive Director at the time. Chisolm said the organization needed cash, outreach began, and a large number of generous people donated to WREN. This money was used to sustain operations until September 2018.

She went on to say, "Several months of slow sales at both of WREN's stores, the Mount Washington and

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## Budget hikes cause a stir in Franconia

Dueling Facebook groups clash over financial priorities

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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FRANCONIA—Politics has spilled into the digital realm in Franconia, where rival Facebook groups are fighting over budget priorities in the weeks leading up to Town Meeting.

The group "Get to Know Franconia" has been active for just under a year, and as of Sunday had 67 "likes," a rough measure of its support among citizens. It opposes tax increases, and takes particular issue with their impact on older, retired citizens with fixed incomes.

A rival group, "Get to Know Franconia - Without An Agenda," reached 158 "likes" within two weeks of being formed early this February, and was explicitly created

to counter what page founder Jade Monahan Walker described as "misinformation being posted by a very small

group in town." The new page has promised to act "without a Chicken Little approach."

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COURTESY

On Feb. 18, Sara Shovlin, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, received 10 After School Scholarships from The Rev. Curtis Metzger (far right) and Bill Belcher from Littleton's All Saints Episcopal Church's Youth Outreach Committee. Rev. Metzger said "The parish is so happy to assist the Boys and Girls Club with scholarships because of the important work they do with the youth of our area. An investment in our youth is an investment in the future of our community and country!"

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Local News

# Speculation and concern surround NCES' interest in Dalton property

BY ANGEL LARCOM

Contributing Writer

DALTON — For the first time in recent years, North Country

Environmental Services and its parent company, Casella, have chosen to not file any articles in

Bethlehem seeking expansion of their existing facility on Trudeau Road. However, as Voting Day approaches, some residents of Bethlehem, Dalton, and Littleton have begun to voice concerns and ask questions regarding another plot of land.

In September 2018, abutters to property near Forest Lake, owned by J.W. Chipping, Inc. received notice from Horizons Engineering in Littleton of an application to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Bureau to cross 2,620 square feet of poorly drained wetland to provide access for geotechnical site explorations. According to the documents filed with DES, the purpose was to “use existing wet-

land woods road crossing, temporary timber mats, log corduroy, one permanent culvert to be installed for geotechnical explorations.”

By late January of this year, NCES filed a notice of options to purchase real estate and first right of refusal with the Coös County Register of Deeds for the same property, with a retroactive date of Dec. 11, 2018. According to the document, there are two phases to the term of options. Phase I is for five years with an expiration date of 2023, subject to extensions for up to two successive periods of one year each. Phase II extends options an additional 25 years after Phase I has been exercised.

The land under contract covers nearly 1900

acres in all three towns (Dalton, Bethlehem and Littleton), and is the home of Chicks Sand and Gravel and in recent years, the potential home of a controversial drag strip and raceway. With the majority of acreage located within Dalton and a lack of zoning ordinances in the town, many abutters are concerned about what could happen to the watershed, local bird populations, and the potential for declining property values. Of the total acreage, less than 100 acres are located within Bethlehem town lines.

To date, DES has yet to make the findings of their geothermal boring and subsurface testing available to the public. According to the DEC database, the proposed

project calls for dredging and filling 40 square feet of palustrine forested wetland to construct a permanent wetland crossing for commercial access, as well as an additional eight temporary wetland crossings for geotechnical investigation. The project is considered by DES Wetlands Bureau to be of minimal impact.

While community dialogue is rife with speculation and unanswered questions, very little additional information is available at this time, and it has been noted that many community members would like a broader discussion to be opened up regarding the land in question. Recent calls to both DES and NCES were unreturned by press time.

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## Bethlehem becomes “Recklesstown” in local band’s original song

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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BETHLEHEM—Local band The Barnyard Pimps have made their original songwriting debut with a paean to courage, community, and Bethlehem with their new single, “Reckless-

town.”

“It’s kind of inspired by the fact that Bethlehem is up and coming,” explained band member Caleb Brooke, who lives in Bethlehem, as does colleague Lindsay Adams.

Brooke wrote the lyrics in a fit of inspiration, as he tells it, in the space of a single lunch break, less than a month ago. It premiered to an enthusiastic audience Friday, Feb. 16 at The Loading Dock in Littleton.

The song is the first all-original piece by the band, which typically performs rock covers of both popular and obscure existing music, although always “with our own take,” Brooke says.

The song also honors Bethlehem’s Reklis Brewery, where the Barnyard Pimps have played several times.

“It was one of our first really feel-good gigs,” recalled member Kris Cote.

Besides a nod to their

local brewery, “Recklesstown” is about “Stepping out of your comfort zone,” Brooke said.

The song references small-town drama with lines like “People fuss and people fight”, which was inspired by Bethlehem’s political wrangles, but which could apply to any tight, divided community.

“But that don’t mean a thing/With this spark we can ignite,” it goes on.

“Yesterday will only get in your way, here in Recklesstown,” the final verse opines.

The band can’t quite agree on the genre, whether alt rock, some other flavor of rock, or “Americana.”

“This is just a rock and roll song,” said Shawn Fitzgerald.

“We don’t take ourselves that seriously...we want to play music that brings people together,” said Lindsay Adams.

Kris Cote said his roommate first heard

the refrain as “wreck this town,” which doesn’t quite reflect the upward-moving, forward-looking courage of the actual title.

According to Shawn Fitzgerald, the best and final take for their studio recording was accomplished on the fourth try, after a shot of whiskey.

The Pimps’ current lineup is two years old, although the band has existed since 2012. The band also includes members Sean Monahan and Kevin “Kyle the Truth” Dickinson. Miah Brooks has served as sound engineer and record producer.

The Pimps’ have other original songs in the works—“Recklesstown” is just the first—and they confidently expect six or seven more songs—perhaps even a full record—by this summer. They hope to play at Jerry Jam again, where they have performed every year since they first formed.

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Local News

# North Country Healthcare remains upbeat despite departure of Littleton Regional

BY TARA GILES  
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LANCASTER — After the recent announcement by Littleton Regional Healthcare that it plans to withdraw from the North Country Healthcare system, employees of the remaining institutions — Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Weeks Medical Center, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and North Country Home Health and Hospice — remain

upbeat and committed to the goals and visions of the affiliation.

North Country Healthcare was created in March of 2016. As part of the NCH agreement, at the end of the first three years any organization has the right to opt out. Littleton Regional Healthcare has decided to exercise their right to opt out.

Despite not being under the same corporate umbrella any

longer, Weeks Medical Center will still have doctors practice at LRH and vice versa. Partnerships should remain intact and things will revert back to the way they were three years ago in regards to LRH.

The umbrella of NCH was devised to create a super system so that all four hospitals would be larger and be able to negotiate better contracts in all areas of business operations to include pay, insurance and stronger buying power for supplies to name a few.

There was no indication that LRH had plans to withdraw; however, they have been building specialty departments and have been growing rapidly over the past few years. One benefit to LRH in leaving NCH would be a large savings in that they were paying almost 43 percent of the system's expenses due to the fact that they were the largest affiliate in the group.

In a statement to employees, Jim Hamblin, Chair, NCH Board of Trustees, said, "Individually and collectively, we continue to be focused on the best interests of our patients and employees. Residents of and visitors to the North Country can rest assured that our priorities of providing outstanding healthcare and a supportive working environment remain unchanged."

Hamblin added, "The NCH Affiliation Agreement requires all parties to conduct a deliberate review of issues that may arise as the result of a withdrawal notice. We trust that all parties who may interact with any or all parts of the system during this review period will respect these important contractual obligations."

Since the inception of NCH, several systems between the institutions have been integrated such as standardized quality markers and reporting for all

patients, standardized pay grades, shift differentials, job titles and pay practices, standardized laboratory and pharmacy services and an overarching marketing plan.

"All of these accomplishments have helped enhance the experience of not only our patients, but also our employees," said Hamblin. "They are clear examples of the progress and improvements achieved by the NCH Affiliation, and indications of the opportunities for further improvements for organizations that share a common goal. It should also be noted that the individual and collective financial status of our institutions have steadily improved during the three years of affiliation. We now rank in the top tier of our peers."

LRH will remain in the affiliation for what could be several months while payments are finalized and a review of the withdrawal claim is completed. The Affiliation agreement states that an institution can provide a notice of intent to withdraw by April of this year. "NCH intends to ensure that any concerns that may be held by one or more LRH board members receive a very deliberative and very transparent hearing and evaluation. The Affiliation Agreement contemplates such a careful process. Such a process is necessary because so many critical business and clinical systems of the five member institutions have been integrated," said Hamblin.

North Country Healthcare employs 1,400 staff and is the largest employer in the North Country.

## Courier Almanac

### The word

"This is so sad. So many memories up there."  
— One of many messages shared on social media following last week's fire at The Rocks Estate in Bethlehem

### Upcoming Meetings:

Supervisors of the Checklist, March 2, 11 a.m., Littleton Community Center

### By the numbers:

<b>Town Offices:</b>	<b>Police:</b>	<b>Fire:</b>
Bethlehem (869-3351)	Bethlehem (869-5811)	Bethlehem (869-2232)
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### Local Libraries

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- Littleton Public Library (444-5741)
- Bethlehem Public Library (869-2409)
- Lisbon Public Library (838-6615)
- Haverhill Library Association (989-5578)
- North Haverhill Patten Library (787-2542)
- Woodsville Public Library (747-3483)
- Richardson Memorial Library (823-7001)
- Moosilauke Public Library (No. Woodstock) (745-9971)
- Bath Public Library (747-3372)
- Gale Medical Library @ LRH-Anna Connors Patient & Family Resource Center (444-9564)
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### Property Transfers

<b>Bath</b> Address not available; \$12,000; Shelley M. Delisle to David S. Belo and Lindsey P. Hannah	<b>90 Loon Mountain Rd., Unit 1138b; \$19,000; Charles A. and Carol Vigorita to Michael and Doreen Robinson</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b> Oak Ridge Road (Lot); \$16,000; Laura J. Rodgers to Kevin P. and Laura M. Morse	<b>90 Loon Mountain Rd., Unit 1157b; \$15,000; Aisha M. Alam to Maria McQuaid</b>
<b>Canaan</b> 92 Codfish Hill Rd.; \$71,000; Gerald R. and Karen M. Ibey to Victoria Marlar	<b>Orange</b> Mountain Road; \$135,000; Johan L. and Marjorie L. Hogne to James and Deborah H. Calandriello
<b>Haverhill</b> 2275 Brushwood Rd.; \$138,000; Richard and Winifred W. Patten to Darlene P. and Scott C. Johnson	<b>Orford</b> 22-24 Morey House Dr.; \$961,000; Shreve Fiscal Trust to John L. Bronson and Daphne Dejong
<b>Lincoln</b> 31 Labrecque St.; \$23,400; David A. Harrington to Jenny A. Harrington	<b>Piermont</b> 321 Route 25c; \$146,933; Eric A. and Sara L. Pushee to Tara S. Russ
	<b>Woodstock</b> 845 Daniel Webster Highway; \$170,000; Brandi A. Tilton to Joel Bourassa

## Five Questions

1. What country was Albert Einstein offered the presidency of in 1952?
2. What do the initials CBGB stand for in the name of the famous New York club?
3. Name the only two South American countries that do not border Brazil.
4. In Olympic archery competitions, what is the standard distance between the archer and the target?
5. What is the highest number found on a standard roulette wheel?

Answers...  
1. Israel  
2. Ironically enough, Country, Blue Grass and Blues  
3. Chile and Ecuador  
4. 70 meters  
5. 36

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EDITORIAL

## Do school resource officers offer a false sense of security?

This is never an easy topic to discuss, let alone write about. Recently, however, the chirping about town has been whether or not maintaining a police officer within our schools is offering staff, students and parents a false sense of security.

When a school resource officer is trained, they must undergo training beyond that of a regular patrolman, roughly 40 hours. A resource officer is defined as a 'career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools.' As described by the National Association for School Resource Officers, the goal of an SRO is to provide a safe learning environment, provide valuable resources to staff, foster positive relationships with students, develop strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and to protect all students.

We decided to dig a bit deeper and get the skinny on what, if any the real value of having an SRO in our schools would have. A two-year study out of Carleton University in Canada revealed that for every dollar invested into the program, a return of \$11.13 of social and economic value was made.

In addition, the report found that having an SRO minimized or prevented property damage in schools. The presence of an SRO was also reported to have led to a decline in drug use at school as well as in fights and student injuries.

Students and staff did report an increased feeling of safety. SRO's have led to the decline of students who would have otherwise ended up with criminal records. The NASRO recommends that each school has an SRO, however they stress that said SRO must be carefully selected. The most beneficial scenario is to have one SRO per 1,000 students. Numbers those in the North Country need not worry about.

There are rare cases when an SRO takes things too far, for example if a student is arrested in school for doing something that typically would end them in detention, such as throwing food (yes this happened). In these cases, we say, let kids be kids and use discretion.

The question on whether or not having an officer is worth it, is usually in regards to avoiding an unfortunate situation. What we have found, is that while many SRO's will never have to thwart an attack, they do offer something above and beyond that of a typical school staff member. Most police officers are respected in their communities and many children regard them as heroes. As Mr. Rogers said, "In times of trouble, look for the helpers." Growing up, we always thought of those 'helpers' as police offi-

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COURTESY

## White Mountains Community College graduates LNA instructors

White Mountains Community College conducted a 15-hour Train the Trainer Course at the Littleton Academic Center on Feb. 7 and 14. This course is approved by the New Hampshire Board of Nurses to prepare RNs and LPNs to become certified to teach LNA courses. Eight nurses completed the course. The 15 contact hours for continuing education for nurses were provided through the North Country Health Consortium. For further information, or to register for the Train the Trainer course, contact Tamara Roberge, Coordinator of Workforce Development and Community Education, by email at troberge@ccsnh.edu or by phone 342-3062. Pictured are - left to right: Gail Minor-Babin RN, MEd, Instructor, Lee Caldwell LPN, Theresa Vassallo LPN, Dominique Mebane LPN, Salena Stewart LPN, Holly Davis RN, BSN, Susan Ploss LPN, Alexandra MacLeod LPN, and Regina Bowler RN, BSN.

LETTERS

## Vote yes on Littleton School Warrant Article #2

To the Editor:

I'm writing to voice my support for the Littleton School Warrant Article #2, which requests the funding needed to acquire land and begin the engineering efforts to build a new Lakeway Elementary School. One of the greatest assets needed for any community is a top-notch school system with top notch facilities. Lakeway Elementary School has excellent performing students, an active parent support group and dedicated teachers and staff. The school facility is in tough shape and has had many costly band aids over the past 20-plus years. It should be replaced and needs to be built in an area of town that is not on one of our busiest roadways.

Our beautiful town is a major reason for people moving to this region with our great shopping along our award-winning Main Street and Meadow Street, our job opportunities with a thriving Industrial Park, our recreational, arts and entertainment offerings, and the excellent financial and medical facilities available. One major ingredient that is keeping Littleton from reaching its full potential is residential growth. Our town's population has remained nearly the same for the last 25-plus years. There have been

no major new home developments for many years. Just think of the growth of our retail businesses, our thriving industrial park and our expanding regional hospital, and yet, no real population growth. We need the tax revenues that will come from new families and individuals moving to Littleton. A strong emphasis is needed to attract those new developers and residents to invest in Littleton real estate. We need to make sure that quality schools are one of the major reasons for choosing Littleton. I feel a new elementary school will have a major impact on new residents choosing to live in our town.

The students at Lakeway, the families that support them, and the teaching staff need a better learning and teaching environment. Please join me in supporting Warrant Article 2 on the School Board Ballot by voting "Yes" at the March 12 Town Meeting!

Dave Ernsberger  
Littleton

## Voting while getting old

To the Editor:

Getting older is getting harder. Not only to life, but to Democracy. Voting is getting much more complicated. From one's local Town Meeting to our state politics, to our national "game of politics." Makes one wonder — harder; is it being done on purpose, so only those they want to vote will go, even if they have to drag themselves up the steps? Is this possible?

Reading the New Hampshire Constitution not only is complicated, as well as the US Constitution. But is it really followed?

One will get old. This is a ract. You will get old. Have you stopped voting because of this obsolete ruling?

"If one is elderly or handicapped, one should not have to be Present after 7 p.m. in evening, in Winter Conditions, to vote for Warrant Articles, Should be able to vote when they vote for candidates, in the daytime.

I read, In the NH State Constitution Voters Rights. Art. 11: Voting registration and polling places shall be easily accessible to all persons including disabled and elderly persons who are otherwise qualified to vote in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election.

(Art. 11 Doesn't apply) Warrant Articles/business, have always been voted on after candidate voting, I was told. One has to have this changed in Concord; that's the law. Well, time for this to change.

NH Constitution and the US Constitution has to be brought up to date, into the 21st Century.

Begin with "all men" are created equal. To all people/citizens are created equal...

Voting, as I was told, was and is our right as an American citizen.

Nancy Leclerc  
N. Woodstock

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Yes on school Article 2

To the Editor:

Over the many years I served on the Littleton School Board, Lakeway's building deterioration was on numerous agendas. Ralph Hodgman's excellent recent letter appearing in this paper accurately identifies the many structural and upgrade issues faced by numerous Boards over many years.

Moreover, this community's unintentional oversight to replace the elementary school building while eight other building renovation and replacement projects were supported in the past several years, as accurately described in

Ron Bolt's well written letter appearing here as well, simply took my breath away. How did we let this happen? As a consequence, Ron's question to all of us: "If not now, when?" has really only one answer: Now!

Rural towns of our size always need a lot of help in attracting new businesses and new residents to simply sustain our size and the positive living and working environment we've achieved. Littleton is fortunate to have an honest local government, an effective health care system, hard working fire and police departments, and a well run school system meet-

ing the academic needs of our youngsters - all necessary community features current and potential businesses, and families, look for when considering a location to live and grow in. The increasingly poor condition of the Lakeway building takes away from its quality as a great learning institution. I hope everyone will vote yes on Article Two, thereby initiating the first steps in its replacement that, in turn, will help sustain our success as a community to live and work in. Thank you!

Milton Bratz  
Littleton

Let's help Bethlehem grow and develop in a sensible way

To the Editor:

My name is Shane MacElhiney, and I am running for the Bethlehem Zoning Board. I want to help Bethlehem develop in a sensible way that will preserve its charm and is in accordance to the Master Plan. Growing up in Southern New England, I learned from my parents that communities do not thrive on their own—they require its members to join, commit, organize, and lead. I grew up watching my parents model how to contribute to their community, from coaching, joining the PTA and to being a town select person. It is now my time to carry the torch.

My family and I have lived in Bethlehem for seven years. I have a son and a daughter attending Bethlehem Elementary School and my wife works for SAU 35. We have made a commitment to live and raise our family in Bethlehem. As a high school teacher and administrator, I know how to focus on community. This fall, I volunteered for the recreation department and coached my son's soccer team. I enjoyed getting to know the kids and their families. I am now excited to use my skills to further serve Bethlehem on the Zoning Board.

I believe that my experience as a school admin-

istrator and as a board member of the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country will be useful in working with the Zoning Board. My strengths of collaboration, taking in all sides of an argument and taking the time to make informed decisions, and knowing when to talk and when to listen will all serve me well in this position. I am eager to work with and learn from the other members of the Zoning Board.

Please vote for me on Tuesday, March 12. I believe our town has a lot to offer, and I would be proud to serve its people.

Thank you,  
Shane MacElhiney  
Bethlehem

Why Greenwood Acres?

To the Editor:

The Littleton School Board is currently negotiating to purchase a portion of the property known as Greenwood Acres for the location of a new elementary school. There is no solid commitment to this particular parcel, which is why the warrant articles only mentions "... the acquisition of land..." However, research for an appropriate site has been conducted by three separate and independent committees, spanning ten years, each of which came to the same conclusion. The following criteria were used to research potential sites:

At least five contiguous acres

A minimum of two accesses

Safe traffic patterns and vehicle flow, including ease of bus and deliveries

Proximity to the downtown area and high school (for emergency evacuation)

No grades in excess of 60 percent, and few wetland issues

Access to municipal utilities

Away from current or future sources of chemical and noise pollution

Minimum impact of school on abutting properties

In all, over 20 sites were considered as the future location of a new elementary school. These ranged from land owned by the Daughters of Charity at the top of Grove Street, to the old Hitchiner facility, and to the undeveloped Eaton property. In each study, the Greenwood Acres property rose to the top of the criteria analysis.

Is Greenwood Acres perfect? No, but in a town with dwindling buildable properties, it's the best we have to offer. There are some wetlands, but they have been mapped, previously permitted, and will be avoided. There is some ledge, but not so severe that it can't be dealt with. There are some elevated areas, and those areas too will be avoided wherever possible. Water pressure may be a prob-

lem, but can be remedied with pumps if necessary. A preliminary explorations and geotechnical evaluation was conducted at the proposed site by S. W. Cole Engineering Inc. in 2008. The essential finding of the resulting report was "A building with spread footing foundations and slab-on-grade floor construction will be appropriate at this site." Furthermore, the site was granted sub-division approval in the past.

The plan is to acquire about 29 out of the 116 acres available. The footprint of the building, playgrounds, parking lots, etc. will take up about 10 acres. The rest of the 29 acres will be set aside for future school expansion, substantial buffers, and other community needs.

Should you have specific questions about the site selection, feel free to contact Ralph Hodgman by email at: hodgie70@twc.com.

Ron Bolt  
Littleton

Please vote yes in Bethlehem for Article 19

To the Editor:

A Yes vote for Article 19 will go toward potentially funding a Transfer Station and for solid waste disposal as Bethlehem anticipates the future closure of the North

Country Environmental Service's (NCES) landfill and Transfer Station on Trudeau Road.

Article 19, the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund, will add \$35,000 to this fund,

which grows annually.

By voting yes on Article 19 on March 12, we are preparing for our future.

Thank you,  
Joyce L. Menard  
Bethlehem

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# Local News

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### The Fourth Estate is dying

To the Editor:  
I miss Walter Cronkite. When I was younger, we watched the evening news never doubting that what we were told on the news was the truth. We were not given "fluff pieces," and the news was presented simply and without opinions – the way it should be.  
In 1987, Ronald Reagan abolished the Fairness Doctrine, which had for years ensured that news was presented in an "honest, equitable, and balanced" manner. The argument was that the doctrine infringed on networks' First Amendment rights. After the end of the Fairness Doctrine, networks were now able to air whatever news they wanted, and in

whatever manner they chose. That resulted in what we now call "infotainment," where out-doing the competition is more important than the news. That ultimately led to the creation of Fox "News," [SIC] an entire channel dedicated to presenting opinion disguised as news, aimed at one side of the political spectrum. Other news channels have programs that are certainly opinionated, but they don't air those segments 24/7.  
The result is an entire portion of our society convinced that their news is the only true news and everything else is fake when their news is actually little more than cherry-picked propaganda.

And now we have something even worse – propaganda spread through social media. We don't know what to believe any more. It has affected our daily lives, our society, and has even affected the outcome of our elections. This new wave of fake news is incredibly dangerous to our American way of life. We must find a way to overcome this before our country is damaged beyond repair.

We shouldn't have our news and their news. We need real news that we can believe in again.

We need a new Walter Cronkite.

Rachael Booth Landaff

To the Editor:  
The literature published about the non-medical use of prescription opioids and the association with heroin addiction is quite extensive, ample and readily available; there is no single risk factor that can explain the explosive rise in opiate deaths beginning in 2014 after a two-year decline, aside from ready availability and low cost of heroin (source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC). Efforts to reduce opioid prescriptions were already underway at that time. In New Hampshire the number of opioid prescriptions declined from 75 per 100 persons in 2006 to 53 per 100 persons in 2017 according to the CDC. Only 4 percent of opioid misusers move on to heroin. But that 4 percent has an extremely high risk of short and long-term disability and death. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" said George Santayana, a philosopher, poet, and novelist. Let's look at the past that may have led us to the opioid crisis now and what we should do to turn the tide.  
In 1995, Purdue Pharmaceuticals received FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval to market Oxycotin, a long acting opioid pain reliever. The American Pain So-

### Opioid redux

ciety introduced its "pain as the 5th vital sign" campaign. The Department of Veterans' Affairs medical system followed suit and adopted the same mantra. Unlike derangements in body temperature, pulse, respiration rate and blood pressure which, if unaddressed may lead to patient demise, pain does not forebode imminent decline. In 2001 the Joint Commission – the inspector of hospitals upon which standards Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurers rely to make payments for care – published a guide on pain management that was sponsored by Purdue. The guide stated "Some clinicians (physicians, italics mine) have inaccurate and exaggerated concerns about addiction, tolerance and risk of death. This attitude prevails despite the fact there is no evidence that addiction is a significant issue when persons are given opioids for pain control." The prior year the head of the Joint Commission stated in the July 26, 2000 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association that there were "...misconceptions about drug tolerance and addiction." The Joint Commission went so far as to state that pain control was a patient rights issue. CMS, aka Medicare and Medicaid jumped on the bandwagon. Patient

experience with pain control was used a measure of performance, and thus pay by the federal medical bureaucracy. And the rest is history.  
The three pronged approach to dangerous, addictive drugs should be: 1) the interdiction of illegal drug supplies entering our country with stiff legislative punishment proscribed for perpetrators, with judicial enforcement of the law, aka responsibility and accountability; 2) readily available treatment; 3) preventive education which at this time is almost nonexistent for the public, whereas medical professionals with the authority to prescribe opioids are being re-educated ad nauseam. We have a national crisis of pessimism, despair and hopelessness which fosters the need for relief with alcohol, addictive drugs and sadly with suicide. This crisis is driven by politicians and other authority figures who feed on division and the alleged evil the U.S.A. has become. Mandating the teaching of U.S. history, how America became the light of the free world with courage, forethought and perseverance that produced positive results is one antidote easily administered.

Robert Peraino Franconia

### Support the Littleton Budget Committee

To the Editor:  
The Littleton Budget Committee rejected Mel Brooks' proposed \$629,000 School Budget cut. Why? His budgetary

analysis had not been thoroughly vetted. The Littleton Budget Committee supports the 2019-2020 School Budget. Once again, the

Budget Committee's wisdom has been proven correct. Mr. Brooks deserves an A for effort but an 'I' for incomplete. His budgetary model, methodology and analysis has more holes in it than Swiss cheese. The largest hole is his failure to incorporate school revenue into his analysis. The Littleton School District is projected to generate \$6,742,937 in revenue in 2019-2020, \$9,660 per student.

For years, the Littleton Budget Committee has incorporated the Eddy Moore property tax impact model into their budgetary analysis. Eddy's model has always started with a simple question. What's it going to cost me? The Moore analysis has three components. One, Local School Tax Appro-

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### Lakeway School future

To the Editor:  
My wife and I have lived in Littleton for 23 years. I was transferred here to work at the Norton Pike Plant when the Norton Plant in Hillsboro was closed. At that time, Littleton was a much smaller community. Over those years,

it has grown into a very vibrant, strong and economically stable industrial, commercial, and local business community. The main thing it lacks is residential growth. It has been intensively discussed as to why, but there is not a clear answer.  
It is a well established fact that if you build a new modern and partially green school system in your community, new houses and families will follow. We have a great High School, Middle School, and Career Technology Center, but a very poor excuse for a modern elementary school so kids can learn their best and teachers can more effectively teach. The current school building is almost 70 years old. So am I, but I have had to replace many parts at a very high expense. Up until age 60, I

had all my original parts and was very active. Buildings are the same way. There is nothing else can be done with the current Lakeway School in the current location without significant major teardown and costs. We need a new building that will give us 50-60 years with no major repairs. Is now the right time to do it? Yes! School building aid has a strong chance of returning next year. But we need to be ready to qualify for it by being "Shovel Ready." This means having the land and engineering/concept drawings ready to go. Article 2 on the school ballot will get us to that point. Let's do this for the future of our kids and grandkids.

Vote yes on Article 2.  
Ralph Hodgman Littleton



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Laura Keyes gradu-

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## New business brings restaurant delivery service to Littleton region

BY ANGEL LARCOM  
Contributing Writer

LITTLETON — Restaurant delivery has at long last come to the North Country. Based in Littleton, Kirk's Delivery Service officially opened for business last week, and now offers the convenience of food delivery for three well-established Main Street restaurants; Jing Fong, Chang Thai, and Gold House.

While there is no clearly defined delivery area, owner Kirk Spencer explained that delivery fees are calculated based on the distance from the restaurant to the delivery destination. Rates start at \$6 for the initial four mile radius and increase from there.

A long-time resident of Littleton, Spencer was the former chef at Thayers Olde English Pub.

He said, "When they closed so abruptly, I was left unemployed and had to make a decision on what I was going to do, and I decided to give this a try."

Spencer moved to the area in 1992. He said he has been dining at Jing Fong and Gold House since he first arrived and that working with the owners of all three establishments has been fantastic.

Part of his inspiration for Kirk's Delivery Service was the sheer number of people expressing a yearning for the convenience of delivery. His first week of operation focused on getting the word out through both flyer delivery and social media activity.

Spencer said, "Everyone has expressed their excitement and has been encouraging."

One unique option offered by Kirk's Delivery Service is the "order for later" option, where patrons can choose specific delivery times in advance. For example, if you had a lunch break at noon, you could order the night before or if you wanted dinner at 6 p.m., you could pre-order at 4 p.m. to guarantee delivery time.

Ordering and payments occur online, and length of delivery time varies. According to Spencer, "It could take as little as 20 minutes, or it could take as long as 90 minutes", depending on the number of orders and the activity at the restaurants. Orders can be placed by emailing [kirkdelivery@gmail.com](mailto:kirkdelivery@gmail.com) or visiting the Web site at [www.kirkdelivery.com](http://www.kirkdelivery.com).

## Local student named to Dean's List at University of Rochester

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Christopher Seely, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Rochester, has been named to the Dean's List for academic achievement for the fall 2018 semester.

Seely, a resident of Franconia, is the child of Julie Seely and John Seely, and a graduate of Profile Junior-Senior High School in Bethlehem.

The University of Rochester, founded in 1850, is a private research university located in Rochester, N.Y., (pop. 212,000) on the south shore of Lake Ontario. The University offers a unique undergraduate curriculum, with no required courses, that emphasizes a broad liberal education through majors, minors, and course "clusters"—a Rochester innovation—

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### LETTER

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priation, two, how much did it increase and three, what is the effect on the School tax rate.

Since 2016, the local Littleton School Tax Appropriation, including the proposed 2019-20 budget will increase from \$9,608,927 in 2016 to \$9,732,203 in 2019-2020. The School Budget's projected tax increase over those three years is \$123,276 (1.3 percent).

Littleton's 2018 reevaluation makes it difficult to compare Littleton's year to year school tax rates. However, we can compare the 2018 Local Tax Rates for Littleton and the other six School districts

incorporated into Mr. Brooks' analysis:

Littleton	\$13.29
Milton	\$13.84
Epping	\$17.36
Districts Average	\$17.70
Hinsdale	\$17.71
Pittsfield	\$18.60
Haverhill	\$19.77
Hopkinton	\$21.81

Littleton's School Tax Rate of \$13.29 is \$4.41 or 24 percent lower than the Districts average of \$17.70. Why would Littleton want to

emulate School Districts with higher school tax rates?

Littleton Taxpayers pay property taxes based on the local School Tax Appropriation and Tax rates, not modified cost per student. The Littleton Budget Committee has used the Eddy Moore property tax impact model for years and they don't need a new one. Thanks to Eddy Moore and the Budget Committee every Littleton taxpayer knows the projected property tax rate increase for every School and Town Warrant Article every year. That information is not available in every town.

Please support the Littleton School Budget — The Littleton Budget Committee has earned your support!

Brien Ward  
Littleton

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## Local News

# Littleton faces geographic challenges to human-powered infrastructure

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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LITTLETON—The town's latest draft plan for improving pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure is out, and reveals some of the opportunities and challenges to the concept.

"Walkable and bicycle-friendly communities provide opportunities for residents to be active and healthy and reduce the burden on individuals who cannot drive," explains the non-compulsory plan, which was drafted by North Country Council.

According to a US Department of Transportation study cited by the Littleton plan, bike and pedestrian access can improve citizen accessibility, safety, health, and even productivity: a study in Baltimore found that more jobs were created for a given value of bike/ped infrastructure than for a similar quantity of roads. Reduced mortality from accidents and reduced environmental stress from emissions were also cited.

Pedestrian- and bike-friendly streets include safe driver behavior (encouraged by well-designed roads and signage), safe and sufficiently wide sidewalks, effective lighting and signage, effective management of traffic volume and speed.

Littleton's situation is a mixed bag with regard to planning and improving pedestrian and bike routes. On one hand, there are clear corridors and relatively short distances between attractions (the plan notes that most trips within the town's core are shorter than three miles, a modest distance for a cyclist). This creates a higher potential return on infrastructure than would be the case if trips were longer or routes less clear.

On the other hand, Littleton's hilly geography is a challenge, as is the relatively small number of major routes, all of which go along state highways, and include heavy commercial vehicle traffic. These

routes are classified as experiencing high levels of cyclist stress.

There are big differences between levels of traffic intensity. The most heavily-traveled routes in town (such as Main, Meadow, Cottage, and Union Street), see more than 7,000 vehicles per day on average, while the least traveled see only a few hundred. The major routes are largely covered by existing sidewalks, except for key sections of Meadow.

Between major attractions in the downtown, more than half of trips are less than 30 minutes by foot, but only a fifth are less than fifteen minutes. Little is far away, but little is close either.

Solutions fall into two broad categories which reflect the town's two-speed infrastructure: those suitable for Littleton's major routes, and those suitable for less-used side roads.

To take the latter first, advisory shoulders

and shared lane markings would be cheap and effective where traffic is not too fast nor intense. Additional sidewalks along the river, and extending down Meadow Street, could reduce the non-car traffic on the core routes, although this is one of the priciest options.

On heavier-used roads, traffic calming measures could help mitigate speeds, especially on Union Street (where commercial

traffic and school buses vie for space). Strategic narrowing of major corridors, such as Meadow, Cottage, and Union Streets would also help separate cars and bikes. Narrowing of Main Street is not currently considered.

These options would significantly reduce traffic stress on Union and side roads (creating a "green-zone" belt around town"), although Meadow and Cottage would remain challeng-

ing areas. The report considers the latter sections too busy, and too commercially important, for calming and control measure to ever make them very comfortable for cyclists.

In essence, the plan recommends that Littleton use cost-effective strategies where it can, while recognizing that geographic constraints and economic activity make some trade-offs inevitable.

## Molar Express celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month

*Grant opens services to kids through age 5 at local Head Starts and pre-schools*

REGION — February is National Children's Dental Health Month! The month-long health observance is underway to raise awareness about the importance of adopting good oral hygiene habits for kids. Molar Express, a portable dental program of the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC), has kicked off a new Early Intervention Project that focuses on children through age five. Thanks to a generous grant from the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation, Molar Express adds pre-schools and Head Start programs to its roster with locations throughout Coös and Northern Grafton Counties including, Colebrook, Groveton, Whitefield, Littleton and Woodsville.

"Despite the fact that it's almost entirely preventable, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children," said Molar Express Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist, Annette Cole. "It can begin as soon as a baby gets his or her first tooth, so

caring for baby teeth needs to begin before



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the first tooth arrives. The Molar Express Early Intervention Program is partnering with dedicated professionals at pre-schools and

Head Starts to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, and teachers."

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Express begins services and referrals for children and education services for pre-school and Head Start parents. With portable

state-of-the-art dental equipment in tow, the Dental Hygienist offers preventive services—including screenings, fluoride varnish, and decay-stopping fluoride treatment—and referrals to dental homes for continued care. Since 2004, Molar Express has been providing oral health care to North Country residents, and currently serves 20 schools (K-12), in addition to the newly added pre-school and Head Start sites.

The North Country Health Consortium is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers serving northern New Hampshire. For more information about NCHC's Oral Health programming, Molar Express and other NCHC programs, visit: [www.NCHCNH.org](http://www.NCHCNH.org) or call: 259-3700.

## Synergy Real Estate Team named to Coldwell Banker International Sterling Society

LITTLETON — Tom Tremblay, President of Coldwell Banker LinWood Real Estate, is pleased to announce that The Synergy Real Estate Team, Arlie Vandebroek and Cindy Sparks, from the Littleton office have been honored with a Designation Award from Coldwell Banker for their production during 2018. Achievement of this award is



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an honor and places Arlie and Cindy in the company of the best Coldwell Banker agents in the country and the world.

The Synergy Real Estate Team has been named to the International Sterling Society Team, which targets the top 40 percent of Teams worldwide in the Coldwell Banker system.

"I truly appreciate the conscientious effort that Arlie and Cindy put into serving their clients and customers, as demonstrated by the many referrals and testimonials that they receive. They have worked hard to earn this distinction, I couldn't be prouder," said Tom Tremblay, President of Coldwell Banker Linwood Real Estate.

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Local News

# Jason Cape joins Peabody & Smith Realty

LITTLETON — A background in hospitality and technology in a real estate career is an asset and Jason Cape of Peabody & Smith Realty understands that well.

For more than a decade, Cape and his wife have owned and operated the successful Barron Brook Inn in Whitefield. He joined Peabody & Smith Realty as a Sales Associate in the firm's Littleton office.

When asked what brought him to Peabody & Smith Realty and a new career in real estate, he said, "I've always been interested in real estate and have purchased a number of residential and commercial properties over the last few decades. With my background in hospitality where we focus on the needs of guests, it's a natural transition to helping clients and customers with their real estate transactions."

Andy Smith, Broker/Owner of Peabody & Smith Realty, said, "Jason has already proven to be a great asset to our firm. His ability to work as part of a team while embracing an entrepreneurial spirit are attributes for success."

Smith added, "Jason is working out of our Littleton office and this will further enable us to service the needs of our clients and customers in the North Country even more. All of our agents are full time real estate professionals, which we know is in the best interests of our consumers."

Originally from coastal Alabama, and a graduate of Auburn University, Cape has lived in a variety of locations from North Carolina to California before settling in Whitefield. He enjoys living in the North Country and in the winter can occasionally be spotted at Bretton Woods giving snowboarding lessons to area students.

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Jason Cape

## Serendipity Studios now offering art and business classes

LITTLETON—Get ready to learn and connect, Serendipity Studios is now offering classes!

Located along the Ammonoosuc River at the Tannery Marketplace, Serendipity Studios was founded by entrepreneurs Meg Brown and Patti King Slavtcheff as a studio and workspace. Brown is the owner of Nutmeg Media and MegaBug Photography, while Slavtcheff is a freelance designer and local artist.

For the past few years the "co-serendipitous souls" enjoyed welcoming clients and members of the community into their bright space, and realized the need for connection and learning in our community.

"We were sharing many wonderful conversations with friends, artists, and business owners and came to the conclusion that the Littleton area was craving a networking group for these types of people," revealed Brown. "After publishing a couple of group events on Facebook and receiving a huge and positive response, we realized we were onto something."

The Rain or Shine Paint Group is held the



COURTESY Participants from the first Rain or Shine Paint Group at Serendipity Studios. Pictured from left, Becky McGovern, Moira North, Patti King Slavtcheff, Valerie Chase, Kristine Lingle, and Carol Dillingham. Serendipity Studios is now hosting monthly group meetings as well as art and business classes.

second Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. and the Posse of Proprietors: A Self-Employed Support Group is held the third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both groups are free and open to the public. Donations for refreshments are welcome.

"It's been an incredible way to meet new people and discover that there are others like us who share the same challenges," noted Slavtcheff. "There is also a need to connect artists and to teach marketable creative skills in the local community."

With a background in fine art, business, and marketing, both Brown

and Slavtcheff are offering classes on these topics as well. First up is Facebook Facelift, scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. The class is \$35 for pre-registrants, \$40 at the door and will cover how to optimize a business Facebook page

course can be found on [www.missmegabug.com/classes](http://www.missmegabug.com/classes).

For a list of upcoming classes and events, check out [www.serendipitystudios18.com](http://www.serendipitystudios18.com) or find Serendipity Studios on Facebook.

"We're so excited to build a thriving community of artists and entrepreneurs in the North Country," said Brown.

Slavtcheff added, "It's a new era for Serendipity."

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## Local News

# NEK Council on Aging launches new Web site

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. — The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging formally announces the launch of its new website designed to serve as an informative communications tool for all residents of the Northeast Kingdom, and especially those who support and care for older Vermonters and those with disabilities. The new Web site is [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org).

The Web site features expanded content including photos, videos, a master events calendar (meals, classes, events, exercise programs, Medicare bootcamps), a comprehensive services section, nutritional/meal site resources and maps, volunteer information, stories and testimonials, expanded news and wellness program sections, and a complete staff and board directory. The website is also fully compliant to meet the needs of the visual and hearing impaired.

“Our new website provides everyone with valuable information to support our older family, friends, and neighbors as they age well, their way,” said Meg Burmeister, Executive Director of the NEK Council on Aging. “The person-centered services provided by the Council are diverse and in addition to our Helpline, we wanted to provide access to anyone seeking information during the day, in the middle of the night, or on the weekends. I believe the new website will be a very helpful resource to members of our NEK families and beyond.”

For the development of the website, the Council turned to Northeast Kingdom Online, a marketing and branding agency located in Lyndonville, Vt. Using their proprietary content management system, NEKO360, the Council is able to make changes to the website easily and quickly via the internet. With responsive design, the new website can be viewed across many different devices (PC, tablet, and smartphone).

“Coming into this project, we knew that accessibility was going to be a top priority. A lot of care went into creating an experience that would be productive and workable for the Council’s staff and diverse community,” said Jay Davis, CEO and Partner of Northeast Kingdom Online. “I appreciated the opportunity to learn



about the services provided by the Council—it helped us to fine-tune our design with the client in mind.”

The Council offers more than 37 wellness classes every week throughout the Kingdom and with the new master calendar on the Web site, one can search by program, day, month, or town to discover exactly what is going on in real

time.

“By making this information easier to access, we hope to increase the support and participation in our programs and services which include: State Health Insurance (SHIP); Independent Living; Food and Fuel; Wellness; Caregiving; Community Dining Sites/Meals on Wheels; Veteran’s Services; Nutrition; Pets for

Life, LGBTQ Advocacy, Transportation; Senior Companions; and Volunteers,” said Burmeister. “Most of these programs are provided free of charge and supported by our staff of 26 people and a team of over 350 volunteers.”

The use of the new website can be measured and is designed to grow as the Council grows.

“The new Web site

allows the Council to be more proactive in communicating with current and new Council clients and their families,” said Mel Reis, a marketing consultant assisting the Council with the development of the new Web site. “Based on how visitors are using the website, the Council can track what content is being viewed and fine-tune their marketing and communications plans based on how visitors are accessing and using the Web site.”

The NEK Council on Aging has offices in St. Johnsbury, Newport, Island Pond, and Hardwick. The Hardwick and Island Pond locations are by appointment only. For further information, call the Helpline at 800-642-5119 or visit [nekcouncil.org](http://nekcouncil.org).

## 42 Maple presents “Moments of Time”

### by Ellen Goddard-Jacques

BETHLEHEM — On Friday, March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m., 42 Maple Contemporary Art Center presents an opening reception for “Moments of Time,” featuring the contemporary fantasy photography of Ellen Goddard-Jacques. A New Hampshire based artist, Goddard-Jacques was born and raised in New York, New York. She is a member of the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association, Lake Re-

gions Art Association of New Hampshire, and Professional Photographers of America. She has shown her work at the former WREN Gallery and continues to be featured at the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery.

Growing up in the fashion capital of the world, Goddard-Jacques has always been fascinated by the beauty and fashion industry. Barbie was being released during her childhood, and though Barbie became controversial, the doll was a large influence early on in Goddard-Jacques’ life. Barbie inspired young girls, including Goddard-Jacques, and made her believe that women could do anything, have anything, and become anything.

Before retirement, Goddard-Jacques worked alongside some of the biggest names in the hair and fashion industry. Now, she spends her time pursuing her love of portrait photography. Her favorite career aspect is giving women the chance to express themselves, through her art. A great deal of her portrait work features women in roles of strength, leadership, and raw human emotion.

Goddard-Jacques believes humans are forged through the challenges of life, and capturing that strength on camera is some of her favorite work. She has always believed beauty



Ellen Goddard-Jacques

can be found in many different elements. If we look for it, we will find it. Goddard-Jacques is passionate about creating artwork that will captivate her viewers and evoke human emotion. The magic behind her work is the story that each print tells, and there are many sto-

ries that have yet to be told.

According to Goddard-Jacques, “Portrait photography is my absolute favorite. I would describe my style as contemporary fantasy. Capturing raw emotion, and getting lost in the moment is when I find the most unique

pieces are created. I am passionate about the entire process of creating. There is so much that goes into getting ‘the shot’. The stories and memories of each photo shoot are something I am thankful to have. Finding the right models, learning about each other and creating the perfect artist/model balance is incredibly important. Creating the environment for each unique piece is where my mind loves to run wild. My artwork is inspired by various emotions I have felt throughout my life. I strive to be different, stand out in a gallery, and offer art that is out of the norm, giving women their individual voices to express themselves.”

If you are interested in learning more about the events at 42 Maple, please call 575-9077 or visit the Web site at [www.42maple.org](http://www.42maple.org).

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# Woodstock resident continues service on NH Made board

EPPING — NH Made is pleased to announce the election of new and returning officers to its executive committee and board of trustees. The organization approved the slate at its recent annual meeting.

Mary Macdonald, owner of Genuine Local in Meredith, was elected to serve as the organization's chairperson. Mike Somers, president/CEO of the NH Lodging & Restaurant Association was approved for the vice chair position. Rounding out the executive committee are secretary Gail McWilliam Jellie, director of the NH Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural Development; treasurer Betsy Booth of Wolfeboro; John Watkins of Seabrook; and newly-elected executive committee member Dawn Mahoney, sales manager at Amherst Label in Milford.

Board members Kristine Mossey, owner of McLeod Bros. Orchards in Milford; Mike Somers of NHL-RA and John Watkins of Seabrook were approved for new three year terms. Rounding out the board of trustees is Amy Bassett, deputy director of the NH Division of Travel & Tourism Development; Susan Bullock of Tilton; Link Moser, owner of Windhill Design in Loudon; Darryl Parker, owner of Schoodacs Coffee & Tea in Warner; and Scott Rice, owner of the Woodstock Inn Brewery in North Woodstock.

The annual meeting was also an opportunity to recognize long-time members who are retiring from the board. Diane Souther, owner of Apple Hill Farm in Concord, and Cynthia Harrington, business development manager with the NH Division of Economic Development, have both served in various capacities on the board for more than a dozen years. Their contributions continue to be appreciated and their direct involvement will be missed.

The board reviewed upcoming plans for 2019. NH Made will once again host a variety of special events, provide educational seminars and networking activities for members, and will enhance existing digital and print marketing programs. Enhancing awareness of member goods and services and encouraging the expansion of the

"buy local" movement will continue to be the focus of existing promotional partnerships with the NH Division of Travel & Tourism, New Hampshire magazine, the NH Union Leader, NHPBS and other statewide media outlets. Subcommittees will work throughout the year to advance operational and retail initiatives, as well as

fiscal aspects of the organization; these efforts will form the basis for the next organizational strategic plan. NH Made members interested in participating are encouraged to contact executive director Alice Pearce or chairperson Mary Macdonald for more information.

More than 700 small independent businesses throughout New Hamp-

shire are members of NH Made. NH Made is a nonprofit, member-driven organization that inspires others to invest in their communities by shopping local Granite State businesses, and providing the support programs that local businesses need to grow. It operates the NH Stores on I-95 Northbound and Southbound, adjacent to the NH Li-

quor & Wine Outlets in Hampton, which offer a wide variety of local gifts and specialty food items made exclusively by NH Made members, and offers online shopping for local products at nhmade.com. To learn more about NH Made, its members, its stores and other programs, visit nhmade.com or call 679-9800.

## Former county prosecutor joins NHMA as Municipal Services Counsel

CONCORD — NHMA's Executive Director Margaret A. Byrnes announced recently that Natch Greyes has been named as the Association's new Municipal Services Counsel.

"We are very pleased to welcome Natch to the NHMA team," said Byrnes. "Natch will be assuming a new hybrid position, that of Municipal Services Counsel, so a significant portion of his time will be split between legislative advocacy and legal advisory services."

Although Greyes will be providing core legal services and advice to local government officials on a wide range of issues, he will also be dedicated to advocating municipal interest before state legislators and other offi-



Greyes received his B.A.

### Natch Greyes

department heads and staff, the Governor and staff, and members of the congressional delegation and their staffs.

Before joining NHMA, Greyes served as a prosecutor in northern Grafton County.

from Clark University and his J.D. from William & Mary.

Greyes replaces Margaret Byrnes who served as staff attorney for four years before becoming NHMA's Executive Director in 2019.

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# Obituaries

## Judith M. Derosa, 72

LITTLETON — Judith M. Derosa, age 72, passed away suddenly on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 at Littleton Regional Hospital in Littleton.

She was born June 24, 1946 in Bridgeport, Conn. to Albert and Elizabeth (Kish) Boucher. She grew up and attended schools in Connecticut, graduating from Trumbull High School in 1964. She lived most of her life in Connecticut, working in retail at Read's and Macy's department stores. She moved to Lisbon in 2004 in order to be closer to her family. She worked at various jobs in the area, including Market Basket in Plymouth, Cannon Mountain, Thayer's Inn and Mittersill Resort among others. Her hobbies included reading, garden-



ing- she would spend hours weekly in her flower gardens and mowing the lawn during the summer and loved it, she took great pride in her landscaping. She loved watching and feeding the birds, cooking meals, especially on holidays for her family and knitting as she really enjoyed making and giving gifts to so many. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and could

often be found attending many of their school events.

Judith is survived by her son and his wife, Kenneth and Kerri Derosa of Lisbon; grandsons, Hudson DeRosa of Lisbon and Tryston Clement of Portland, Maine. She is also survived by her lifelong best friend since grade school, Joan Brennan of Nashville, N.C.

She was predeceased by both her mother and father.

The family will have a small, private service in the springtime. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Above The Notch Humane Society PO Box 98, Franconia, NH 03580. To share memories and condolences, go to [www.RossFuneral.com](http://www.RossFuneral.com).

## John J. Doherty

BETHLEHEM — John J. Doherty, formerly of Dorchester, Mass., died suddenly Feb. 17, 2019.

Beloved husband of Susan A. (Spencer) Doherty, he was also the loving father of John J. Doherty, Jr. and Stephen M. Doherty, both of Dorchester; devoted "Papa" of Alanah, Areanna, Alyssa, and Aleah; son of Mary (Beck) Doherty of Dorchester and the late William J. Doherty; brother of the late William J. Doherty II, Arlene Salter, Kathleen Westcott, Mary Doherty, and Deborah



Doherty; uncle of Rachel Spencer and many other nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered to honor and remember John's life during visiting hours in the Murphy Funeral Home, 1020 Dorchester

Ave., Dorchester, Mass., on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Ambrose Church, 240 Adams St., Dorchester, on Monday morning, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. Burial will take place in St. Margaret Cemetery in Twin Mountain in the springtime.

John was raised in the Columbia Point section of Dorchester. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a retired union painter and life member of the IUPAT, Delegate to

## Sister Clare Hennessey, 91

WINDHAM — Sister Clare Hennessey (formerly Sister M. Clement), 91, a Sister of Mercy for 71 years, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, at Warde Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Windham after a brief illness. A native of Whitefield, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Ellen (Clark) Hennessey.

Sister Clare held a B.A. degree in education from the former Mount St. Mary College in Hooksett, New Hampshire, and an M. Ed. degree from Keene State College. During her many years as a dedicated educator, Sister Clare taught at Catholic schools in New Hampshire, including Saint John in Laconia, St. Rose of Lima in Littleton, and St. Patrick in Berlin, where she also served as

principal. For more than 25 years, Sister Clare was a teacher at St. John Regional School in Concord, where she was also assistant principal for a time. She was active in the parish St. Vincent dePaul Society and volunteered there from its inception. After she retired in 2001, Sister Clare went to Winchester, New Hampshire, where she was involved in numerous ministries. She volunteered in the pre-school at St. Joseph Regional School in Keene and the local public elementary school in Winchester. Sister Clare also visited nursing homes in Jaffrey and Winchester, serving as Eucharistic minister. At Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Winchester, she helped at parish events and volunteered at the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Sister Clare loved her students and her family, and always gave people her total care and attention. She had an infectious positive attitude and an engaging sense of humor. She was a woman

of love, compassion, and Mercy.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren, and the members of her Mercy community. Sister Clare was predeceased by her twin brother, Clark, and older brothers Herbert, James, and Basil.

Friends were invited to call at Warde Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 21 Searles Rd., Windham, on Monday, Feb. 25, from 9:30-11 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. in the chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy - Northeast Community, 15 Highland View Rd., Cumberland, RI 02864-1124, and online at [www.sistersofmercy.org/northeast](http://www.sistersofmercy.org/northeast).

Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Bedford. Arrangements are in the care of the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Rd., Windham, NH 03087. [www.carrierfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrierfuneralhome.com)

## HASSAN

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layed getting to market. "We had several new beers during this shutdown," Cozzens explained. "Without labels, we can't export across state lines."

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Lenzini added that while their firm was able to manage during the shutdown, other breweries had large quantities of beer sitting in their tanks.

Cozzens argued for a system where breweries could scan their labels into a database, and have assumed authorization to proceed unless feder-

al regulators object (a system of "certified until proven guilty," which would reduce the power of federal regulators).

Cozzens could not resist asking Hassan for her thoughts on the Democratic primary, which is quickly shaping up to be one of the most crowded and competition in recent memory.

"I think it's important for Democrats to focus on overriding vision," she said, and urged her colleagues (none of whom she has yet endorsed) to "listen to New Hampshire residents" if they wish to succeed in the nation's first primary.



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**Accessories:** 8 ft. wooden Barber Shop sign from Paige's Barber Shop in Lisbon, NH with raised letters; selection of cast iron cookware; straight razors; early buttons; number of good early hooked rugs with folk designs; early staved wash bucket in old paint; selection of primitive smalls in old paint; primitive hand hewn log bowl; Scandinavian bentwood storage box in old paint; early wire and brass fire fender; number of good prints and pictures; small pine document box in old red paint; collection of early cast iron toy cars; collection of reproduction cast iron toy cars and horse drawer vehicles; large lots of cast iron toy parts for replacement or repair work; Coin silver pocket watch; 14k gold pocket watch; 18k gold wrist watch - missing band; other misc. jewelry; and much more.

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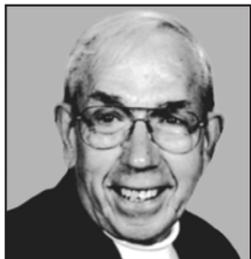
## Obituaries

**Kenneth M. King, Jr., 85**

DOVER, Mass. — Kenneth M. King, Jr. of Dover, Mass., passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2019 at the age of 85. He was the beloved husband for 60 years to his wife Joan, devoted father to Blair A. King and his wife Erlis of Rockville, Md. and Kenneth M. King III and his wife Diane of Sugar Hill, and loving grandfather to Austin, Carter and Devin King.

Ken was born in Detroit, Mich., on Oct. 14, 1933, to Margaret and Kenneth King. After spending some summers as a young man working on a family farm in Tennessee, and working construction in high school and college, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He met his future wife Joan Adams while he was working at Pratt & Whitney and she at United Aircraft in East Hartford, Conn., and they were married on Oct. 25, 1958. A work opportunity took them to Stockholm, Sweden, and they lived there for a year in 1964, taking advantage of the chance to travel throughout Europe before relocating to New Jersey. While growing their family they moved to Massachusetts, where he had taken a position as Vice President at Bird & Son, Inc. He had several other career changes, including a position in international consulting that included trips to Saudi Arabia and the former Yugoslavia, finally retiring in 2001 as president of a precision machining business in Southboro, Mass.

A resident of Dover for 48 years, he was active



in The Dover Church, serving as a Trustee and Moderator. He was Boy Scout Troop One Dover Committee Chairman, and mentored his two sons to the rank of Eagle Scout, as well as helping other Scouts with their advancement in the Troop. He also served the town as an EMT for ten years. He combined his devotion to conserving the world's resources with his experience in the paper industry, for several years in the 1970's – before municipal recycling programs were established – setting up a shipping container in the church parking lot and collecting newspapers to recycle under the slogan "Your Trash is Our Treasure."

Ken always loved the outdoors, and instilled that love in his family. He kept bees for a number of years, and enjoyed their vegetable garden as well. He had a deep love for the mountains, and he brought his young family to the White Mountains of New Hampshire where everyone fell in love with the wild spaces. He had the boys hiking at a very young age, whether it be through Scouting, or his service as a hike leader for the AMC at Cold River Camp, or simply family outings to enjoy and appreciate nature. At Cannon Mountain in Franconia, Joan and Ken

taught the boys how to downhill ski, for which they developed a love and still enjoy. Ken also enjoyed playing tennis, golf, and other sports. They restored a historic home in Bethlehem, which they owned for 16 years and which enabled them to spend more time in their beloved Whites, where they had made many close friends.

Ken and Joan instilled a love of travel and an appreciation for other cultures, languages, cuisines, etc. in their sons from a young age. They enjoyed family trips to California and Oregon, Florida, France and Italy, and thus began Blair's and Ken's passion to see new places and meet new people that they carry on to this day. He and Joan continued traveling in their retirement, with trips to various places in Europe, culminating with a two-month trip to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand in 2011. Ken was also an aficionado of fine food and wine, was the life of the party, and was a dear friend to many and will be missed.

Ken had a wonderful and full life, even as he was plagued in his last years by health issues, finally succumbing to complications related to dementia. He was predeceased by his sister, Addie Virginia Barnes, and leaves behind a niece and nephew and their families in Michigan. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org).

**Floyd W. Ramsey, 87**

LITTLETON — Floyd W. Ramsey died peacefully on Feb. 15, 2019.

He was born on July 2, 1931, the son of Floyd E. and Catherine E. Ramsey. He graduated from Lincoln High School and served in the US Air Force. Following his graduation from Plymouth Teachers College in 1961, he became an English and history teacher at Lincoln High School. Due to serious health issues, he retired in 1984. During his early retirement, he wrote "Shrouded Memories" a collection of stories chronicling notable people and events in the North Country. For many years, Floyd was active in his church, St. Rose of Lima Parish in Littleton. Since 2015, he enjoyed the staff and residents at Riverglen House. Prior to moving to Riverglen he looked forward to his and Laura-Beth's daily visits to The Coffee Pot in Littleton. He will be remembered for his kind words and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Laura-Beth of Littleton; his daughter, Bonnie, & her husband, Richard Wheatley of Bethlehem; a granddaughter, Courtney Donati, & her husband Adam of Lincoln; two grandsons, Josiah Bartlett of Littleton & Nathaniel Bartlett & his wife Mary of Thornton, and six great-grandchildren (Asher, Addison, Beckett, Adin, Benjamin and Lexi). He is also survived by his sisters,



Patricia Bennett and her husband Daniel, Frances Fowler, Elizabeth Dauphine and her husband Clifton, Katherine Moyer and her husband Robert, and a brother William Ramsey. He will also be remembered by

many special nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held in the Riverside Cemetery in Lincoln on May 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. with The Very Reverend Mark E. Dollard as Celebrant.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an On-Line Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, please go to [www.pillsburyphaneuf.com](http://www.pillsburyphaneuf.com).

**Capt. Laurence William Enderson, Jr., 89**

I, Laurence "Hap" William Enderson, Jr., lived a great life!

Born in Littleton Dec. 16, 1929, my parents, Laurence W. Enderson, Sr. and Anne S. Enderson had two daughters, Patricia and Ann, and five sons (Laurence, Jr. (Hap), Alton (Salt), Robert (Crowe), Richard (Itch), and James (Pepper)).

I was blessed with 57 fantastic years of marriage to Mary Beth Enderson, the best woman I ever knew. I met her in Ft. Lauderdale at a street dance, and we married June 12, 1954. Mary Beth went to Heaven before me, and has been waiting and praying for my soul in hopes that I would be joining her when the good lord deemed me ready. Mary Beth and I were blessed with eight successful children (Dr. Lance Enderson and wife Michele, Mark Enderson and wife Kim, Beth Morgensen, Therese Johnson and husband Chris, Dr. Mary Enderson, Amy Vaughn and husband Steve, Joe Enderson and wife Leigh, Kim Hensley and husband Devin), and 24 incredible grandchildren.

After graduation from Littleton High School, I left New Hampshire to

seek my fortune in sunny Florida. There, I traveled and worked in the hotel industry, and eventually joined the United States Navy on March 1, 1950. After four years in the Navy, I became a reservist and decided to get a college degree so I could better support a family. Little did I know at that time how large a family it would be!

I completed a Bachelor's degree from Georgia Tech in Aerospace Engineering, then moved to Hampton, Va. where I worked for NASA, and subsequently began a long career as a civil servant with the Air Force at Langley Air Force Base, Va. During my time with Nasa and the Air Force, I authored/coauthored 30 articles on various topics such as lunar orbits and rendezvous techniques published in an International Space Encyclopedia, in French, German and English.

Education was a passion, and in 1996, I completed a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Virginia Tech followed by a certificate in Education for Public Management from the University of Virginia. While working for the Air Force, I spent a year

in Thailand, worked numerous social projects, eventually attaining the position of Director of Operations Analysis. I retired from civil service in 1990. I also served as a U.S. Naval Reservist at Norfolk Naval Air Station, serving in numerous roles and billets, retiring as a Captain (O-6), in 1988.

After retirement, Mary Beth and I traveled extensively and did mission work supporting multiple organizations, particularly NPH (Nuestos Pequeños Hermanos) and the orphanages associated with the organization.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my life; it hasn't always been perfect, but nothing ever is. My advice to you is to remember that "Life is short. Live it to the fullest! Smile, be happy!" My hope for you is that "Everything is Copacetic!"

A memorial mass and visitation to celebrate my life were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in January 2019. My family and I would like to extend a special thanks to the Sentara Hospice staff for taking such good care of me in my later days.

**Betty Bowen Hooper Drew**

CONCORD — Betty Bowen Harper Drew passed away peacefully on Feb. 8 surrounded by family and friends.

Betty was born in Barre, Vt. to the late Emma and Albert Bowen. Betty grew up in Lisbon, and attended Lisbon School District with her six siblings.

Betty worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 15 years as a billing specialist, but was most happy being a den mother for Cub Scouts Pack 384, taught 4H, belonged to Tri-Amity for 15 years, was a volunteer captain for heart association in Penacook/Boscawen and many years as a volunteer for Boscawen/Penacook Central School, and traveling around the United States and Canada.

Betty leaves behind a husband of 26 years, Thomas Drew of McGregor, Texas; sisters



Shirley Whitcher of Boscawen, and Phyliss Reddekopp of Canada; brother Al Bowen of White River Junction, Vt.; sister-in-law Reta Bowen of Maine; daughters Kathie Lovering and husband Andy of York, Maine, Tracie Bakios and husband Ron of McGregor, Texas; son Scott Hooper of Boscawen; stepson George McNamara of Littleton; stepdaughters Tonya Phillips and husband Andy of Pittsfield, Traci Weber and husband Henry of Belmont, Tammy Scott and husband Bruce of Alton; grandchildren

Jessica LaClair, Brad LaClair, Jacob Hooper, Jillian Taylor, Amanda and Sarah Bakios, Leah and Ryan Scott, Brandon Weber, Kyia King; great grandchildren Brynlee LaClair, Haylee and Zoey Lambert, Ian, Abbie, and Elliott King; many nieces, nephews, and friends from New Hampshire, Florida, and Texas.

Betty was predeceased by her first husband, George L. Hooper; brothers John and William Bowen; and sisters Albertine Thompson and Marilyn Bowen.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National C.O.P.D. Association or American Heart Association.

Cole Funeral Home of McGregor, Texas is helping the family with arrangements. Services will be held in the spring at the family's discretion.

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# Local News

## LETTERS CONTINUED...

### GOP steadfast in righting the ship of state!

To the Editor:  
Yes, there is a definite diversity between the Democrat Party and the Republican Party, as eluded to in Mr. Paul R. Nickerson's letter to the editor in the Union Leader on Jan. 20. Hopefully, the American people can see it, or see through it.

The Republican Party stands for upholding the US Constitution and its laws, holding fast to the American Dream which includes the work ethic of Capitalism, is a Party of morality and ethics, a Party which believes in law and order, a Party which believes in individual responsibility and personal reward through one's own ef-

forts. The Republican Party believes in less government control, low taxes, and workfare not welfare. The Republican Party believes in a strong USA with definite borders. We don't believe in infanticide, and believe if you do the crime you do the time! We believe in saluting our American flag, and we believe that God created this Nation to be a force for Good in the world! It's a privilege to be an American citizen...one that's earned every day!

The Democrat Party, on the other hand, is hell-bent on destroying America and forming an entirely new government where the philos-

ophy is one of Entitlement...where everyone has a right to American citizenship, where everyone has a right to free education, free medicine, free Social Security, free housing, where taking drugs is legitimate, where infanticide is sanctioned, where you get a free out-of-jail card if you commit a crime. And, the list goes on! It seems the philosophy of the Democrat Party is one that does not promote individual responsibility and personal growth by one's own merits, but "leaching" off the hard work of others!

*Nick De Mayo  
Sugar Hill*

### Time for those who cherish life to change the trump suit

To the Editor:  
How did we come to this? The "dog does not bark" (Isaiah 56:10). How did the spade become the trump suit in the game of life? The spade of selfishness, ego, pride.

Play any diamond of justice, any heart of love, any club of truth and the lowest spade in the deck can trump it and take the trick.

Abortion is wrong; life begins at conception. Stop debating

this and play a club and truth and take the trick. Stand up, "bark" and change the trump suit.

Change the game to hearts. Hearts of love. Make this the trump suit so the lowest card of love trumps the Ace of Spades. Change love from self-love to Godly love of others.

Make the King of Diamonds your card. Jesus is betting on you. Turn all the cards over and they all look alike.

A liberal spade cannot be identified and has no special standing - don't give them power they don't have out of 'tolerance' or 'political correctness.'

Speak up for those whose lives are ended every day; take a stand; "bark," pastors, and teach the truth. Play the cards you have been given, change the game, and win.

*Greg Darling  
Littleton*

### EDITORIAL

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cers, firemen, doctors and parents.

As children grow, the more role models they have in their lives, the better. The influence an officer has over a student will differ vastly from that say of a math teacher. Both however are equally as important. An SRO gives students a different kind of relationship with law enforcement that they would not

have otherwise. When a student is out in the world and sees another officer, they will automatically connect the positive interactions they had while in school, and will see each officer as someone there to help.

The perfect SRO needs to wear many hats as a role model such as counselor, coach, friend, officer, disciplinarian and champion. To feel

more safe, we would have to agree, in that response time in the case of an emergency would be a non issue. There are many non-essential employees within school buildings. Some positions could safely be eliminated, especially in smaller districts. However, we feel that the presence of an SRO should be just as important as having a school nurse or principal.

### WREN

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Bethlehem; and there was another call just before Thanksgiving. We need to let staff go because we were cash strapped once again."

WREN's Board of Directors met in early December to decide what the next step should be. They pondered the choice of closing immediately or "going into hibernation" for the first fiscal quarter of 2019. They opted for hibernation.

Retz went on to explain that after former Executive Director Marilyn Cooper retired in 2015 the organization fully extended their line of credit, had offices in Berlin, the store at Mount Washington,

and a staff of 25 to pay.

She also addressed the issue of the vacant property in Berlin and why it had not yet hit the market, commenting that "We could not just sell the Berlin building because of the financial aid we received to purchase it and renting it needed to be a function similar to WREN's."

At the suggestion of their funder, WREN plans to auction the Berlin property in the spring. WREN Central, located behind the retail space on Main Street Bethlehem, is already on the market.

After Retz addressed the public regarding the past, volunteers and other board members took turns discussing



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Community members participate in the recent think tank hosted in Bethlehem by WREN.

different aspects of the organization's future. Natalie Woodruff explained the results of WREN's recent anonymous survey and the subsequent formation of a small group of volunteers devoted to assessing WREN's strengths and weaknesses and reimagining the organization with a sustainable model. Hon-

oring WREN members was identified as one of the organization's top ten challenges.

New board member Mary Secor discussed the most immediate goals and plans for WREN. These plans include continuation of the LEAP educational program for emerging artists, capitalizing on Bethlehem's First Fri-

day arts scene by offering monthly networking events, continuing the one-on-one coaching program known as HOP, and the addition of one-day intensive workshops targeted towards potential entrepreneurs.

Woodruff then explained that funding for the LEAP program already exists, having been secured before the December shutdown and that these four activities would be done without staff or payroll obligations.

Next, board member Kate Foley discussed reducing WREN's footprint, operating on a smaller scale, and invited the public to actively participate in the second phase of assessment and data collection. She identified six areas of focus regarding WREN's future; brick

and mortar, technical assistance, the outdoor space, the gallery space, sustainability, and a wildcard station.

Attendees then moved through the room to visit six stations manned by individual board members, wrote ideas down on post-it notes, and attached them to signs on the walls. Conversations were varied and hopeful as the community began discussing the future of the organization.

WREN's Board of Directors are currently processing the new information and using it as a guide to refine their mission statement and business plan with the goal of developing a working model that will sustain the organization for years to come.



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### HIKES

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Many of the new group's most vocal members—many of whom have commented on its active discussions—are parents with children in the local rec program, which the group strongly defends.

The Courier attempted to reach out to the original "Get to Know Franconia" several times, but did not receive a response, and the chat was soon blocked. "Get to Know Franconia" has blocked several other citizens with whom it disagrees, and now does not allow public comment on its page. Whoever its mysterious author is, they continue to publish their own criticism of the town's proposed budget.

The draft budget for

2019 (which would be up 4.5 percent over 2018) includes a significant increase in wages for members of the town administration, including a 20 percent increase for Town Administrator Holly Burbank, and a significant raise for Administrative Assistant Jenny Monahan. Other employees will receive a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment. Wages are one of the largest areas of increase.

"Get to Know Franconia" has criticized these increases, which they say threaten retirees and other citizens on fixed incomes.

Defenders of the increases say they reflect an increase in responsibility, duties, and projects, and will keep Franconia competitive with

surrounding towns.

"We feel an increase is warranted to make this position competitive with surrounding towns in an effort to have longevity in the positions," posted Get to Know Franconia—Without An Agenda. "We really want to be able to hire and hang on to the best people we can."

The largest increases to the budget's various line items are in Executive (\$19,441), Life Squad (\$15,400), and Personnel Administration (\$11,799). The largest reductions are in Streetlights (\$2,000, due partly to increases in efficiency from new bulbs), and to the Town Clerk (\$1,482). The majority of line items are either reduced, or level-funded with last year (accounting for in-

flation).

Total tax impact of the proposed budget increases would be 83 cents per \$1,000 in property value, a 13.8 percent increase over last year, or an additional \$238 per year for the median Franconia homeowner, whose property is worth \$286,000, according to Zillow.

If the same hypothetical median homeowner lived in Littleton, Lisbon, or Bethlehem, their annual tax bill would be several thousand dollars more, since rates will still be about one third lower in Franconia, even taking into account the projected increase.

Voters will decide whether to pass the draft budget at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at Lafayette Elementary School.



## LETTERS CONTINUED...

## Change is needed on NH's Liquor Commission

To the Editor:

New Hampshire has been in the liquor business since Prohibition, and state government has done a very good job. But things are changing, and none of it is for the better.

The state liquor commission is generating friction in Concord; its revenues are down, and this state agency has become a bloated hierarchy with many rules and big salaries. The real problem is that their business model just isn't evolving as it should.

New Hampshire state liquor stores were once not only a market leader in the Northeast, they were the market. Liquor prices were so much cheaper in sales tax free New Hampshire that vans from Boston, Providence and even New York City would come north to load up and then head back south. Millions of dol-

lars flowed into the New Hampshire state treasury, and very few questions were ever asked. That world doesn't exist anymore, or if it does it's at least a lot harder to buy large quantities of cross-border booze from New Hampshire. Liquor sales are somewhere near 11 percent of the total state budget, so any decline at the state liquor commission directly affects local communities and the taxpayers of this state.

Change is clearly needed at the state liquor commission. When I was in the legislature, there was a proposal to sell beer and various grades of cheese in state liquor stores. It was a good proposal. Numerous in-state vendors were willing to floor plan the inventory at no cost to the state, work off a small percentage on each sale and then New Hampshire gains at least

\$50 million a year into the state treasury and an innovative business model advances. But this isn't the culture that exists in Concord which is a major reason why the state liquor commission and the rest of the state are now suffering.

North Country legislators like Sen. David Starr (R-Franconia), Rep. Erin Hennessey (R-Littleton) and Rep. Linda Massimilla (D-Littleton) should be working towards needed change at the state liquor commission but they don't because change isn't their priority I don't know what is. Executive Councilor Mike Cryans is doing a lot on the sale of liquor in New Hampshire, but his results can only be limited, because he isn't a policymaker.

Steven J. Connolly  
Bethlehem

## Socialism will ruin us

To the Editor:

The democratic presidential candidates are all preaching a socialist agenda. If you look at history and Venezuela presently, socialism does not work—the money always runs out.

They are touting free education and health care. Think about the number of colleges in America. How is this going to be paid for? What caliber of professors are you going to get?

Universal health care is also ludicrous. We saw under Obamacare how premiums went up and people were not able to keep their doctors. Jonathan Gruber, who designed it, admitted that there were no guarantees about it, but counted on the "stupidity" of the vot-

ers to pass it. Candidate Kamala Harris, when asked, said that no one will be able to keep their current insurance.

Now couple all of this with the Democrats' plans to abolish ICE, have open borders and implement their Green Deal. More people will be pouring into our country for free healthcare and college. Are they going to work and pay taxes? How many of them will be criminals and terrorists? Under the Green Deal, everyone will be guaranteed income even those unwilling to work! So people will pour into our country and get free college, health care and money, and not have to work. The hard working American taxpayer is going to foot the bill for all

of this.

Of course, the democrats say they'll tax the rich from 70-90 percent. All that will do is cripple our country. The "rich" are the ones that create the jobs and finance innovations and businesses. Under Trump, our economy is doing very well. (Employment for minorities is at its highest. An African American minister stated that Trump has done more for minorities than Obama had ever done.) Trump's repealing of Obama's harsh business regulations really helped businesses to flourish. Please vote Republican. If these Democrats get in, our country will be ruined.

Alex Foryan  
Landaff

## An immigrant's perspective on making America great again

To the Editor:

Through the columns of your newspaper, I want to express my gratitude to the citizens of Grafton and Coös County for a few simple things, but at the same time to raise awareness about few topics.

I want to thank them for allowing me, a first generation Immigrant to be part of the community. I lived in both counties and I do not think some people are aware of how amazing is to be part of this area. Their people, against all adversities, are some of the most brave and somehow tolerant communities I had the pleasure to be part of.

Diversity is not a priority in the White Mountains, but we need it.

Inclusion is not a daily topic, but it is necessary.

I know some immigrants that are still struggling to get by here due to the lack of knowledge of the English language, but we are still here to keep on going, showing the best side of our cultures. Some of us are trying to improve our way of living at home, some of us are trying to improve the State of New Hampshire ways of living by representing the less privileged down in Concord.

We do not need a wall, we need bridges. We do not need red hats, but warm hearts.

We need a minimum wage that allows not only our youth to stay in the area, but also to prevent our teachers and nurses

to get a second job just to get by or to get school supplies because the District will not provide extra funds for them.

We need a Healthcare system where everyone is allowed access to proper care at reasonable prices. We need free tuition education so we can attract more young citizens to move to the area but also to keep our High School seniors to work locally rather than move to another state like Florida or Colorado because they have more opportunities there.

We need to fight for our veterans. They put their lives on the line so we can go fishing in the summer, skiing in the winter, camping in the fall, four wheeling in the spring. It is absolutely immoral to abandon them to die in another personal war here at home.

We need to legalize marijuana and remove the stigma that this is a gateway drug. We can use the profits for education and find the cure for numerous illnesses.

We need to protect our planet. Climate change is here and is real. We have the privilege to wake up and enjoy the beautiful mountains and the refreshing streams throughout the year. What we call home every day for some is called a dream land that they do not get to experience like we do.

To my fellow immigrants in the area, let's help leave this place better than the way we

found it.

This is home now. But I am just a young immigrant refusing to move away because opportunities are not abundant. I am an immigrant that wants to make America great again. The real way. Mi casa es su casa.

Thank you.  
Sebastian Fuentes  
Thornton

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Sincerely,  
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Olivia Sarkis, Morgan Wagstaff and McKenzie Dennis are all smiles after the Engineers punched their ticket to the Final Four on Thursday night, defeating Groveton 56-45.



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Woodsville's Emily Prest closes off Groveton's Brooke Routhier from driving baseline in the fourth quarter.

## Engineers chug past Groveton and on to Final Four

BY COREY MCKEAN

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**NORTH HAVERHILL** — The fourth-ranked Woodsville Lady Engineers brought their best all-around game at just the right time on Thursday, Feb. 22, as the Engineers hosted the fifth-ranked Groveton Eagles in the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament where they trailed early, down 20-18 after the first, but their lockdown man to man

defense the rest of the way held the Eagles to just 25 points for the remainder of the game while Woodsville went on to tally 38, leading to a 56-45 victory and earning the Engineers a trip to the Final Four.

“First and foremost, Groveton is a great team. Their kids play hard, they are disciplined and well coached. To get a win over them is an accomplishment any night. I feel for their seniors, as they are tre-

mendous kids,” said Woodsville coach Russ Wilcox. “Our defensive plan didn’t sink in until the second quarter, thankfully we played just enough offense to keep it close. Emily Prest, Morgan Wagstaff and Olivia Sarkis had relentless attacks of the gaps, put constant pressure on the Groveton defense, and helped put some of their better players on the bench in foul trouble. Key shooting by Wagstaff and Mackenzie Kingsbury kept

the zone chasing just far enough to allow Sarkis to get space inside. Emily Farr was a huge spark plug off the bench, coming up with six points, two steals and the biggest hustle play of the night.”

The game opened up as a shootout as both teams penetrated the opposing team’s defense with ease, leading to the Eagles jumping out to a 20-18 advantage after the first. It was the Engineers’ shooting from outside that got them

going early as Wagstaff knocked down back to back threes to open up the game, leading Woodsville on an 8-2 run. Groveton responded, however, answering with a 9-3 run led by Nodia Davenport with five points, knotting the game up at 11-11 midway through the first quarter.

Back and forth both teams went trading baskets but it was another strong run by the Eagles that pushed them ahead 20-14 with

under a minute left in the first as Groveton went on a 9-3 run led by Brooke Routhier with a three from the corner to put the Eagles up by six. As time winded down, the Engineers tallied four points with Farr hitting a pair of free throws while Prest scored off a drive and finish as Groveton took a 20-18 edge heading into the second quarter.

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# Sports

## Late offense lifts Woodsville over Sunapee in prelims

BY COREY MCKEAN  
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WOODSVILLE

The fourth-ranked Woodsville Engineers girls' basketball team got a much tighter game than expected on Monday, Feb. 18 as

the Engineers hosted the 13th-ranked Sunapee Lakers in the preliminary round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament and came away with a 57-45 victory. The game was knotted up through the first quarter, 8-8, while the Engineers took a 23-21 edge at halftime. Woodsville went on to extend their lead to four points at the end of the third, 38-34, and in the fourth, 12-17 shooting from the free throw line sealed the win for Woodsville.

"This was our fourth year in a row against Sunapee. A really well-coached team with so much hustle and hard work. Poor shooting from the line in the first three quarters and lack of boxing out kept Sunapee in the game. Free throws in the fourth and consistent defense allowed us to put the game away," said Woodsville coach Russ Wilcox. "While (Olivia) Sarkis scored 20 points, her biggest contribution tonight was on the defensive end. She covered 80 feet twice to stop layups at times when Sunapee was ready to make a run."

It was a back and forth game throughout the first three quarters as Woodsville and Sunapee opened up the first both netting eight points. Sarkis went to work inside early, scoring five while Mor-

gan Wagstaff knocked down a triple from behind the arc. Cari Pierce led the Lakers with four points early while Abby Pollari and Miah Hamm both added baskets as the two teams went into the second quarter all tied up, 8-8.

A 15-13 scoring edge by the Engineers gave Woodsville a two-point advantage at halftime as they found a bit more rhythm on the offensive end with Mackenzie Kingsbury coming off the bench to add a huge spark, knocking down a pair of threes in the quarter while Leah Krull also played well off the bench, netting three points. Pollari had the hot hand in the second for Sunapee, tallying seven points while Fiona Nolan added a three to help keep the Lakers close, but Woodsville would take a 23-21 advantage at the half.

The game remained close out of halftime but it was Woodsville once again outscoring Sunapee, 15-13, to extend their slight advantage to four points. Sarkis continued to be huge for the Engineers, working hard on the offensive glass on her way to six points in the third while Wagstaff, Kingsbury and Eliza Cowell all added threes. Pierce and Pollari went on to combine for all 13 points for the

Lakers in the third as Woodsville stayed up 38-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

Woodsville closed out the game with their best offensive quarter of the night, registering 19 points with 12 of those coming from the free throw line. Wagstaff, Sarkis and Kingsbury all netted five points in the fourth while Emily Prest added four. Pierce continued to have an outstanding game for the Lakers in the final frame, scoring five of the team's 11 points, but it wouldn't be enough to get past the Engineers.

The Engineers were led by Sarkis with 20 points while Kingsbury added 14 and Wagstaff 12. The Lakers were led by Pierce with 18 points on the night.

Woodsville improves to an overall record of 16-3 on the season while Sunapee finishes their season with an overall record of 9-10. The Engineers advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament where they played the fifth-ranked Groveton Eagles on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Woodsville: Sarkis 20, Kingsbury 14, Wagstaff 12, Prest 4, Cowell 3, Krull 3, McIntyre 2

Sunapee: Pierce 18, Pollari 9, Hamm 6, Bennett 4, Nolan 3, Rowell 3, Durkee 2




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# Sports



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Littleton's Jasmine Brown drives hard to the basket and finishes between two Derryfield defenders in first quarter action on Thursday.



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Laney Hadlock comes up with a steal and goes up strong for two in the second quarter.

## Lady Crusaders cruise to another Final Four

BY COREY MCKEAN  
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LITTLETON — Another spectacular season and another trip to Plymouth State University to play in the NHIAA Division IV semifinals as the top-ranked Littleton Crusaders girls' basketball team punched its sixth consecutive ticket to the final four on Thursday, Feb. 21, cruising to a commanding 70-15 win over the eighth-ranked Derryfield Cougars during the quarterfinal round game. The Cougars had no answer for the balanced offense by the Crusaders as Littleton had four different players in double figures on the night in Jasmine Brown (13), Laney Hadlock (12), Maddie Dumont (11) and Lexi Walker (11).

"We came out with a lot of intensity and purpose tonight on both ends of the floor. The first half was probably our most complete half of basketball the whole season. We defended well, attacked their zone, and made the extra pass for higher percentage shots," explained Littleton coach Dale Prior. "Having four kids in double figures again and the fifth had eight, shows how difficult we can be to guard. The chemistry is really good right now at the right time and we are playing very unselfishly on the offensive end."

Littleton came out making a statement early as they opened up the first quarter erupting for 21 points while holding Derryfield to just four. It was Brown who led the Crusaders in the first as she penetrated through the Cougar defense on her way to scoring seven points in the quarter while Hadlock and Leavitt added four apiece, giving Littleton a 21-4 lead heading into the



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Madisen Dumont makes a nice post move and finishes inside for two of her 11 points on the night.

second quarter. Just as it seemed Littleton couldn't look better on both ends of the floor, they did, as the Crusaders tallied 22 points in the second while holding Derryfield to just three points, really putting the game away early as Littleton took a resounding 43-7 lead at halftime. Throughout the second it was Hadlock and Walker who combined for 12 points while Dumont added three, pushing Littleton ahead by 36 at the half.

Out of the half, it continued to be all Littleton as the Crusaders worked on getting the ball inside and it paid off with Dumont leading the way with six points in the third while Brown added four. Olivia Strong netted all five of Derryfield's points in the third but the game was already out of reach as the Crusaders

led 60-12 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Littleton bench cleared in the fourth where the Crusaders stayed consistent, get-

ting balanced scoring from their bench as Olivia Corrigan, Jackie Maker, Grace Webster and Kaitlin Horner all netted baskets in the fi-

nal frame to seal the win for Littleton.

"The deeper you go in the tournament, the harder the opponent will be. We know Woodsville

will be well prepared on Wednesday and it will be a tough challenge as they are very well coached. Plymouth is a big floor and we will have to continue to condition ourselves to play 32 minutes," Prior added.

The Crusaders were led by Brown with 13 points while Hadlock added 12 and Dumont and Walker added 12 apiece. The Cougars were led by Strong with five points.

Littleton improves to an overall record of 20-0 on the season while Derryfield finishes their season with an overall record of 13-7. The Crusaders advance to the semifinals where they will play the fourth ranked Woodsville Engineers on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Plymouth State University. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Littleton: Brown 13, Hadlock 12, Dumont 11, Walker 11, Leavitt 8, Johnson 4, Webster 4, Maker 3, Corrigan 2, Horner 2

Derryfield: Strong 5, Socha 5, Lemeris 3, Meschkat 2

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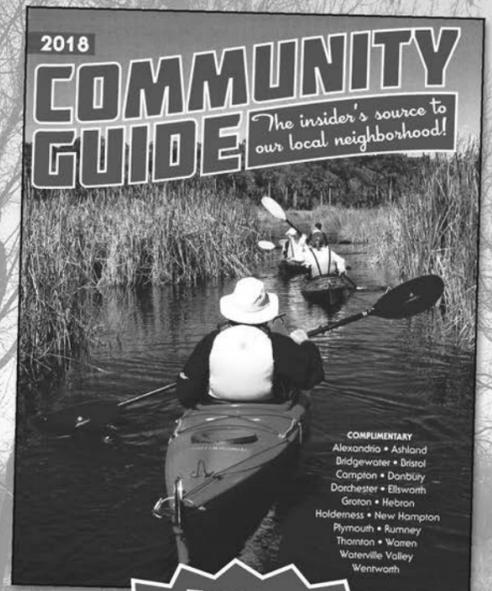
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Sports

# Top-ranked Crusaders cruise past PCA to open up tournament

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LITTLETON — The top-ranked Littleton Crusaders girls' basketball team made light work of the 16th-ranked Portsmouth Christian Academy Eagles on Monday, Feb. 8, during their preliminary round game of the NHIAA Division IV tournament as Littleton opened up the game outscoring PCA 18-4, setting the tone early on their way to earning a commanding 64-22 win. Littleton's Laney Hadlock had an exceptional night shooting, netting 21 for

the Crusaders to lead the way while Lexi Walker added 10.

"We came out very strong to start the game. We created turnovers, rebounded well and ran the floor for easy baskets. A little bit of a roadblock offensively in the second quarter, however the second half was much better," explained Littleton coach Dale Prior. "Laney with 17 points and Lexi with six in the first half carried us offensively. We took a lot of good shots, just couldn't get them to fall. They played a box and one on Laney

to start the second half and Maddie Dumont stepped up scoring all nine of her points in the third quarter.

"Our ball movement, unselfishness, and experience was a big factor tonight. Credit PCA for playing hard all 32 minutes and (Maddy) Trainor for them with 16 points played well. It's good to get the first playoff win behind us and take these next two days to get ready for Derryfield," Prior added.

It was all Littleton in the early going and throughout as the Crusaders opened up the game on an 18-4 run as

Hadlock couldn't miss from the outside, erupting for nine first quarter points while Walker tallied six and Gabbie Leavitt a basket. Maddy Trainor had all four points for the Eagles in the first but it was Littleton who led big, up 18-4 heading into the second.

The Crusader offense cooled off a bit in the second as they outscored PCA just 9-5 but Hadlock stayed consistent for Littleton, scoring seven points in the quarter while Jasmine Brown added a jumper. Trainor went on to net all five points for PCA as Littleton kept a comfortable lead, 27-9 at the half.

Out of halftime, Littleton would put the game away early as the

Crusaders outscored PCA 21-4 in the third to take dominant 48-13 advantage. A box and one on Hadlock opened up the offense for Littleton where Dumont was unstoppable, netting nine points to lead the Crusaders in the third while Hadlock added four. Trainor remained consistent for PCA, scoring all four of their points in the third, equating for all of the Eagles' 13 points in the game, as Littleton took a 35-point lead heading into the fourth.

Littleton would empty their bench in the fourth where Kaitlin Horner led the way down the stretch, tallying six points while Olivia Corrigan added four to close out the game.

The Crusaders were led by Hadlock with 21 points while Walker added 10. The Eagles were led by Trainor with 16 points on the night.

Littleton improves to an overall record of 19-0 on the season while PCA finishes their season with an overall record of 5-14. The Crusaders advance to the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament where they played the eighth-ranked Derryfield Cougars on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Littleton: Hadlock 21, Walker 10, Dumont 9, Brown 6, Horner 6, Corrigan 4, Leavitt 4, Webster 3, McKee 1

PCA: Trainor 16, Kohl 2, Walsh 2, Gerald 2

## Hinsdale simply too much for Profile girls

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HINSDALE — The 14th-ranked Profile Patriots girls' basketball team ran into a tough third-ranked Hinsdale Pacers team during the preliminary round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament on Monday, Feb. 18, as the Pacers ran away with a 47-16 victory over the Patriots. Delaney Wilcox led the way with 17 points on the night, leading Hinsdale in the win.

It was a tough night offensively for the Patriots as the Pacers lockdown defense held Profile to just 16 points on the night and only three points in the first quarter as Hope Drake-Duval tallied the lone basket for Profile while Carly Inghram added a free throw. The Pacers registered 10 points in the first with Wilcox scoring five while Megan Roberts added a three and Audrey Martin a basket, putting Hinsdale up by seven heading into the

second quarter.

A 16-3 second by Hinsdale put the game away early as they shot well from outside with Olivia Pangeliman and Wilcox combining for 14 points. Inghram tallied the only basket for the Patriots in the second, a three from the top of the key, but Profile trailed big at the half, 26-6.

Out of the half, the Hinsdale offense remained hot as the Pacers went on to outscore Profile 18-2 in the third, increasing their lead to 43-8, heading into the fourth. Hinsdale's Angela Nardillio netted five points in the third while Roberts added her second triple of the night to put the Pacers up big.

Profile continued to battle in the fourth, registering eight points with Sadie Young, Drake-Duval and Inghram all scoring baskets while Kaelin Fitzpatrick added a free throw. Threes down the stretch by Wilcox and Roberts went on to close out the

game for the Pacers.

"Unfortunately it didn't end the way we wanted it to. We had a game plan to force them to shoot outside but Hinsdale shot the ball really well tonight and we just couldn't get anything to fall," said Profile coach Brad Weekes.

The Pacers were led by Wilcox with 17 points on the night while the Patriots were led by Inghram with seven points.

Hinsdale improves to an overall record of 18-1 on the season while Profile finishes their season with an overall record of 8-11. The Pacers advance to the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament where they played the Lisbon Panthers on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Hinsdale: Wilcox 17, Roberts 9, Pangeliman 8, Nardillio 7, Martin 4, Steever 2

Profile: Inghram 7, Drake-Duval 6, Young 2, Fitzpatrick 1

## Second half offense sends Woodsville over BMU

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NEWBURY, Vt. — The Woodsville Engineers hoop boys are in good shape to lock up the four or five seed entering the NHIAA Division IV tournament as they picked up a win over Blue Mountain on Monday, Feb. 18, by a score of 48-36. With the win, Woodsville moves to a record of 13-4 on the season and were looking to cap off the season with a win over Gorham.

"We stepped up our defensive pressure in the third and caused some turnovers. We settled for some tough shots in the first half and in the second half, we took good shots, not forcing them. Corey Bemis, Patrick Reardon-Estes and Billy Green did a good job rebounds and limiting BMU to just one shot a possession," explained Woodsville coach Jamie Walker.

The game was neck and neck throughout the first half with Woodsville edging Blue Mountain 15-12 in the first quarter. Green and Reardon-Estes combined for 11 points to lead the Engineers while Tyler Burroughs kept the Bucks close, scoring

six while John Dennis added four as Woodsville took a three-point lead heading into the second quarter.

It was a low scoring second by both teams with Woodsville getting the better of Blue Mountain yet again, this time just 8-7, however. Woodsville's Brendan Walker found his range from behind the arc, knocking down a pair of triples in the quarter while Blue Mountain's Cale Crown nailed a three of his own but it was the Engineers who took a 23-19 advantage at the half.

Woodsville got back into a rhythm on offense out of halftime, creating some separation in the game as the Engineers tallied 13 points in the third with Connor Maccini and Walker combining for all 13 and Walker registering his fourth triple of the game. Burroughs continued to lead the Bucks, scoring three points in the third while Collin Punkerson and Josh Ottani added baskets as Woodsville continued to lead, 36-26 heading into the fourth quarter.

Blue Mountain continued to battle in the fourth, scoring

10 points in the final frame but the Engineers remained on top as Reardon-Estes sealed the win with a pair of threes in the fourth while Maccini added four points to close out the game.

The Engineers were led by Walker with 14 points while Maccini added 13 and Reardon-Estes 11. The Bucks were led by Burroughs with 16 points on the night.

Woodsville improved to a record of 13-4 on the season while Blue Mountain falls to a record of 9-9. The Engineers capped off their regular season on Wednesday, Feb. 20, and will await their seeding for the NHIAA Division IV tournament, which began on Monday, Feb. 25. If Woodsville wins, they will advance to the quarterfinal round, which will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the home of the higher seed. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Woodsville: Walker 14, Maccini 13, Reardon-Estes 11, Green 9, Bemis 1

BMU: Burroughs 16, Punkerson 8, Dennis 5, Crown 3, Ottani 2

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## Sports

## Panthers stun Mount Royal in prelims, 45-35

BY COREY MCKEAN

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**SUNAPEE** — The 11th-ranked Lisbon Lady Panthers traveled down to Sunapee to take on the sixth-ranked Mount Royal Knights in the preliminary round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament on Monday, Feb. 18, and they went on to stun the Knights, 45-35. Lisbon is a scrappy defensive team that was very under-ranked heading into the playoffs but their defense combined with the scoring of Graci Kaiser (14 points) and Chloe Houston (13 points), the Panthers

moved on to the quarterfinal round to face third ranked Hinsdale.

"Wow. Love the energy the girls came out with tonight. Aiden Jesseman and Sara Brown kept Alexis Matte to 11 points and didn't allow her to get off more than one three-pointer. Graci sparked our offense from the outside, which pulled them out and allowed for the pass on to Chloe. We had a game plan of staying in control and showing more patience and it paid off," said Lisbon coach Nikki Woods.

The Lisbon offense was rolling from the start as they opened

up the first quarter with their best scoring quarter of the game, tallying 14 points while holding Mount Royal to just seven. An early three by Kaiser forced Mount Royal to extend their defense and Lisbon would drop the ball inside to Houston, who had a big first quarter, scoring five to lead the Panthers to a 14-7 lead heading into the second.

The Panthers continued to roll on the offensive end as Kaiser knocked down her second triple of the night while Brown came off the bench to score four and Elena Veilleux

also added a triple. Matte kept the Knights close, scoring six of her team's 10 points in the second but Lisbon continued to lead, 27-17 at the half.

Out of the half, it was Mount Royal who outscored Lisbon 11-9, cutting the Panther lead to just eight points as Sophie LaRose led the Knights with four points in the third while Jacinta Hogan added a three. The duo of Houston and Kaiser registered all nine points for Lisbon in the third as Houston scored six inside while Kaiser nailed her third three of the game as the

Panthers remained in the lead, up 36-28, heading into the fourth.

Early in the fourth, Kaiser tallied her fourth triple of the night, taking all the momentum away from Mount Royal and giving it back to Lisbon. The Panthers struggled from the free throw line down the stretch, going just 4-11 from the stripe, but it was enough to pick up the win as Lisbon went on to outscore the Knights, 9-7, in the final frame.

The Panthers were led by Kaiser with 14 points while Houston added 13. The Knights were led by Matte with

11 points while LaRose added 10.

Lisbon improves to an overall record of 11-8 on the season while Mount Royal finishes their season with an overall of 14-5. The Panthers advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NHIAA Division IV tournament which was played on Thursday, Feb. 21, as they traveled to play third-ranked Hinsdale.

Lisbon: Kaiser 14, Houston 13, Brown 7, Jesseman 4, Veilleux 3, Burke 2

Mount Royal: Matte 11, LaRose 10, Hogan 8, Diebold 4, Fraiolo 2



COREY MCKEAN/THE COURIER

Olivia Sarkis comes up with an offensive rebound and goes up strong for two between a pair of Groveton defenders in third quarter action.

**ENGINEERS**

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made all the difference for the Engineers for the remainder of the game as Woodsville never let up with their stifling man to man defense, leading to a 13-5 second quarter. Kingsbury was a huge spark to start the second as she scored off a layup and knocked down a three from the corner, giving the Engineers a 23-20 lead with 3:45 left to play in the first half.

A layup inside by Groveton's Davenport brought the Eagles back to within a point but Woodsville would go on a 8-3 run to end the half as Sarkis worked hard on the offensive boards, leading the Engineers with four points while Prest and Farr added two points apiece, giving Woodsville a 31-25 advantage at halftime.

Out of the half, the defensive pressure by the Engineers remained constant and consistent as they held Groveton to just nine points in the third quarter while going on to register 13 points yet again. The Eagles were forced to extend their zone as Kingsbury and Wagstaff shot well from the outside, opening up Sarkis inside where she had a huge quarter, tallying eight points while Kingsbury nailed another three from the baseline.

Groveton remained close midway through the third, however, as Lauren St. Cyr hit a three early while Katelyn Desilets completed

a three-point play and the Eagles trailed by just five points with 5:13 left to play in the third, but Woodsville pushed their lead to 44-34 at the end of the third with Kingsbury hitting the three and Sarkis scoring off a drive and finish as time expired.

Groveton came out in the fourth applying full court pressure on the Engineers, which caused some problems early as Davenport tallied three early points, cutting the Woodsville lead to seven points at 44-37 with 6:02 left to play. Once the Engineers settled down and beat the full court pressure, they would cruise to victory as Wagstaff knocked down a clutch pull up jumper, which seemed to calm the Woodsville offense.

Davenport tried her best to keep the Eagles in it as she hit back to back jumpers while Prest scored off a layup for Woodsville, bringing the score to 51-41 with 3:44 left in the game. Down the stretch, however, it was free throws and easy layups by the Engineers, which sealed the win as Sarkis knocked down a pair of free throws, Kingsbury added another, and Farr scored on a wide open layup as time ran down, earning Woodsville the 56-45 win.

The Engineers were led by Sarkis with 18 points while Wagstaff added 11. The Eagles were led by Davenport with 14 points on the night.

Woodsville improves to an overall record of 17-3 on the season while Groveton finishes their season with an overall record



COREY MCKEAN/THE COURIER

Woodsville's Mackenzie Kingsbury knocks down a huge three from the baseline in the third quarter while coach RussWilcox and the Engineer bench looks on.

of 15-5. The Engineers advance to the semifinals where they will face top-ranked Littleton at Plymouth State University on Wednes-

day, Feb. 27. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Woodsville: Sarkis 18, Wagstaff 11, Kings-

bury 9, Prest 8, Farr 6, Dennis 4

Groveton: Davenport 14, Routhier 7, Lambert 6, Whiting 6, Desilets 5, St. Cyr 5



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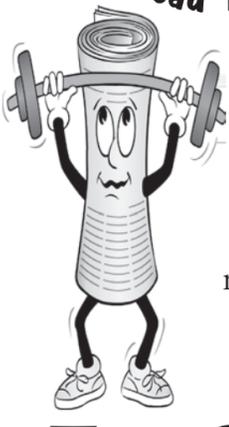
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## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

Preschool Stories, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Littleton Public Library, 92 Main St. Come read, dance, laugh, and learn with us in the Corey Children's Room. For ages three to five.

Baby's Morning Out, 10-11:30 a.m., Littleton Regional Healthcare, 600 St. Johnsbury Rd. A great opportunity for new moms to gather and talk about their experience as a new parent. Babies are welcome, of course! Meet in the Medical Office Building conference room, level 2 of Littleton Regional Healthcare.

Book Discussion, 11 a.m.-noon, Littleton Public Library, 92 Main St. "The Tie That Binds" by Kent Haruf. Set in the stark country of Colorado's high plains, this vivid novel begins in 1898 and covers 80 years of western history. In beautifully crafted prose — a rich, rough, vernacular reminiscent of Larry McMurtry — Kent Haruf brings to life Edith Goodnought, an enduring, undefeated woman who is caught in almost un-

bearable circumstances. Bound by love and duty to her crippled father and younger brother, she learns to survive with a iron code of service to others. Startlingly direct and with a moral vision and force the reader cannot turn away from, "The Tie That Binds" is an exceptional, award-winning novel.

Story Time with Barb, 11 a.m., Abbie Greenleaf Library, Franconia.

Come Play With Us, noon, Littleton Community Center, 120 Main St. Embrace the winter season. Bundle up and take your family and friends to construct a snowman of your own design on our lawn. Bring your own accessories or use the ones provided on the front porch. It's sure to be fun and bring delight to those passing through Littleton's historic Main Street.

Open House at the Lakeway School, 1 and 6 p.m., 325 Union St. Littleton. This is an opportunity to tour the building and find out more about

the condition of the facilities. Hosted by the Lakeway Elementary Communications Committee.

Medieval Week: Castles, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Littleton Public Library Children's Room, 92 Main St. Learn about castles, do activities and crafts. Best for ages seven and up. For more information, go to <http://littletonlibrary.org/> children, e-mail Mary Bingman, Children's Librarian, at [litlibyouth@gmail.com](mailto:litlibyouth@gmail.com), or call 444-5741.

Whatever Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St. For grades four and up. STEM projects, crafts, movies, and more. Homework help available too!

Upstage Players Audition, 6-8:30 p.m., Littleton Opera House, 2 Union St. Upstage Players is excited to announce that it will be holding auditions for its May production of "Shrek the Musical." Auditions will be held tonight and Sunday, March 3 from 1-4 p.m. Callbacks to follow on the 4th as

necessary.

Family Support Meeting, 6-7 p.m., North Country Serenity Center, 33 and 39 Main St., Littleton. Please join us for a meeting for families dealing with alcohol and addiction.

Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, Bowker Room, 120 Main St. The Littleton Community Center announces a weekly support group for caregivers and loved ones dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Friends, family and community partners will gather in the Bowker Room to share information and resources available in the local area.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28  
Yogalates, 9-10:30 a.m., Tannery Marketplace, 111 Saranac St., Suite 12, Littleton. Come check out a gentle, mindful stretching class in the Littleton Tannery Marketplace!

Medieval Themed Storytime! 10-11 a.m., Littleton Public Library Children's Room, 92 Main St.

For ages Pre-K to seven. Stories, rhymes, songs and a craft. For more information, go to [littletonpubliclibrary.org/](http://littletonpubliclibrary.org/) children or e-mail Mary Bingman, Children's Librarian, at [litlibyouth@gmail.com](mailto:litlibyouth@gmail.com) or call 444-5741.

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Creative Kids, 2:30-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St. For grades four and up. STEM projects, crafts, movies, and more. Homework help available too!

Weight Watchers, 4-5 p.m., Littleton Regional Healthcare, 600 St. Johnsbury Rd. Meetings held every Thursday in the

Medical Office Building conference room. For more information, call Carrie Way at 444-9000.

Zumba class, 5:30 p.m., Littleton Opera House, 2 Union St., Littleton. With Patience Marsh. Open to the public.

Preschool Story Time, 6 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St. For ages two to five. Stories and crafts for children and their caregivers.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1  
Winter Lapsit & Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Littleton Public Library, 92 Main St. Join us for bounces, rhymes songs, stories and playtime, especially for babies under 18 months of age and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome!

Let's Talk! Topical Discussions for Adults, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St. A different topic every week. This month: Friendship, Humor, Decision-making, and Stress.

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## ONGOING MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Please contact *The Courier* about any changes, 444-3927

### HEALTH RELATED & SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, Bowker Room, 120 Main St. The Littleton Community Center announces a weekly support group for caregivers and loved ones dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Friends, family and community partners will gather in the Bowker Room to share information and resources available in the local area.

Bereavement support group, 1-2:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tues., at North Country Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton; call 444-9221 or 444-5317.

Support Center at Burch House, ongoing support group for women and teens; call 444-0624.

NAMI support group for families living with mental illness, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday of each month, at All Saints Parish House, School St, Littleton; 846-5554.

New mothers' group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, every Wed., Littleton Regional Hospital; 444-9335.

Sight Services for Independent Living, vision rehabilitation group, 1-3 p.m., 2nd Thurs. even months, at Community House, Littleton.

### AA meetings:

- St. Catherine's Church, Highland Street, Lisbon. Wed. 7 p.m.; 747-2038.

- Littleton Congregational Church, M-F, noon (BB, 12 Step, speak/discuss) and Sat., 7:30 p.m. (speak/discuss) Wed., 7 p.m. (Big Book); 444-3376

- Methodist Church Parish Hall, Littleton, Thurs., 8 p.m., 12-step; 444-5567.

- Littleton Hospital, Sat., 8:30 a.m., 12-step study group; 444-9000.

- United Methodist Church, Woodsville, Fri.,

8 p.m., (speak/discuss); 747-3122.

- White Mountain Christian Church, 70 Reddington St., Littleton. Mon.-Fri., Morning Spiritual (read/discuss), 8 a.m.

- St. Rose of Lima Church, Littleton. Sun., 6:15 (beginner group); 7:30 (speak/discuss). 444-2593.

- Durrell Methodist Church, Main St., Bethlehem. Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. "As Bill Sees It", read and discuss.

Al-Anon meeting, St. Johnsbury Al-Anon 7 p.m., every Tues., Thurs. Kingdom Recovery Center (Dr. Bob's birthplace) 297 Summer St.

Al-Anon meeting, 10 a.m. Saturday Unitarian Universalist Church Cherry St.,

Al-Anon meeting, 6 p.m., every Tues. at First Congregational Church on Main St., Littleton; 444-3376.

Al-Anon meeting, 6 p.m., every Sun., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 18 Lancaster Road (Rt. 3) in Whitefield; call 837-2083 for more info.

Cloverleaf Drop-In Center peer support outreach, 3-9 p.m., Sun.-Thurs., and 1-9 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 241 Cottage St., Littleton; 444-5314.

Littleton Peer Support Group, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, 267 Main St., Apt. 4, Littleton, tel./fax 444-5344. We are geared around Mental Health and Recovery. To EMPOWER and facilitate groups. To give tools so you can be self sufficient. All programs are free.

Chair Yoga for Wellness, 1-2 p.m., Mondays, Littleton Area Senior Center. Appropriate for all ages. Improve flexibility, balance and ability to reduce stress. Call Katrina with questions at 838-2421.

Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, 2nd Wed. every month, 6 p.m., at the Ammonoosuc Community Health Center, 25 Mt. Eustis Rd., Littleton. Jackie 616-1468 or Steve 444-2464 X9123.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting, Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Franconia Community Church of Christ basement, 44 Church Street, Franconia, NH. Call 823-5292.

Weekly Blood Pressure Check, 10 a.m.-noon. At Littleton Fire Rescue/Fire Station. Free to the public. Walk-in clinic, no appointment necessary. For more information, please call Bill at 444-2137.

RSVP Bone Builders At Littleton Regional Healthcare

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Bone Builders is a strength training and balance exercise program designed to address the issue of osteoporosis. Classes meet twice a week at LRH on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at LRH, 600 St. Johnsbury Road, Littleton - Medical Office Building - take elevator to 2nd Floor! Classes are ongoing, so you can join anytime. The classes are FREE of charge and weights are provided.

Narcotics Anonymous, Weds., 7-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, Lancaster Road, Whitefield.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshops—"Better Choices, Better Health" is a free 2-hour 6-week peer supported work shop held each week for people living with chronic illness or caring for someone with a chronic illness. Connect with others who understand. Topics covered include nutrition, stress-management, exercise, and communication. Offered in Littleton, Haverhill, Berlin, North

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Littleton Area Historical Society, open Weds. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 2 Union Street, Littleton. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. 444-6435.

Bethlehem Heritage Society open June on weekends, July 1st to Labor Day, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for appointment during other times and winter months at 603-869-3330. Meetings held on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Dalton Historical Society, 7 p.m., first Thurs., at Dalton Town Hall; call

837-9120.

Lisbon Area Historical Society, open Friday 1 p.m.-3 p.m. May through October or by chance or appointment, at 6 South Main Street (Parker Block). Meetings third Weds. of the month at 6:30 p.m. Call 838-6146.

Sugar Hill Historical Museum is now closed for the winter season. Reopening on May 24, 2019 with new exhibition: Sugar Hill Quilts and Vintage Toys. Museum will be open Fridays, Saturdays, and holiday weekends, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., through Columbus Day weekend. 1401 Route 117 (Main Street), Sugar Hill. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, please contact Curator Kitty Bigelow at 823-5275.

### CULTURE & RECREATION

The Littleton Community Center hosts a family game night the second Friday of each month through April 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. Bring a game, bring a friend or just bring yourself and join us at Littleton's unique historical property to share and meet new acquaintances. Light refreshments will be served, and donations are appreciated. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Community Center at 444-5711 or e-mail [littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com).

Littleton Area Garden Club meets second Thursday monthly at 1 p.m. Membership open to men and women of all ages, from all communities who are interested in gardening. Please call 823-5459 for location and program details.

The Arts Gallery, 28 Main St., Lisbon, fine art of the North Country.

The Frost Place Museum, located at 158

Ridge Rd. in Franconia, is open from Memorial Day Weekend through mid-October. Visitors enjoy a self-guided tour of the 1915 home of Robert Frost, a short walking path featuring several of Frost's poems along the way, and a 20-minute video of Frost's life. The Museum is open Thursday through Sunday during June, and every day except Tuesday beginning July 1. Hours are 1-5pm, with extended hours during foliage season. For information on conferences, programs, evening poetry readings, and other opportunities at The Frost Place please call 823-5510, or visit the Web site at [frostplace.org](http://frostplace.org).

Catamount Arts films, 7 p.m. weeknights, Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Sat., 7 and 9 p.m., and Sun., 1:30 p.m.; 1-888-757-5559.

Littleton Quilt Guild Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6-8 p.m., at Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street. Guests and new members welcome. 444-5941.

North Country Toastmasters, 6-7:30 p.m. Now meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays at Bailiwicks Restaurant in Littleton. Everyone over age 18 is welcome to attend. Experience the success of Toastmasters for yourself! Visit their website @ <http://1431722.toastmastersclubs.org/> call 802-473-0120 or email [e.brisson@yahoo.com](mailto:e.brisson@yahoo.com) for more information.

French Conversation, 1st and 3rd Thursdays 4 PM, Bradford Public Library

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Photography Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1 PM in the conference room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St., Bethlehem, NH. The club is open to everyone interested in photography regardless of skill level. We meet for informal discussion, tutorials and photo critiques, and we schedule periodic field trips and nature hikes. New members are welcome. Contact docortim@wildblue.net for more information or find us at Meetup.com. Join us for fun, fellowship and learning.

Peacham Corner Guild opening for season May 5, daily 10-5, closed Tuesdays. Featuring small antiques, fine hand-crafted gifts and specialty foods. 643 Bayley Hazen Road, Peacham, VT. 802-592-3332.

**VETERANS**

Whitefield VFW Post 10675 meets at 52 Faraway Rd., Dalton, NH 03598 the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Rep. of State Vet Council available 1st and 3rd Fri., 8 a.m.-noon, American Legion Post, 4 Ammonoosuc St., Woodsville and 2nd and 4th Fri. at

N.H. Employment Security Office, Littleton. Call 444-2971 for appointment.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Dinner Bell Meal will be served at 5 p.m. every Tuesday (except July & Aug.) at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 35 School St., Littleton. All are welcome to this free community supper, which is sponsored by our organizations, churches and schools.

All Saints' Food Cupboard, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10 a.m., Sunday 9-9:45 a.m. 35 School Street, Littleton.

Friday night suppers, 6 p.m., at Littleton VFW, 600 Cottage St.

Littleton Conservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m., 2nd Mon., Littleton Area Senior Center off Cottage St.

The Outreach Center, an extension of First United Methodist Church, Littleton, at 16 Pleasant St., is temporarily closed but still houses an emergency food pantry. This building is an extension of First United Methodist Church. Please call 444-5567 for further information.

Ammonoosuc Valley Softball board meetings, 7-8 p.m., 2nd Wed., public session at Littleton High School.

The Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., held on 1st Wednesday each month, at the Littleton Area Se-

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Come Play With Us, noon, Littleton Community Center, 120 Main St. Embrace the winter season. Bundle up and take your family and friends to construct a snowman of your own design on our lawn. Bring your own accessories or use the ones provided on the front porch. It's sure to be fun and bring delight to those passing through Littleton's historic Main Street.

Medieval Week: Dragons, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Littleton Public Library Children's Room, 92 Main St. Fun activities and crafts about dragons. Best for ages five and up. For more information, go to littletonpubliclibrary.org/children or e-mail Mary Bingman, Children's Librarian,

nior Center. All meetings are open to the public.

Easton Conservation Commission monthly meetings, 6 p.m., first Thursday of every month, Easton Town Hall, 1060 Easton Valley Rd., Easton. For more information, please call 823-5755.

at littlibyouth@gmail.com or call 444-5741.

Friday Night Suppers, 6-7 p.m., Littleton VFW, 600 Cottage St.

Partner Pizza Night, 7 p.m., Littleton Food Cop, 43 Bethlehem Rd. This month's partner organization will receive customer donations collected at the checkouts and \$1 from every pizza purchased. The Partner of the Month program raises public awareness, provides education and promotes funding for local non-profit organizations.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

Story Time, 10 a.m.-noon, Abbie Greenleaf Library, Franconia.

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The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library need your help. Meetings are held on the first Thurs-

day of every month at the Bethlehem Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Your input is needed. You can be on the Board or you can participate as much or as little as you want. Help support Library programs.

L.E.G.O.S. Little Engineers Group, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Littleton Public Library, 92 Main St. Creative fun for children ages five and up in the children's room. For more information, call 444-5741.

Copper Cannon Buffet & Auction, 4 p.m., Elks Lodge, 42 Main St., Littleton. The camp experience can change the life of the lucky child who gets to take

part in a Copper Cannon adventure. New Hampshire's only free summer camp. Our goal is to raise enough funds for 100 campers to attend camp in 2019. This is only possible through the generosity of our auction donors and attendees. Doors open at 4 p.m. For tickets or donations, please call Copper Cannon Camp at 823-8107.

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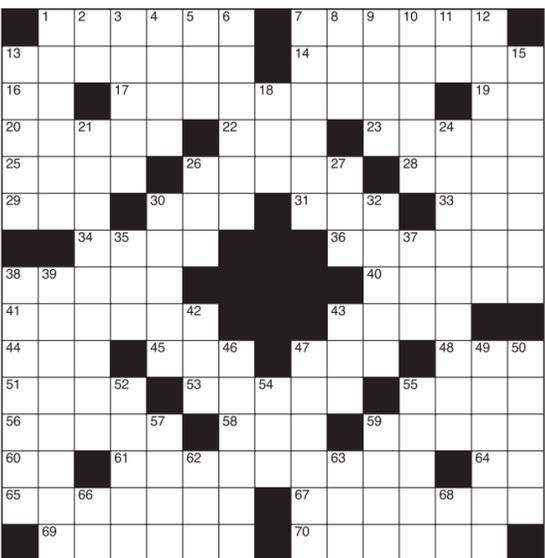
**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

All Saints Food Cupboard, 9-9:45 a.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 Main St., Littleton.

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**TAKE A BREAK**



**ACROSS**

1. Got paid
7. Sets free
13. Domestic hybrid cattle
14. Quality of one's character
16. Doctor's helper
17. Not holding back
19. Type of degree
20. Short but severe
22. 007's creator
23. Linguistics icon
25. Large integers
26. Upset
28. Former
29. Peyton's younger brother
30. An Irish dance
31. Title of respect
33. Small lump
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. The third sign of the zodiac
38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. A group of nine
41. Garment
43. Capital of Yemen

44. One point south of due east
45. Drain
47. Moved quickly
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Samoan monetary units
58. "\_\_\_ your i's, cross your t's"
59. Forms the bottom
60. Potato state
61. Toy that spins around
64. Barium
65. Type of molding
67. Closes again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

**DOWN**

1. Nix
2. Indicates position
3. Quantitative facts
4. Strong and healthy
5. Former measure of length

49. Suitable for crops
50. Red mineral
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point between two peaks
55. Late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Swiss wind
62. A way to chill
63. Jewel
66. Rhodium
68. The top lawyer in the land

**THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS**



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Bring your Family to a House of Worship

**BETHLEHEM**  
BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CENTER  
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Youth Group: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Steven M. Palmer

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Sabbath Services Spring through Autumn  
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Life Cycle Celebrations • Extensive Jewish Library  
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Call 603-869-5465 • www.bethlehemsynagogue.org  
Community Participation Welcome

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Apostolic Pentecostal • 869-3127  
835 Profile Road • Bethlehem, NH  
Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.  
Bethlehem Community Bible Study:  
7:00pm call for location  
Lancaster Community Bible Study:  
7:00pm call for location  
Visit our website for other activities and calendar of events  
www.breadofflifeupc.com  
Pastor: James F. Sullivan, (603) 869-3127

**DURRELL UNITED METHODIST**  
Box 728 • 869-2056  
Morning Worship and Sunday School  
for nursery through fifth grade at 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Aaron Cox

**NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
475 Whitefield Rd., Bethlehem • 444-1230  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m. Prayer  
Food Pantry: Every 3rd Monday 9 a.m.-Noon  
Office hours: M-T 9 a.m.-noon 444-1230  
Pastor: Rev. Jay Dexter

**DALTON**  
DALTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Located on Route 135,  
across from the Dalton town building.  
Sunday 9:30am  
Sunday Service and Children's Bible Class  
Sunday 8:30am Adult Bible Class.  
Wednesday 12:15pm Adult Bible Study  
in the back room of the Church  
Pastor: D Raymond, (cell) 802-535-8559

**FRANCONIA**  
FRANCONIA COMMUNITY  
CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)  
44 Church St. (Box 237), Franconia 03580  
Office Phone: 823-8421  
Email: office@franconiachurch.org  
Web site: www.franconiachurch.org

Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Choir Practice: Sun. 9:30 am, Thurs. 7:00 pm  
Good Neighbor Food Pantry Hours:  
Tues. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, A Lay-led Ministry

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHURCH**  
Roman Catholic • Main St., Franconia • 444-2593  
Mass: Saturday at 6 p.m.

**JEFFERSON**  
JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Meeting at the 100F Lodge on Route 2  
752-6215 • Affiliated with CCCC  
(Conservative Congregational Christian Conference)  
Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Weekly Bible Studies  
Pastor: Rev. Dean A. Stiles

**LINCOLN**  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
Roman Catholic • Church St., Lincoln • 745-2266  
Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Tues. 5 p.m., Wed. 8:30 a.m.,  
Thurs. 5 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Adoration: 9 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor: Rev. David Kneeland  
www.stjosephlincoln.org

**LISBON**  
LISBON BIBLE CHURCH  
Non-Denominational • 21 Woolson Rd., Lisbon • 838-6184  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Kevin D. McKeen

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**  
Episcopal • School Street, Lisbon  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m., and coffee fellowship  
Pastor: Rev. Noel Bailey

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School: (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
at Lisbon Regional School Library  
(Nursery, Children's Church up to age 8)  
Sunday Evening Study: 6 p.m. in private home  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:  
6:30 p.m. in private home  
Friday: SonShine Club (Oct.-Apr.) up to age 12)  
Pastor: Tracy Davis, 838-5138

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH**  
Roman Catholic • Highland Ave., Lisbon • 747-2038  
Lord's Day Mass: 9 a.m.  
Thursday Mass: 9 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Alan Tremblay  
www.stjoseph\_church@yahoo.com

**LISBON-LANDAFF**  
THE SHARED MINISTRY  
Landaff & Lisbon, U.M.C  
Lisbon Congregational, U.C.C.  
Meeting in the brick church,  
Main Street, Lisbon, through winter.  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. with child care  
and children's Sunday School  
Prayer Groups: As scheduled  
Bible Study: Weekly at the Parsonage  
Pastor: Rev. Lyn Winter  
838-5008 (Parsonage) • pastor@thesharedministry.com

**LITTLETON**  
THE ROCK  
35A Mill Street, Littleton, NH  
Satellite Facility of Bread of Life UPC  
Littleton Community Bible Study:  
Wednesday's 5:45 -7:15pm call for location  
Youth Group: Wednesday's 7:30  
Visit our website for other activities and calendar of events  
www.breadofflifeupc.com • 603 869-3127  
Pastor: James F. Sullivan

**CROSSROADS CHURCH**  
Bible-Based • 1091 Meadow St., Littleton • 444-2525  
Contemporary Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery care provided. Children's ministry and education.  
Bible Study: Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study: Every other Wednesday  
(check website for dates)  
Time for Women: 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Mark Clements  
Website: www.crossroadschurchlitleton.com  
Email: pastor.crossroadschurch@gmail.com

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Infinite Respect - Radical Hospitality  
35 School Street • Littleton, NH • 444-3414  
Email: allstlitleton@allsts.org  
Holy Eucharist: All welcome to  
8 AM and 10 AM services.  
Food Cupboard: 9-10 AM Tuesdays,  
Thursday; 9-9:45 AM Sunday  
Men's Breakfast: 8 AM  
3rd Wednesday every month  
Dinner Bell: Meal served Tuesdays  
at 5:00 pm from September to June.  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Friday 9 am - Noon  
Find us at <http://www.allsts.org>  
On Facebook @All Saints' Episcopal Littleton NH  
Rector: Reverend Curtis E. Metzger  
Administrative Assistant: Verna White

**FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**  
Christ-Centered - Contemporary Worship  
355 Union Street, Littleton  
WORSHIP GATHERINGS  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Wednesday: 6:45 PM  
Sunday, 10:00 AM: Mission Discovery for kids  
Adult ministries & Small Groups  
More information: [www.nhfaith.com](http://www.nhfaith.com)

Contact us: info@fbc-nh.org • Call: 444-2763  
Pastor: Mac Starring  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
189 Main St., Littleton • 444-3376  
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Email: fstcong@myfairpoint.net  
Web: www.1stconglittleton.org  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6-7 p.m., Al Anon Meeting  
Wednesday: 7 p.m., Big Book AA Meeting  
Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
18 Main St. Littleton • 444-5567 • office@fumclittleton.org  
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9-Noon  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery care provided)  
Supper Service: Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
Free Food and Good News!  
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LITTLETON BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(KY ONLY)  
Sunday School: 10 AM  
Morning Service: 11 AM  
Evening Service: 6 PM  
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
Dinner on Grounds: Last Sunday of month  
with no Evening Service  
Contact: Pastor Ed Small, (603) 444-2880  
Email: pastorlitletonbiblebaptist@gmail.com  
Web site: litletonbiblebaptistchurch.org

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH  
Roman Catholic • High St., Littleton • 444-2593  
Masses: 4 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

ELEVATE CHURCH  
Christ-centered, charismatic, contemporary worship  
70 Redington Street, Littleton, NH 03561  
602-444-6517 • www.elevatechurchnh.com  
Sunday Service: 10:00 am  
Kids church / Nursery Provided 10:00 am  
Pastor: Jim Anan

**SUGAR HILL**  
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Episcopal • Rte. 117, Sugar Hill, NH  
Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. in July,  
August & the 1st Sunday in September  
All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

SUGAR HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Non-denominational • Rt. 117, Sugar Hill • 823-9908  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Child Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Ned Wilson

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Join us in worship Sunday mornings  
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Services: Sunday at 9 a.m.  
Pastor: Aaron R. Cox

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27 Jefferson Road, Whitefield • 603-837-2469  
Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday noon - 4pm  
www.cb1816.church • email: cb1816@myfairpoint.net  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: (preschool - adult): 9:00 am  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday nights 6:30 pm  
Men's Breakfast: 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Circle: 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m.  
Outreach ministries: Friends-N-Neighbors Thrift Shop  
and Food Pantry, 837-9044  
Pastor: Rev. Greg Vigne

WHITEFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
3 School St., Whitefield • 603-837-8849  
www.whitefieldccc.com  
Please visit our website for opportunities  
of fellowship and worship and for updated youth and  
children's ministry information.  
Sunday Schedule: 10:30am Morning Worship

**WOODSTOCK/N. WOODSTOCK**  
CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH  
School St., No Woodstock • 745-3184  
Wednesday Service: 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Priest in Charge: Teresa Gocha

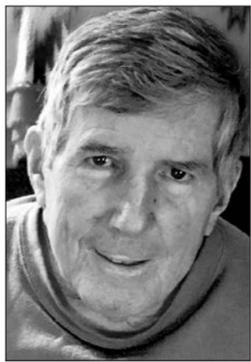
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Rte. 3, Woodstock • 745-6241  
(112 miles north of Exit 30 or 4 miles south  
of the light at Rte. 118 & Rte. 3)  
Wednesdays: Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Rev. John Muehlik Jr.

**WOODSVILLE**  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
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Lord's Day Masses: Sat. 5:00 p.m.;  
Sun. 7:15 a.m.; Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Sat. 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
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**ST. JOHNSBURY, VT**  
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Corner of Cherry St. & Eastern Ave.  
802-748-2442 • All Welcome  
Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Choir: 2nd and 4th Sundays  
Children's religious education program  
and childcare available.

## North Country Notebook

## Cougar and man, to the death, in the mountains of Colorado



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

People who keep track of news about all things cougar—mountain lion, catamount, panther, wildcat, puma, and so on—are likely to know about an incident in Colorado on Feb. 4, in which a runner survived a cougar attack by fighting back. These things, like an accident during hunting season, have a quick way of getting around.

Travis Kauffman, 31, said he knew something about a cat's behavior from watching his cat at home, and knew that the greatest risks were

being bitten on the neck or disemboweled by the cougar's powerful hind legs.

Investigators who went to the scene, along a popular 15-mile loop around Horsetooth Mountain, said that under the circumstances it was the best faceoff anyone could hope for: a cool-headed teacher who knew a bit about cougars, versus an immature mountain lion that might have been making its first attack on larger prey.

The mountain lion is native to New England, and the federal government has declared its sub-species, puma concolor cougar, extinct. Many people who live in the vast woodlands of northern New England and the Maritimes are not so sure.

In reporting the incident, Colorado Parks and Wildlife noted that mountain lion attacks are rare, with "fewer than 20 documented fatalities in North America in more than 100



COURTESY COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Not a "Here Kitty" situation: Male mountain lions (cougar, catamount, et al) can easily top 200 pounds.

years."

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After he removed his mangled arm from the dead animal's jaws, Kauffman ran three miles out of the park, where a passerby picked him up and took him to the hospital.

The operative phrase here is "ran three miles." Here's a guy who's just been mauled by a mountain lion, with chunks of skin and muscle miss-

ing and fang-punctures all over his head, and he runs three miles for help.

This put me in mind of Hugh Glass, the mountain man who in 1823 on the upper Missouri was mauled by a grizzly, left for dead by a fellow trapper assigned to care for him, and returned to the trappings of "civilization" to exact his revenge.

It also made me think of John Colter, captured in Yellowstone by the Blackfeet, released stark naked, and given a head start; and who then outran his pursuers even though there were several, and they could take

turns running at top speed.

Colter made it, too.

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Mountain lions, like other big cats, often kill by a bite to the neck, severing the spinal cord. The Yellowstone cougar never got a chance to do that. Instead, it found sharp sticks forced down its throat, and then Kauffman's hand and arm thrust straight down its gullet.

The experts advise people in cougar situations to back off slowly; to never, ever run; and if engaged at close quarters, to yell like hell and fight back.

Kauffman said he was "a little bummed out" to meet up with a cougar under such circumstances. "We had a little wrestling match," he said, before both rolled down an embankment and resumed the struggle.

Kauffman found a rock but couldn't wield it with the right angle and force to have much effect. But he knew, from playing with his own cat, how felines disembowel their prey—by grasping with their front legs, and using their powerful

rear legs to tear into the abdomen.

Ultimately, Kauffman was able to use knees and feet to crush the cat's windpipe. It took him a while to stop shaking. The incident won't shape his life, he said, and he'll be out there running again as soon as he's healed up.

"For the most part I don't feel any residual trauma from it," he said. "And I tend to like to move forward. That's kind of my personality."

Colorado Fish and Wildlife went to the scene, took measurements and pictures, and corroborated Kauffman's account. Adult male cougars can reach 200 pounds and more. Kauffman's attacker was a juvenile male of about 40 pounds. Kauffman said it was probably as scared as he was.

*(This column runs in newspapers from Concord to Quebec and parts of Maine and Vermont. See us on Facebook. Letters must include phone numbers in case of questions and are welcome at campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

## THE OUTSIDE STORY

### Just a random rock

BY DAVE MANCE III

Act One opens in a forest on the western slopes of the Taconic Mountains in southwestern Vermont. A man in his forties is walking with his former high-school geology teacher—a man now in his seventies. Amid the towering trees, they come across a VW bus-sized boulder, sitting alone and somewhat out of place on the forest floor. The rock is covered in moss and lichen and walking fern, and it glows green against the dirty white, late-winter landscape; it's obviously been there for a very long time. The two men begin to speak.

What is it?

[Uncomfortable pause] It's a rock.

Yes, I know. But what kind?

I'm 90 percent sure it's blue marble, which is the dominant rock type in this area. There's a small chance it's dolomite. If I had some muriatic acid, I could tell for sure—the marble would fizz.

How did the rock come to be?

About 550 million years ago, there was a great sea—what geologists call the Iapetus Ocean. You see the layers in this stone? Those were layers of limy mud that were deposited in the shallow ocean water on the continental shelf. Millions of years of compression turned the sediment into limestone.

Are there fossils in it?

Potentially, but not likely. The sediment contained corals and algae and sponges and bivalves and trilobites, but fossils are rarely well preserved when limestone changes to marble.

Coral sounds tropical. This was a warm sea?

Yes. Back then, proto-North America was in the southern hemisphere.

This was back in the dinosaur age?

No. This was about 300 million years before the big charismatic dinosaurs. The only life on earth was in the ocean, and even then, it was modest life. Animals



were just forming shells and exoskeletons.

So how did a chunk of sea floor get pushed up on land?

Around 500 million years ago, the plate under proto-North America moved east, and the crust under the ocean was subducted under the adjacent plate. The resulting volcanic activity produced a chain of islands, which ran from what is today Alabama all the way up to Newfoundland. Then, proto-North America smashed into the arc and fused with it, which formed much taller mountains. Geologists call this the Taconic orogeny—it's how the Taconic Mountains were born.

The way you described that makes it seem like the East Coast should be just east of the Taconics. Where did eastern New England come from?

There was a chunk of continent that had broken off of proto-Africa and was drifting around in the Iapetus Ocean. Geologists call it Avalonia. After the Taconic orogeny, Avalonia collided and then fused with the island arc, creating the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Some of the land to the east of the Whites is sediment that was pushed up during the collision. Some of coastal New England is actually part of Avalonia.

So, this was before the supercontinent Pangaea?

Well before. It took another 100 million years of continental drift before proto-Africa and proto-Europe collided with proto-North America to form Pangaea. At that point, the Iapetus Ocean disappeared. When Pangaea broke apart, parts

of Avalonia drifted away with Europe.

Wild. But getting back to this rock—how did it get here, to this exact spot, laying randomly on the forest floor with no other big rocks around it?

The rock was originally part of the bedrock, but the Laurentide Ice Sheet moved it and deposited it where it sits. For about 70,000 years—and as recently as 15,000 years ago—this area was covered in a blanket of ice up to two miles thick. The ice moved from north to south, grinding the landscape in the process. This stone might have moved feet, or miles, or hundreds of miles.

Can you tell how far it moved?

Not exactly, but it likely wasn't far. For one, it matches the bedrock in the region. Also, it's not scoured and rounded. The glacier was something of a big rock tumbler, so when stones moved a long way, they have smooth edges to reflect it.

[End of Scene]

Thanks to Ken Carlson for the walk and the refresher course. And thanks to Peter J. Thompson, co-editor of the Vermont State Bedrock Map, for filling in some additional details.

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Coffee and Conversation, 9-10 a.m., Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, 107 Main St. Join our Executive Director for informative, often topic based conversation in the relaxed atmosphere of the Chamber Welcome Center. Some weeks may have a specific conversation topic; others may be organic, casual conversation. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. RSVP requested.

Come Play With Us, noon, Littleton Community Center, 120 Main St. Embrace the winter season. Bundle up and take your family and friends to construct a snowman of your own design on our lawn. Bring your own accessories or use the ones provided on the front porch. It's sure to be fun and bring delight to those passing through Littleton's historic Main Street.

Grief Group, 1-2 p.m., North Country Home Health and Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton. Open to anyone experiencing a loss. Held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. No end date. All are welcome!

Zumba class, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Littleton Opera House, 2 Union St. Every Tuesday and Thursday with Patience Marsh. Open to the public.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Preschool Stories, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Littleton Public Library, 92 Main St. Come read, dance, laugh, and learn with us in the Corey Children's Room. For ages three to five.

Baby's Morning Out, 10-11:30 a.m., Littleton

Regional Healthcare, 600 St. Johnsbury Rd. A great opportunity for new moms to gather and talk about their experience as a new parent. Babies are welcome, of course! Meet in the Medical Office Building conference room, level 2 of Littleton Regional Healthcare.

Story Time with Barb, 11 a.m., Abbie Greenleaf Library, Franconia.

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Whatever Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St. For grades four and up. STEM projects, crafts, movies, and more. Homework help available too!

Family Support Meeting, 6-7 p.m., North Country Serenity Center, 33 and 39 Main St., Littleton. Please join us for a meeting for families dealing with alcohol and addiction.

Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, Bowker Room, 120 Main St. The Littleton Community Center announces a weekly support group for caregivers and loved ones dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Friends, family and community partners will gather in the Bowker Room to share information and resources available in the local area.

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Warrant for the 2019  
Annual School District Meeting**

To the inhabitants of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Lin-Wood Elementary School in Lincoln, New Hampshire, on the 19th day of March, 2019, polls to be open for the election of District Officers at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the evening with action on the remaining articles in this warrant to be taken commencing at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

**ARTICLE 1.**

To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2.**

To choose, by non-partisan ballot, two members of the School Board for a three-year term ending in 2022.

**ARTICLE 3.**

To choose, by non-partisan ballot, three members of the School District Budget Committee for a three-year term ending in 2022.

**ARTICLE 4.**

To hear all reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the renovation of the high school science room #130, and to authorize the issuance of not more than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. And further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of eight thousand three hundred sixty-two dollars (\$8,362) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

**ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the District will set the salaries of the School Board at \$1,000, the Vice Chairperson at \$1,250, the Chairperson at \$1,500, the Board Negotiation Team at \$150 per day, the Moderator at \$90 per meeting, the School District Clerk at \$250 per meeting, the Ballot Clerks at \$80 per meeting, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$90 per meeting, and the School District Treasurer at \$4,000 per year. The money for this article is included in Article 7. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of seven million eight hundred four thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$7,804,739) for the support of schools; for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid, together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, respectively, the balance to be raised by taxes by the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock in accordance with the formula adopted by the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District; and the School Board further to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock the amount to be raised by taxation by each of said two towns. This article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. The School Board recommends seven million eight hundred eighty-four thousand four hundred twenty-four dollars (\$7,884,424).

**ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board and Lin-Wood Education Association/NEA-New Hampshire which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASE
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2020-2021	\$130,462

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred nine dollars (\$138,509) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the flooring replacement project, including the Lin-Wood Elementary School multi-purpose room, as part of a multi-year project. This is a special warrant article under RSA 32:3.

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate sixty percent (60%) up to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the School Facilities Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Technology Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14.**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2019 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15.**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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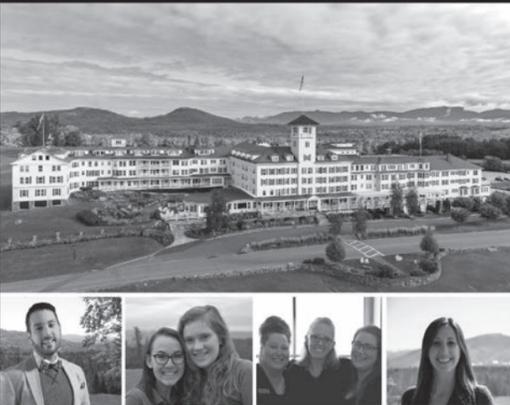
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The Landaff School District Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Landaff Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

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**LANDAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 11, 2019  
 5:30 PM**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Landaff town hall in said school district on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm for the purpose of a public hearing relative to the following:

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**State of New Hampshire School Warrant**

To the qualified voters of the Lafayette Regional School District consisting of the Pre-Existing Districts of Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lafayette Regional School in the Town of Franconia on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at seven o'clock in the evening (polls to be open from 7:00 P.M. until all have voted). Business meeting for consideration of the Articles of the Warrant will be called to order at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

**Article 01:**

To choose all necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

**Article 02:**

To hear the reports of Officers, Auditors, or Committees of the District and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 03:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$2,856,029.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District Officials and Agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This warrant article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

**Recommended by the Lafayette Regional School Board**

**Article 04:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established March 7, 2002 with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**Recommended by the Lafayette Regional School Board**

**Article 05:**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Luther Kinney, Chairman  
 Denys Draper  
 Christi Gignac  
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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLES**

To the inhabitants of the Landaff School District, in the Town of Landaff, qualified to vote in District affairs:  
 You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Landaff on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 01:**

To hear the reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Recommended by the Landaff School Board**

**ARTICLE 02:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$1,248,823.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

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**ARTICLE 03:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and One Dollars (\$10,601.00) for the purpose of extending the current Pre-School Program from half day to a full day.

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**ARTICLE 04:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Account established March 14, 1988.

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**ARTICLE 05:**

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