

# Littleton Chamber to focus on working partnerships

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LITTLETON—Business is about trust—between customers and owners, between suppli-

er and user, and between business and community. Making those connections, building those relationships, and facilitating a culture of pro-

ductive trust, is literally Jessica Bunker’s job. Now the Chamber director, Bunker came on two years ago with a

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# Tri-Town Transfer Station director calls it a career

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FRANCONIA—After almost two decades of dealing with whatever the bins dish out, transfer station director Greg Wells is calling it quits. He leaves behind a unique operation, a vet-

eran team, and a big pair of extra-sturdy boots to fill. Greg Wells was born and raised in Littleton. A 1971 graduate of University of Maine, Wells studied business and sociology, with a smattering of math. That’s

an oddly appropriate combination for a future transfer station director, a job which Wells says combines elements of industrial production and small-town public relations. Before he settled

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# One megawatt solar array pitched to Lisbon officials

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LISBON—A new megawatt solar array may one day take its place alongside Lisbon’s downtown hydroelectric dam, bolstering the town’s reputation as a regional clean energy leader. Project leaders pitched the idea to the

Zoning Board of Appeals last week. Founded in 2010 and headquartered in Colorado, Clean Energy Collective builds and operates solar facilities in sixteen states. The proposed Lisbon array would be their first in New Hampshire. CEC operates several Ver-

mont arrays in the two to three megawatt range. Residents could subscribe to the facility’s electricity, and receive rebates from their power company. Unlike a traditional house-mounted panel, residents can continue to receive credits if they move, so long as

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COURTESY

Sixth graders from Sugar Hill get ready to help Santa during the annual Sugar Hill Children’s Christmas Party, which was held on Dec. 19. This event began in 1892 as a way to bring the community together, as well as to ensure that each child in town received a gift. In the early years, that gift was frequently just an orange! This 125 year old tradition continues today, and children still get an orange! The Willing Workers Society of Sugar Hill has been a part of this Christmas tradition since the late 1920’s. Willing Workers has also donated to many local organizations over the years, such as the Bancroft House, Burch House, and the Littleton Senior Center, just to name a few.

# Early deadlines for the holidays

LANCASTER — The offices of the Littleton Courier, located at 79 Main St. in Lancaster, will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year’s Day. To ensure that our Jan. 3 edition arrives on local newsstands and in subscribers’ mail boxes on schedule despite this interruption in our usual publication schedule, the submission deadline for any press releases,

letters to the editor, and obituaries intended for the Jan. 3 edition has been moved up to Thursday, Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. Submissions may be dropped off in person at our offices or e-mailed by Managing Editor Brendan Berube at [brendan@salmonpress.news](mailto:brendan@salmonpress.news). Please note that any submissions received after 9 a.m. on the 28th will be held

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STAN HOLZ

The Mountain View Grand Hotel in Whitefield waited patiently before the big snow storm on Dec. 18.

# Riverside trail improvements planned in Franconia

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FRANCONIA—Civic leaders and recreational advocates are planning improvements to the preexisting trail along the Gale River, with an eye toward promoting health and safety. The trail currently runs about a mile on the Main Street side of the Gale. Rec director Kim Cowles has been energetically reaching out to landowners to get their legal consent for the trail improvements. Almost

to a one, they support the project, according to organizers. The trail will run past Main Street fixtures like Garnet Hill, Presby, the Ford Building, and Woodsville Bank. The trail will be extended behind the Ford building, past the gas station, so that it can bring people out at the crosswalk on their way to the Dow fields. Resident and former selectman Bob Montagno first approached the town with a proposal to enhance the value of

the Gale River, which he said was a huge potential asset. and underutilized. “It’s underutilized because it’s quite narrow, the ground is pret-

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COURTESY

# Riverglen House’s Stitch & Yarn Club holiday donations

The members of Riverglen’s Stitch & Yarn Club have been busy for months making more than 100 beautiful hats, mittens, and scarves for area children in need this holiday season. The colorful items were on display for the residents and staff to enjoy before being sent off to several Littleton area charities so they would be received by Christmas. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work helping children stay warm this winter!

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Local News

Whitefield, Sugar Hill officials testify against Northern Pass

BY GARRY RAYNO  
InDepthNH

CONCORD — Northern Pass attorneys have touted proposed construction agreements to address municipal officials’ concerns along the buried portion of the 192-mile, high-voltage transmission line to bring Hydro-Quebec electricity to New England.

But on Tuesday of last week, town officials from Whitefield and Sugar Hill said the five agreements Northern Pass secured with communities have no teeth and do little to address other concerns about the \$1.6 billion project that stretches from Pittsburg to Deerfield.

“The draft does not address a lot of the town’s concerns,” said Whitefield Select Board Chair Wendy Hersom at Tuesday’s Site Evaluation Committee’s adjudicative hearing on the project. “The project says ‘We’ll address what we want to address, but not what the town wants addressed.’ And there are no teeth, and that’s a problem.”

Attorney Jeremy Walker, representing Northern Pass, said the project proposed a draft construction memorandum of understanding, and the town responded with a proposal, but has had no communication since July.

“The construction schedule is not our big-

gest issue,” Hersom said. “In the grand scheme of the project, that is not the town’s primary concern.”

Whitefield officials said they would like to see the project buried the 10.5 miles it runs through the town. Burying the project would preserve the scenic vistas along all the major roads leading into the town’s center, they said.

Northern Pass would use an existing utility right-of-way with mostly wooden poles below the tree line, but the new large steel towers would be visible above tree line and along the main roads in and out of town, Hersom said.

Whitefield’s economy is largely dependent on tourism with the Mountain View Grand Hotel, inns, restaurants, helicopter rides from the airport, art galleries and the Weathervane Theater, she said.

The town common is at the bottom of three hills carrying the three major roads, Hersom said, and less than half a mile from the transmission line.

“There are some beautiful views,” she said, “but it is not the same effect with giant power lines.”

She said the town is also concerned about the effect construction will have on wildlife, the flow and quality of ground water and the environ-

ment. Under the Site Evaluation Committee statute and rules, a utility project does not have to seek local approval or meet local regulations and ordinances, although Eversource officials have said they will do their best to follow local ordinances without seeking local approval. “As a planning board member, the code we have had for 25 years flatly prohibits this project,” said Frank Lombardi. “If the goal is to do it properly as proposed, multiple criteria are not satisfied.”

The town is concerned about a \$10.5 million upgrade to its water system, Hersom said, with construction expected to begin next summer.

The system is old with fragile clay pipes and construction for the line would be very close to the system, she noted.

Walker, as Northern Pass attorneys have done with local officials, touted the estimated increase in the community’s tax base and what the first-year property tax payment would be.

He showed Whitefield officials the top 10 assessed properties, and said the project’s assessment would be three times more.

But Hersom disagreed with the top 10 assessed properties list noting one is a hospital, another

a bio-mass generation plant and neither are assessed property taxes, although they make payments in lieu of taxes.

And she said the town disagrees with the method Northern Pass’s expert use to determine its valuation. She noted the project’s tax payments will change over time, and in the long term its value will be zero using that method.

Walker took issue with Hersom’s testimony that any additional revenue from Northern Pass would be offset by abatement requests from homeowners near the transmission line. He said the project’s expert believes no evidence suggests the transmission line would diminish property values.

Hersom said Walker was talking about the first year, but longer term the abatements would outweigh tax revenues.

The town did not spend thousands of dollars to hire an expert like Northern Pass did, she said, but common sense says a hotel room with an ocean view costs more than one looking at a parking lot.

“We have all heard about the view tax in New Hampshire,” Hersom said, “a house with a pristine view is certainly assessed more than one with a view of the dump.”

Sugar Hill’s concerns Margaret Connors, a member of Sugar Hill’s Select Board, expressed similar concerns about the buried section of line through her community. The Department of Transportation closed a major road — Route 18 — this summer to replace a bridge, she said, along the same route Northern Pass would follow.

The impact to Heath’s Greenhouse and Nursery had a greater impact than expected as it lost drive-by traffic, Connors

said. The experience raised her concerns, she said. “I am much more concerned because of the hue and cry (over the project),” Connors said, “and how much more dramatic it would be.”

She said there are five to seven businesses in the area that would be hurt by construction.

The town’s two schools could also experience traffic delays not only during the school year, but with their year-round use.

Connors also expressed concerns about water quality in Coffin Pond and the Gale River which are adjacent to the buried line.

Counsel for the Public Christopher Aslin noted the amount of work that will be done — splice vaults, horizontal directional drilling and road crossing — and asked if the town and applicant had discussed developing a work schedule or sequencing.

Connors said they had not. There is no definitive route, she said.

“At this point, there is such opposition to the project, I hope it will not be built,” Connors said. “Originally, when we thought it would be under the road, we were not so upset, but now it is under the side of road along the river and private property.”

A warrant article opposing the project passed at the 2011 town meeting when an overhead line was planned, and the town has since voted to establish a Northern Pass defense fund.

“The town is 100 percent opposed to the project underground,” Connors said. “That has not changed at all.”

Attorney Barry Needleman, representing Northern Pass, said while the select board may not want to address its concerns with the applicant, one selectman, Richard Bielefield, has

written the project specifically about the tax impact, and Northern Pass has responded.

Needleman noted other towns have construction memorandum of understandings that would address many of the issues Connors raised, but the board decided not to engage in a discussion.

Connor said the board was not ready to enter a discussion and is not now, noting the language in the agreements with other communities is not binding.

“We don’t trust Northern Pass, and will not form any agreement before it’s approved,” she said. “We do not want to give any indication we favor approval.”

Needleman said the project’s expert estimates the 1.7 mile section of buried line would be valued at \$16 million and be 9.8 percent of the town’s property tax base.

Revenue is always helpful Connors said, but does not account for expected property tax abatements.

“We have no idea what would happen close to river and on private property,” Connors said. “It is not worth it to us. We’re against the project.”

Adjudicative hearings will continue Thursday with what is expected to be the last testimony before the Site Evaluation Committee, which is expected to close the record Friday afternoon.

The Site Evaluation Committee will begin deliberations on the project at the end of January and will issue an opinion by the end of February.

Eversource had hoped to have all federal and state permits by the end of this year with construction beginning next year and the transmission line finished by the end of 2020.

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copies of the book available for purchase. This program is free and open to the public. There will be light refreshments served. The Bath Public Library is located beside the church, on the common, Bath, NH 03740. For more information, contact the Bath Public Library at 747-3372 or e-mail bathlibrarykjb@gmail.com.

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— Brian Barry on his father,  
Daniel Barry of North Woodstock

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Board of Selectmen, Dec. 28,  
9:30 a.m., Town Office conference room  
\*Please note that this meeting will be preceded by  
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918 NH Route 118; \$320,000; Dirk K. and Amy D. Ott to Joel G. Coelho and Chelsea E. Dana

Franconia

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Five Questions

1. What historic document opens with the phrase “When in the course of human events...”?
2. Name the two rival street gangs in the musical “West Side Story.”
3. Who was the last president of the Soviet Union?
4. What popular foot race began allowing women to compete in 1972?
5. What legendary composer was the subject of the award winning film “Amadeus?”

Answers...  
1. The Declaration of Independence  
2. The Sharks and the Jets  
3. Mikail Gorbachev  
4. The Boston Marathon  
5. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

New Lisbon fire station  
would expand capacity

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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LISBON—Almost two decades of planning will be put to a vote this year. The Lisbon Fire Station Committee has completed its design, acquired a contractor, and calculated the costs to the cent. All that remains is persuading the voters to take on the project.

Plans for a new fire station first began way back in 2000. The town had trouble finding a piece of land that was just right. One proposed lot looked great, until they realized much of it was in the 100-year floodplain—a safety problem as well as an impediment to certain grant opportunities. The old Ross building came up for sale, but the town lost the bid.

The final design aims to fit the more-than-10,000 square foot station in between all the competing forces of space, cost, safety, and regulations. After considering four different contractors, the commit-

tee chose Franconia’s own Presby Construction. Committee members said that not only was their bid lower, but their close proximity was a plus.

Presby estimates a six-month build, so construction could be completed by as early as Fall 2018, if the voters approve the project in March. A comprehensive safety building, such as is being considered in Carroll, would cost on the order of \$2 to \$3 million.

“There’s no way the town of Lisbon’s going to be able to afford something like that,” pointed out Selectman Scott Champagne, at last week’s information session. Champagne is also a member of the Life Squad.

The driving force behind the project is the need for space. Fire equipment is getting better all the time, and getting bigger every year. The fire squad has had to pass on several good-priced engines because

they simply wouldn’t fit in the current building. Many surrounding mutual aid members have gear that can’t squeeze inside, limiting options during a crisis. Safety team members also have trouble cleaning, storing, and protecting their gear from the cold, and truck fumes, which currently pump directly into the station.

The lack of storage is costing big dollars: the town has lost at a \$25,000 heart-rate monitor, a variety of pump systems, and a whole collection of delicate electronic components throughout the station and on the trucks. The new building is designed to be as energy efficient as possible, although Presby reminded citizens that with four huge bay doors, there’s a limit to how tight it can be during operations hours.

The final bill comes to just under a million—\$986,543.84—and \$143.29 per square foot. The annual impact on the tax rate will be 80

cents per thousand in the first year, and drop by a few cents in subsequent years. For an owner of a \$150,000 house, that comes to a yearly charge of \$120.

At the same time, year after year, citizens voted to sock money away many times over the past 17 years. The final design incorporates feedback from 65 online survey responses and comments.

The new “command center” would include a fully-equipped kitchen (essential for working 24/7 in emergency conditions), and a meeting room capable of accommodating 49 people. The meeting room would be where local, state, and federal agencies base themselves in the event of a major crisis, but could also be available for local clubs and training sessions.

The building is expected to last at least 50 years—the current facility has been occupied for longer. Fire stations, it seems, are built to last.

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## EDITORIAL

### Advice to help you make resolutions you can keep

Christmas has come and gone. Wrapping paper now fills waste baskets everywhere and leftovers are still piled high in the refrigerator. There are gifts to be returned, or — gasp! — re-gifted. Thank you cards are being sent out by the dozens and our hearts are full with another year of Christmas memories. New Years day, yes we'll bring it up again, is here and resolutions are a fun way to celebrate the year to come. What will 2018 bring for you and how will you make it your best year yet? The idea is to make a plan and stick to it. In the United States only a mere eight percent of people are successful in keeping their resolutions. If you want to keep yours, we've provided a few tips.

Identify why you want to make the resolutions you do. The quality of our motivation decides whether or not we fail or succeed at any given goal. Those who change their ways because they think they should tend to fail. Their counterparts who find success do so because they truly want to make changes.

If you have too many resolutions, you could bombard yourself into not attaining any of your goals. The idea is to start small. If you want to become a runner, yet have never run before, going out for an hour long run everyday won't last long. Start with running or exercising two or three days a week at 30 minutes a pop. Easing into any change is the best avenue, because it allows you to slowly build your new habit. If you want to change your diet you'll need to change how you shop and how you cook.

If you get your money involved you could become more successful than you think. Studies show that individuals who have a financial incentive lost 14 more pounds than those who don't.

Have family and friends in on your resolutions. We all know the famous phrase, "strength in numbers" and the support of those around us has hefty benefits. If you have someone to work out with likely their motivation can pass over to you and vice versa.

Often times when a person fails or experiences setbacks they give up on their goals all together. If you view your goal as an adventurous journey and realize that persistence is a choice you will be more likely to succeed.

There are two types of goals, prevention and promotion. Promotional goals are hopes, or things we'd like to achieve. Prevention goals are things we believe we are responsible for doing. So your goal goes from "I'd like to lose weight so I can fit into my clothes better" to "I'd like to lose ten pounds because it is my duty to my family to stay healthy." Prevention goals tend to stick. When someone experiences a setback while trying to achieve a prevention goal they are more likely to get back on the wagon again.

Writing things down is another great way to make a goal easier to attain. To look at your progress can be a chief motivator.

In the words of Simon Newcomb, "As years passed away, I have formed the habit of looking back upon that former self as upon another person, the remembrance of whose emotions has been a solace in adversity and added zest to the enjoyment of prosperity."

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Passumpsic Savings Bank would like to thank everyone who donated to Toys for Tots this year at our Lancaster, Groveton and Whitefield branches, helping to bring a smile to children's faces this holiday season. We greatly appreciate it. Pictured, from our Whitefield branch, are Brigitte White and Branch Manager Holly Fortin.

## LETTERS

### Home delivery

To the Editor:

What a nice surprise.

A Happy Holiday Home delivery from Woodstock Inn. Lovely Christmas turkey dinner for two & fruit basket, prepared by staff and elves of Woodstock Inn. Delivered with the assistance of Woodstock Police Department, Santa's elves, carolers and Pastor Mar-

cus Corey. Made our evening so much more pleasant.

Giving, is what the season is all about.

Thank you all,  
Roli & Nancy Leclerc  
N. Woodstock

## THE OUTSIDE STORY

### Beech bark disease

BY JOE RANKIN

If you've ever seen chevrons on the bark of an American beech, you know you're looking at a tree that's been hugged by a black bear. And you've likely been impressed with the bear's climbing ability. And perhaps looked over your shoulder while you were busy being impressed.

But bear-clawed beeches aren't as common as they once were. The American beech, *Fagus grandiflora*, has become another member of the North American "trees-devastated-by-imported-pests-and-diseases" club.

Beech trees are still out there in the forest. But many of the big ones are gone, victims of the notorious beech bark disease. It's a one-two punch — a tiny scale insect bores holes in the bark and a fungus marches in and infects the tree.

These days, beeches in northern New England are all too likely to be small and stunted or to bear the ugly, puckered cankers that mark them as infected.



Beech bark disease "causes significant mortality and defects in American beech," write US Forest Service researchers David R. Houston and James T. O'Brien. It's a disease that has changed the role of the tree in the forest and undoubtedly had a trickle-down effect on animals that

relied on the tree's nutritious nuts for food.

The malady was already killing beech across Europe in the mid-1800s. By 1890, it had arrived in Nova Scotia, and by the 1930s was killing beeches in Maine.

At first, the tiny non-native scale insect, *Cryptococcus fagisuga*,

was seen as the direct cause of death. In 1914, scientists figured out that one of two European fungus species — now called *Neonectria ditissima* and *Neonectria faginata* — invaded through the wounds made by the insect and spread beneath the bark, weakening and eventually killing the tree.

Mark Twery, who researched beech bark disease in graduate school and later during a career at the US Forest Service's Northern Research Station, characterizes it as an opportunistic relationship. The scale insect's damage makes the beech more susceptible to the fungus. Later, rough patches on the bark created by the fungus, gives the scale insect more crevices to settle into. Twery calls it a "positive feedback" loop. It is a complicated disease, and that complexity has made it difficult to combat.

More than 100 years after it arrived, beech bark disease is still spreading across the continent, said Twery.

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Local News

Volunteers sought for Dog Park Comission

BY JUSTIN ROSHAK  
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LITTLETON—Do you love dogs? Do you have too many? Is it impossible to have too many? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, then you have exactly what the Littleton Dog Park Commission is looking for!

The hard-working, dog-loving members are already examining options, weighing costs, and generating priorities for the new park. The committee has already met twice since being voted into existence by the selectmen in the fall. Although there are many discussions and public forums to come, a few contours of the new park are already shaping up.

In addition to Pilotte, current members include Ron Bolt, Kayla

Ray, and Penny and Ed Zuck. Chairman of the select board Schuyler Sweet has attended meetings as well.

Engineer Jim MacMahon is ready to help with planning and building the park. He has offered to walk potential lots, and help coordinate with state agencies like the Department of Environmental Services. MacMahon has two border collies, high energy herding dogs, literally born to run. MacMahon said the park would give gods and owner alike a chance to stretch their legs.

“If the dogs need exercise, probably the owners do too,” he commented.

To that end, the park is planned to be convenient to the downtown, so that residents and visitors alike can walk

there—with or without their canine companions.

One promising location is the old, town-owned landfill property, sandwiched between the river and industrial park road (map 77, lot 63). Containing about 18 acres to work with, the landfill was fully sealed in 2004, is walkable from downtown, and has limited alternative uses. Another town-owned lot (map 82, lot 15) is just down the river and across Interstate 93, and includes an island and some 13 acres.

Part of the push for a permanent puppy park comes from the town’s recent adoption of a dog waste ordinance, intended to keep germ-filled doggy doo-doo off the athletic fields where kids of all ages play. But waste or no waste, dogs still need a place to play.

The park is planned for a couple of acres—enough room to run, and for humans to walk the perimeter.

The committee will continue to meet once a month as planning progresses, and then gear up to biweekly meetings as the design shapes up and (hopefully) gets rolling. The current plan is to meet the second Monday of the month.

Although organization, computer savvy and research and outreach skills are especially wanted, anyone with an interest should consider volunteering their evening. The more members they have, the more work they can get done, and the more voices will go into the final design. A Facebook group and link on the town Web site will be used for outreach.

“We want to be mindful of other residents who don’t have dogs,” Pilotte explained.

That means no dog park next to residential neighborhoods, and hours from dawn until dusk. Volunteers will police the park, which will include lighting, parking, and plentiful plastic baggies for—well, you know.

Some design elements that have been pitched already are: an open area, with leashed and fenced-in leash-free zones, some small trees with shallow root systems (so they won’t pierce the landfill beneath), and benches (perhaps engraved with the names of public-spirited donors, or the names of lovingly-remembered pets past).

A “Friends of the Littleton Dog Park” roll is

planned, and might involve \$20 annual contribution.

“There are a lot of dog lovers in Littleton,” said Pilotte, who added, “It will help not only Littleton, but all surrounding areas.”

Pilotte can’t resist showing off pictures of her labradoodle, named Chester Marcel Pilotte, who turns eleven this year.

She said that an opportunity to run and mingle was important for dogs as well as humans: a regular outdoors experience would do wonders for the mental health of pets as well as owners. A well-socialized, well-exercised dog is a happy dog, and happy dogs make happy humans.

Interested citizens should contact Sue, at 991 3207, or at [spilotte@townoflittleton.org](mailto:spilotte@townoflittleton.org).

BEECH BARK

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It has made it as far as Michigan, is headed deep into the South, and pushing north into Quebec, apparently destined to penetrate to every corner of the American beech’s range.

It is interesting that the disease has taken more than a century to get as far as it has. It’s been slowed not by geography, but climate, said Twery. The scale insect is mainly spread by wind, and the prevailing winds in North America are west to east. But, of course, sometimes they blow the other way. Think nor’easter. Birds have undoubtedly carried the insect on feet and feathers. These days, said Twery, the main long-distance vector is people moving firewood.

Twery said his initial research in forests in Massachusetts and New Hampshire showed that when the disease swept through

it killed off many of the bigger specimens.

But...“some beech trees are totally resistant to the insect and they don’t get the fungus. Some are resistant to a certain extent. Some are tolerant, but to different degrees. Some trees can wall out the fungus, so the necroses don’t actually reach the cambium and the tree stays much healthier,” he said.

Twery said he finds it fascinating that the tree’s response to the “stress and insults from this combination disease” isn’t just to give up and die. “Instead of disappearing from the forest,” he said, the declining trees send up root suckers that grow into small trees that are then disfigured by the disease. “The beech keeps growing. It gives you a lot of respect for the tree.”

Of course, a thicket of stricken saplings or even bigger diseased trees isn’t going to make the same con-

tribution to the forest ecology as a big healthy beech. The disease “certainly reduced the amount of mast in the northern hardwood forest... which has made it harder for animals that depend on hard mast,” said Twery. Bear, deer, and now, wild turkeys among them. People don’t tend to look as kindly on the species either.

There are organisms that prey on both the scale insect and the fungi, but biocontrols probably aren’t the answer. The scale insect is a tough customer, notes Twery. It’s parthenogenetic, so it doesn’t need to mate and spends most of its life beneath the bark. And chemical sprays aren’t practicable in a forest.

Modern genetics may help. Researchers have been working to isolate the genes that make trees resistant to the disease. This past summer a team identified “a single locus of

major effect contributing to beech bark disease resistance” which they reported “might be used in applied breeding, conservation and restoration programs.”

Twery notes that even “if you took people out of the mix and waited hundreds or thousands of years, those few beech that are resistant would likely eventually succeed and replace those susceptible to the disease.” That’s good news for the trees, though not much solace for this year’s hungry bears.

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### Franconia woman pleads guilty to Fentanyl trafficking

CONCORD — Cassandra Chandler, 25, of Franconia, pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute, Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley of the announced today.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on March 18, after an investigation of Chandler’s possession of drugs, law enforcement officers from the Franconia, Littleton, and Sugar Hill, New Hampshire police departments executed a search warrant for Chandler’s apartment in Franconia, New Hampshire. In Chandler’s bedroom, within arm’s reach of her bed, officers found approximately 48 grams of fentanyl.

Chandler is scheduled to be sentenced on March 29.

“Fentanyl and other deadly drugs are causing tremendous harm in New Hampshire,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Farley. “I commend the work of the police officers in this case. By getting this fentanyl off the streets, they may have saved several lives.”

This matter was investigated by the Franconia Police Department, with the assistance of the Littleton and Sugar Hill Police Departments. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna Dronzek.

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The Outside Inn will be open for business this spring in Twin Mt. New owners Peter and Kasey Nightingale purchased the property three weeks ago.

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Outside Inn slated to open this summer in Twin Mountain

BY TARA GILES  
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TWIN MOUNTAIN — A new restaurant and Inn is coming to Twin Mountain this summer. The cleverly named Outside Inn is slated to open three rooms this spring and the restaurant portion during the summer months. New owners Peter and Kasey Nightingale of Lisbon are both experienced in the hospitality business and are excited for their new adventure. “I grew up working at my parents’ restaurant in Gilford, the Christmas Tree Inn. I loved cooking back then and I’ve always enjoyed

throwing large dinner parties to continue working on my cooking,” said Peter Nightingale. He continued, “I plan on having a fun and inexpensive menu.” Peter Nightingale is a realtor for Keller Williams, and wife Kasey is in promotional sales at Tender Corp. in Littleton. Previous owners ran a restaurant called Northern Embers out of the old Inn, but did not operate the ‘Inn’ side of the business. The property consists of 11 rooms and suites. Nightingale said, “Eight of the rooms are smaller motel type

rooms that we will rework into five larger suites with a bedroom, kitchenette and a sleeper sofa to accommodate families.” The new menu is still in the works; however, among the new specialty dishes will be the Yard Sale Sampler (a sampler platter with buffalo wings, bacon & cheese covered waffle fries and sweet meatballs). The Hippy Hallelujah, as described, will consist of assorted veggie sticks with assorted dipping sauces. The ‘Titanic’ is an iceberg lettuce wedge with tomato and onion. For entrees, the ‘Britton Woods’ is thick slabs of Portuguese sweet bread lovingly hold caramelized onions with cheddar, Brie and Jarlsberg served with house cut steak fries. The ‘Boring Burger’ is described humorously as “a bun with meat

in between — oh, yeah, fries too.” For vegetarians, the Tree Hugger is a soy burger with all the veggies served with carrot sticks, celery and blue cheese dressing for dipping. Nightingale said, “The immediate goal is to complete an already started renovation on three of the rooms to have them ready for rental in the spring. We will use the Kickstarter funds to help with materials for those rooms as well as updating and repairing the kitchen. Once the three rooms and restaurant are up and running the income will go to renovate the remaining rooms prior to next ski season.” As for long term goals, Nightingale said, “We would also like to set up a few vintage campers in the back of the property as additional rental units. I

think the location is ideal being only five miles from Bretton Woods. As far as restaurants go you have Stickneys which is pretty high end price wise and Fabyans. The next closest restaurant is Rosa’s in Bethlehem. I think the area could really use a fun place where you can get a burger and a beer for \$10 after skiing or hiking all day.” As for renovations, Nightingale has experience, explaining that “I’ve renovated a number of houses, so I’m pretty confident I can do the work to renovate the property but my fear is without a little help from the Kickstarter campaign it may take too long to fund the kitchen renovation and I would really want to get the ‘pub’ opened this summer.” As for raising funds via Kickstarter, Nightingale explained, “I understand most people don’t want to just donate to a business as opposed to a cause, so I’ve tried to make the rewards on the campaign similar to pre-buying your first

meal or room rental so backers are getting a good deal. Everyone who backs the Inn will also be invited to a complimentary dinner party just for backers before the grand opening.” Many in the area have hopes to revitalize the once booming small town. While Bretton Woods is an entity all its own, the little town of Twin Mountain has become barren over the years. “It makes me sad every time I drive through Twin and see all of the rundown and closed properties. I think by revitalizing one of those properties I could hopefully be a part of a new wave of local improvement. The whole Crawford Notch and Franconia Notch area has such amazing outdoor activities that this area should be thriving,” said Nightingale. If you would like to donate to the Kickstarter campaign search the Outside Inn on Kickstarter.com. The Nightingales are hoping to raise \$15,000 within 55 days.

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Local News

# Littleton leases 14 new parking spots for \$1

**BY JUSTIN ROSHAK**  
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LITTLETON—Winter parking woes will soon be alleviated by the addition of a new 14-space public parking lot in the downtown.

Union Bank, which is headquartered in Morrisville, Vermont, agreed to lease the spaces for just \$1, a remarkable donation to a town where parking headaches are a fixture of town meetings.

The spots are accessible from Clay Street, a few hundred feet from Main, and are located in the second, ‘upper’ lot, after the turn up the hill.

Littleton will be responsible for plowing, sweeping, and maintaining the lot, and will install signage. The town

pays about \$1,000 per year for parking behind Mascoma Bank, according to police chief Paul Smith.

The one-year lease was signed just after the arrival of free public parking along Main Street, a tradition signaled by the cherry-red bags placed over the meters. Begun during the financial crisis of 2007-08, free holiday parking is aimed at boosting the appeal of Main Street during the busy midwinter shopping season.

In addition to a regular topic of public discussion, parking is a big-dollar issue in crowded, busy Littleton.

Littleton police collected just under \$42,000 in meter fees last year, in addition to a little

over \$19,000 in parking and meter violations. The funds are used to pay the parking attendant and develop new parking spaces.

So Littleton is leaving some money on the table—hundreds, maybe thousands—by closing its meters for the holidays. Still, business leaders and chamber director Jess Bunker say the free parking spaces provide visitors with a welcoming experience that pays for itself.

The addition of 14 new spots may soothe tempers over the loss of some eight spots on Mill Street which the selectmen designated ‘no parking’ this fall. While people had parked there (illegally) for years, town manager Andrew

Dorsett was concerned about safety during construction at Schilling. Over the summer, the placement of concrete barriers along Mill resulted in a human rights complaint (re: disability accessibility) to the state, which agency officials said could produce

a lawsuit sometime next year.

Dorsett has also proposed one-way driving on uphill streets on the north side of Main Street, which he said would improve safety for plows and school buses, and open new space for one-side parking.

As always, the continued travails of parking in the downtown are a symptom of a welcome trend: a busy Main Street and an attractive town center. Annoying, to be sure, but a small price to pay—and now, less of a burden than before.

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Local News

# Upstage Players announce auditions for “The Actor’s Nightmare”

LITTLETON — Upstage Players community theatre will be holding auditions for its February production of “The Actor’s Nightmare: An Evening of Short Comedies.” Auditions will be held at the Littleton Opera House on Wednesday, Jan. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m and Sunday, Jan. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. Callbacks to follow on the 7th if necessary.

The evening of plays

will include three short one act plays: “The Actor’s Nightmare,” by Christopher Durang; “A Play with Words” by Peter Bloedel; and “The Audition” by Don Zolidis. The three short plays all center on the theme of creating theatre and offer a comical inside look at some of the complications of bringing theatre to life. At least one of the plays is specifically structured to cast teens

and the goal is to offer an educational introduction to young people interested in taking part in the theatre beyond their school programs. There are many roles for men and women of all ages.

“The Actor’s Nightmare” will be directed by newcomer to Upstage, Becky Cummings. “A Play with Words” will be directed by Stephen Cote as part of a mentoring program and “The Au-

dition” will be directed by Upstage actress and choreographer Madalyn Sheehy. Interested actors are encouraged to audition for this very actor driven piece. Actors may be cast in more than one piece.

Actors should prepare a short monologue or poem from contemporary theater repertoire. Actors may also read from the script.

Upstage is always

looking for stage managers, tech help, props and costumes, and many different volunteers for projects. Please contact us at upartistic@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved but don’t want to be on the stage.

The show will rehearse and perform at the Littleton Opera House. Rehearsals will begin January 10, and will take place most

Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons. Performance dates are Feb. 9,10,11,16,17, & 18.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/upstageplayersnh, our Web site at www.upstageplayersnh.org or contact Andrew Lidestri at upartistic@gmail.com / 323-397-8652.

## Golittleton.com launches new Web site for local high school sports

LITTLETON — Golittleton.com, the Web site all about Littleton, has launched a new section featuring local high school sports. www.Golittleton.com/sports is the new Web page that was developed and managed by a Littleton High School student interning at Notchnet this year. This online sports page reports the Littleton High School Varsity scores and highlights from weekly sporting

events.

GoLittleton.com/sports is a resource that can be used by Littleton residents and those of the surrounding area to follow the Littleton High School sports news, scores, and highlights. The goal of the sports page is to keep the public informed about the ongoing sporting events at Littleton High School, featuring game schedules, past scores, pictures,

and various highlights. The GoLittleton.com team will follow the different sports for the school season throughout the year.

The sports page on Golittleton.com is managed and updated by a Notchnet Intern participating in the Hugh J. Gallen Career and Technical Center Internship Program. The Internship program, started in 2006, places LHS students at local busi-

nesses to gain skills and work experience. This year, the CTC program has 24 students participating around the local area.

“An internship provides the opportunity for students to be in an environment that is real and has meaning as they plan their future,” says Internship Program Director, Connie Ward.

“We look forward to growing this new sport

section on the website and hope to make it the popular go-to local sports resource for the town,” states Veronica Francis, owner of Golittleton.com. Golittleton.com is visited daily by more than 350 users checking local events, job listings and the weather. The site is mobile friendly and supported by local businesses who regularly advertise on the website.

The Littleton High School basketball season kicked off Dec. 1, and the scores and highlights will be updated every week. Make sure to visit Golittleton.com/sports to remain current in all Littleton High School sports news, highlights, and scores. For more information, visit Golittleton.com or contact Notchnet at 444-0700 or email info@golittleton.com.



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Emily Kostruba – Social Studies and Math  
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Mya Pushee - Social Studies  
Delaney Smith - English Language Arts

**High Honors**  
Hillary Deschamps- Habits of a Learner, Science, Social Studies, Math and English Language Arts

**Grade 8 Honors**  
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Scott Berry—Social Studies  
Kelly Ford- Social Studies

**Studies**  
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# Grafton County Farm Service Agency announces Emergency Conservation Program sign-up

REGION — High winds, heavy rains, and flooding that occurred on Oct. 29 has caused severe damage in some areas of the county. Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Grafton County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would: be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is, or will be, needed to return the land to productive agricultural use is unusual, and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area affect the productive capacity of the farmland impair or endanger the land

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland
- grading, shaping, or re-leveling severely damaged farmland
- restoring permanent fences
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installations
- restoring or replacing maple taps and tubing

Producers who may have suffered losses from the heavy rain, flood, high wind event that took place on Oct. 29 may contact the Grafton County Farm Service Agency office and request assistance. The sign-up period is from Dec. 26 to Jan. 26.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed
- the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an on-site inspection of the damaged area
- the agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc., required for rehabilitation.

For more information about ECP, please contact the Grafton County FSA office at 353-4650 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/nh](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh).



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Local News

# Littleton Area Chamber now accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year

LITTLETON — It is that time of year when we have the privilege of receiving nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards presented by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC). Beginning with its Annual Meeting in January 1969, LACC instituted a recognition of

outstanding contributions to community life by an individual known as the “Citizen of the Year.” Your nomination should be an individual with outstanding citizenship in the Littleton community, with exemplary vision, pride and commitment to the betterment of society or to have performed an unselfish act

for the Town or have a record of personal service. This award is a great way to recognize an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service of our community. Beginning in 2017, LACC instituted another annual recognition, Volunteer of the Year. Volunteers are the cornerstone of our

Chamber and are vital in the communities in which they live, work and play. Nominate someone you admire for their tireless volunteering service to Littleton and the surrounding area and help us recognize the efforts of a hardworking individual who stands out as an example of extraordinary dedication.

For nomination forms, visit [www.littletonareachamber.com](http://www.littletonareachamber.com) or stop by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 107 Main St., Littleton, NH 03561. Please submit nominations no later than Jan. 5, 2018 online at <http://business.littletonareachamber.com/events/details/annual-dinner>. The Littleton Area

Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that strives to work with both members and the community on social and economic development. For more information, please contact the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce at 444-6561 or at [www.littletonareachamber.com](http://www.littletonareachamber.com).

# ServiceLink to offer free Medicare counseling

LANCASTER — A ServiceLink representative will be at the Weeks Physicans Office on the bottom floor to offer free and confidential Medicare counseling to beneficiaries on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Common questions about Medicare include how early retirement might impact eligibility


for Medicare benefits, enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug plan and spousal coverage for insurance. Walk-ins are welcome, and no appointment is required. Medicare counseling is held in Lancaster on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information or to make an appointment call Ser-

viceLink Program Manager, Paul Robitaille at 752-6407. The Coös County ServiceLink Resource Center is located at 610 Sullivan St. in Berlin, and open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment at the Berlin office, call 752-6407. Coös County Aging

& Disability Resource Counseling at ServiceLink served more than 4,766 contacts with detailed information about benefits, programs, and resources with over \$138,288 in saving to clients in Coös County. That included 675 Medicare and 614 Medicaid contacts, where our highly skilled staff is able to help people navigate their way through the confusing decisions about benefits and eligibility, in order to make the best deci-

sions possible for themselves. Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc is dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of New Hampshire’s people and communities. We provide opportunities and support for people to learn and grow in self-sufficiency and to get involved in helping their neighbors and improving the conditions

in their communities. Tri-County CAP is a nonprofit, multi-program agency with many projects and service locations. If you are unable to find the information you need about TCCAP or any of its programs on our Web site, [tccap.org](http://tccap.org), or please call our Central Office in Berlin at 752-7001, or call one of our community contact centers located throughout northern New Hampshire. [www.tccap.org](http://www.tccap.org).




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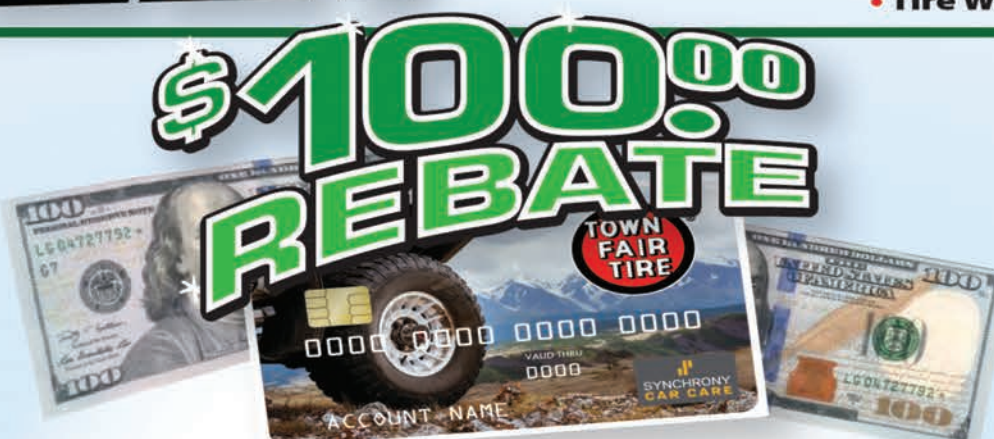
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# Balsams Resort re-development takes major step forward on financing

*Project's lead lender submits application to NH Business Finance Authority*

DIXVILLE — The Balsams Resort redevelopment has taken a significant step forward on financing, just weeks after announcing it has received pre-sale deposits representing more than \$26 million of real estate. The project's lead lender, Service Credit Union ("SCU"), has applied to the New Hampshire Business Finance Authority (NH BFA) for consideration of a state-backed guarantee on the credit union's \$28 million loan to the development.

The NH BFA credit enhancement is an integral component of the Balsams' proposed \$170 million renovation and expansion of the iconic Dixville Notch resort. The consideration of this credit enhancement was enabled by the passage of Senate Bill 30 in 2015, which allows for the creation of a tax assessment district in Dixville, whereby property taxes paid on all future Balsams' real estate components will service the SCU loan.

"With the majority of our permits in hand, and more than \$26 million worth of potential real estate sales under deposit, it is exciting to take the Balsams' rebirth to this next, critically important level," said Les

Otten, the project's lead developer. "Enhancing our credit through the NH BFA was one of the first recommendations proposed by the NH Division of Resources and Economic Development when they pledged to support the Balsams' redevelopment years ago. We look forward to working with Service Credit Union and the NH BFA during the review process."

Otten added that it is important to note that neither the State of New Hampshire, nor the NH BFA, are being asked to provide funds. Service Credit Union is issuing the \$28 million loan, based on its independently-conducted diligence and underwriting process. The NH BFA's review and analysis will result in whether to recommend the application, and thereby the project's overall viability, to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will then consider and vote on the NH BFA's recommendation.

Otten said the Balsams is very pleased to be working with Service Credit Union, a New Hampshire-headquartered institution with solid experience in the resort arena, having recently provided a construction facility loan

for the development of RiverWalk at Loon Mountain in Lincoln.

Included in the NH BFA application are a work force study commissioned by PolEcon Research and an appraisal/feasibility study by CBRE Hotels on the value of the improvements that will be made to the Balsams' property, and the overall feasibility of the redevelopment plan presented.

The work force study concludes that there is sufficient available labor in the region to meet the staffing needs of the redeveloped Balsams Resort. It determined that the project will have a positive impact on workers in the region and provide a number of public benefits, including:

Putting people to work – The Balsams Resort will increase the size of Coös County's labor force and raise the below-average labor force participation rate, especially among younger, working-age residents.

Job diversity – The Balsams Resort will create 600 construction jobs during Phase 1. Once operational, the Balsams Resort will employ roughly 400 people with the potential of creating more than 1,500 jobs once the build-out is complete, as well as indirect jobs in the communities around Dixville.

Good wages – Wages

will average more than \$17 per hour and the median wages are above the median for all of Coös County.

The CBRE study states, "Based on the detailed market analysis performed herein, there is absolutely no question that a market exists for the creation and operation of an upper upscale/luxury, four-season resort on the grounds of the subject property. Equally important to note is that there is sound reason to believe that the for-sale real estate components as contemplated herein as part of Phase 1A and 1B, will be received well in the marketplace."

In addition to SCU's \$28 million loan, the project's contemplated financial structure includes developer equity, preferred equity, construction debt, an EB-5 investment as well as equipment lease financing relating to the ski expansion.

The Balsams' first phase will include renovating the historic Hampshire and Hale Houses, reconstructing the historic 1866 Dix House and building a new Lake Gloriette House Hotel and Conference Center, Nordic Baths and Spa, Marketplace, and an expanded ski area. Construction in the Balsams' village may proceed independently from work on the ski area.

The Balsams' project has been rigorously reviewed by various local, state and federal agencies and has received the following legislative and permitting approvals:

May 2015 – The NH Legislature passed, and Governor Hassan signed SB 30, allowing the NH Business Finance Authority to consider a \$28 million loan guarantee for the project's redevelopment district.

July 2015 - NHDES – 401 Water Quality Certificate to withdraw water from the Androscoggin River for snowmaking

November 2015 - Coos County Planning Board and Delegation - zoning amendment approvals

December 2015 - Coos County Planning Board - Planned Unit Development approval

December 2015 - NHDES - Wetland Permit

December 2015 – U.S. Army Corps Permit

June 2016 – Coos County Planning Board – Hampshire and Dix House Site Plan and Subdivision Approval

June 2016 – NH DES – Shoreland Impact Permit

July 2017 – NH DOT – Driveway Permit

August 2017 – Coos County Planning Board – Amended Hampshire and Dix House Condominium Site Plan approval

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**About the Balsams redevelopment**

The Balsams' redevelopment proposal includes reconstructing the historic Dix House, and renovating the historic Hampshire and Hale Houses, as well as restoring the acclaimed Panorama golf course and clubhouse designed by pioneering golf course architect Donald J. Ross. The Balsams' Lake Village, which will encompass the Dix and Hampshire Houses, will feature a new Lake Gloriette House hotel, a 600-seat conference center, Nordic baths and spa, a performing arts center and an open-air marketplace. The resort's fine cuisine and chef training programs, known worldwide, will return through multiple culinary options around the resort. All will embrace the farm-to-table concept by sourcing locally-grown meats, produce and dairy. The plan also includes expanding The Balsams Wilderness Ski Area into one of the largest, most technically advanced ski resorts on the East Coast.

More on the Balsams Resort at [www.thebalsamsresort.com](http://www.thebalsamsresort.com). Contact Scott Tranchemontagne – 644-3200, ext. 15 or [scott@montagnecom.com](mailto:scott@montagnecom.com).

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Obituaries/The Rest of the Story

Paul W. Fernald, 73

BETHLEHEM — Loving husband, father and friend, Paul W. Fernald, 73, reached out to the hand of God and passed into peace beyond human understanding on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 in the serenity of the Hospice Suite at Littleton Regional Hospital. At the time of his death, he was surrounded by his wife of 22 years, Estalee (Spinner/Maffei) Fernald and dear friends, Terry and Joan Martin.

Born in Weymouth, Mass., on March 19, 1944, to Dorothy Sanford and Frank Fernald, Paul worked as a builder/carpenter for the majority of his working life. The work of his hands will be his legacy for many years to come. He was especially proud of his work on a Habitat for Humanity House in Plymouth, Mass., where he was the project manager.

Paul and Estalee moved from Cape Cod, Mass., in 2006, and settled in Bethlehem, where they were embraced by many friends at Durrell Memorial United Methodist Church. Paul worked for a time as a van driver for the Littleton Senior Center until his Parkinson's Disease made it impossible for him to work any longer. Throughout



his illness, Paul maintained his kind, loyal, loving nature. A quiet, gentle man with a ready wit, he enjoyed his life in Bethlehem and the many friends he made, always keeping a special spot for his brothers in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Maplewood Lodge 100, Bethlehem. He became a favorite with the ladies at Hillview Senior Living in Bethlehem, and enjoyed the many cookies, pies and candies they bestowed upon him.

Paul was predeceased by his mother, father, brother Allen Davis and sister Elaine Waugh.

He is survived by his wife, Estalee; sons Paul Ray Fernald of Falmouth, Maine, Jon Frank Fernald of Rockland, Mass., and Matthew Fernald (wife Kelly) of Falmouth, Maine. He is also survived by his step-children, Kristin Maffei Lear (and

husband Kevin) of Plymouth, Mass., Debra Maffei Creedon of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Robert Maffei of Toluca Lake, Calif. Paul is also survived by his brother, Donald Fernald of Weymouth, Mass., and his sister Ruth Beck of Hingham, Mass. His joy in his grandchildren — Michael Lear (wife Katie) of Plymouth, Mass., Meghan Lear Andrade (husband Glaubertt) of Plymouth, Mass., Jessica Lear of Chicago, Ill., Mackenzie Creedon of Montague, Mass., Madison Creedon of Northampton, Mass., Lily Fernald of Falmouth, Maine, Maggie Fernald of Falmouth, Maine, and Hannah Lear of Weymouth, Mass. — and great-grandchildren Joshua Beltrand-Lear, Jackson Andrade and Taylor James Andrade knew no bounds.

A Celebration of Life was held at Durrell Memorial United Methodist Church, 2057 Main St., P. O. Box 728, Bethlehem, NH 03574 on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Durrell Memorial United Methodist Church or the Palliative Care/Hospice Unit of Littleton Regional Hospital, Saint Johnsbury Road, Littleton.

Harry Winston Hatch, 66

NORTH HAVERHILL — Harry Winston Hatch, 66, passed away peacefully on Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 at his home following a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., Feb. 26, 1951, a son of Knealand B. "Nick" Hatch, Sr. and Bertha (Hollins) Hatch.

Harry graduated from Haverhill Academy, Class of 1969. He married Barbara J. Emerson on Oct. 2, 1971. Harry took over the family farm, "Pine Grove Farm," from his parents in 1975. He later started his own trucking company under the name Pine Grove Transportation. Harry has worked for Irving Oil in Littleton as a customer service representative until his sudden illness. Harry and Barbara could of-

ten been seen dancing at the former 111 Club in Woodsville. Harry enjoyed trap shooting, fishing, hunting, kayaking in Lake Tarleton, and motorcycling. He loved to take rides in the country and walks around the farm, taking in nature with his wife Barbara. Harry will always be remembered for his wisdom, cynicism, and his infectious laugh. He was predeceased by his parents, Knealand B. "Nick" and Bertha Hatch, Sr.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Barbara J. Hatch of North Haverhill; a son, Jonathan C. Hatch, and wife April and their son Winston E. of North Haverhill; a daughter, Jeanna L. Hatch of North Haverhill; two brothers, Knealand B. "Joe" Hatch, Jr. and

wife Barbara of Chester and Brian H. Hatch and wife Tina of Stony Point, N.C.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In keeping with Harry's wishes, there are no public services being planned.

Harry's wife and family wish to thank his fellow employees at Irving Oil for their thoughts, prayers, concerns, and cards during his recent illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

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SOLAR ARRAY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1)

they stay within the service area. CEC only has a deal with Eversource, so New Hampshire Electric Co-Op customers would not be eligible.

Based on several industry estimates, a one megawatt facility can power somewhere around 100-200 homes. The project would be managed through a limited liability company (LLC) that will hold the lease.

Some 4,278 panels on elevated racks will cover acres, with a total footprint of about 7.5 acres to be fenced and cleared. The parcel has capacity

for up to three megawatts, but only a third that is propsoed at this time.

The land in question covers some 170 acres, mostly forest, with an Eversource power transmission easement running through it. The proximity of a major energy carrier was a big plus for this site, project leaders said. The grid connection will be buried for its short traverse across the property.

The working acreage will be cleared and reseeded with a mix of low-growing New England plants, and organizers say grass will grow fine underneath the tilted panels. A chain link fence will protect against trespassers, but will be held six inches off the ground to allow rabbits to cross unimpeded.

The panels will peak twelve feet off the ground, and the facility will be surrounded by forest. Noise is expected to be limited to one transformer and a set of eight inverters, and panels themselves are of course silent (and coated in non-reflective, light-0absorbing material. Project designers said that the hum should be more than adequately baffled by the many

acres of surrounding trees.

The array is planned for a 25-year initial lease, with a total expected life of 45 years. Project leaders said that typically, they handle removal of the panels through a cleanup bond.

Construction would involve six to eight weeks of tree clearing and installation, including twelve semi truck deliveries of panels and supports. The racks are mounted on bases screwed into the ground, which are designed to be easily removed at the end of the facility's life. After construction, CEC would monitor the facility remotely, and make quarterly visits for maintenance.

Clean Energy Collective has already begun negotiating a 'payment in lieu of taxes' with the selectmen, and the project is not expected to negatively affect the tax rate.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will reconvene at the Rail Road Station on Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. to consider, deliberate, and perhaps decide, the question of a special exception and variance for the project, which would be located in a rural residential area.

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Local News

# Robin Hallquist, MD joins ACHS team of providers

WHITEFIELD — Ammonoosuc Community Health Services is pleased to welcome Dr. Robin Hallquist, to its team of Family Practice physicians. She will have clinic hours at the ACHS-Whitefield care delivery site.

Dr. Hallquist hails from Whitefield. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from California State University, and completed her medical training and residency at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. She is certified with the American

Board of Family Medicine and has privileges at Littleton Regional Healthcare. Her medical areas of interest include Pediatrics, Women’s and Adolescent health as well chronic disease management, including diabetes. In her spare time, Dr. Hallquist enjoys gardening, beekeeping and her backyard chickens.

For the past 17 years, Dr. Hallquist has had a private practice located in Twin Mountain, and has enjoyed the relationships she’s built with patients there. With the changing landscape in the medical



**Robin Hallquist, MD** field, she felt it was time to join a group practice. “I’ve enjoyed being part of the North Country healthcare team over the last decade and a half,” she said. “I look forward to continuing

to care for my patients and to meeting new patients in a setting that does such a good job promoting health and wellbeing.”

ACHS is thrilled to have her.

ACHS CEO, Ed Shan-shala, said recently, “With her years of experience here in the north country, Dr. Hallquist brings has an astute understanding of our patient population and the challenges they face. By joining ACHS she’ll be able to extend a wide variety of services to her patients, including behavioral health, pharmacy, dental and more.

It’s a win, win situation for both her patients and ours.”

In her spare time, Dr. Hallquist enjoys gardening, beekeeping and her backyard chickens.

If you are interested in becoming a patient of Dr. Hallquist, ACHS New Patient registration forms can be found on-line at [www.ammonoosuc.org](http://www.ammonoosuc.org) or call the New Patient coordinator at 1-866.201-5076.

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CHAMBER

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focus on improving community outreach.

“I’ve always had a role in outreach, building community, being an ambassador,” she explains.

At any one time, she juggles as many as forty different projects ranging from strategic planning, to coordinating volunteers, to downtown beautification efforts. She is especially keen on growing the chamber’s connections to regional and state organizations with overlapping goals.

“Each organization has its own primary focus, but all of them are part of a system,” she observes, adding, “We’re stronger together.”

Bunkers is especially proud of her work bringing the Granite State Ambassador outreach and marketing program to Littleton, in the form of ambassador visits and training for students and chamber members alike. She has continued to

build that partnership, with a mind to boosting the reach and resources of Littleton-area businesses.

On the state level, the Littleton Area Chamber has carried its hometown’s flag down to the Eastern States Exposition—the Big E, in the biz—and taken the opportunity to boost the area. Chamber stalwarts like Dave Ernsberger and Doug Hadfield have been especially active in promoting Littleton through the connections made at these events. With a such a huge venue, it takes an all-star team to make a small town stand out.

The chamber celebrates its 96th anniversary this year, and involves more than 300 businesses.

The chamber has stepped back from its role in the Opera House, but was integral to restoring it to its current, refurbished and increasingly lively state. As pre-

viously highlighted, the Opera House has gone from town fixture, to nearly condemned, to potential development, to town-owned and -operated cultural center which boasted a 70 percent occupancy rate in the last six months. The chamber put some \$92,000 into the Opera House, which they’re still paying off.

The chamber faces one big problem common to all voluntary organizations working for the public good: low enrollment rates. Only 25 percent of Main Street businesses are chamber members. Gendreau said that the industrial park firms are particularly committed to the community, and are especially involved in chamber and community improvement projects.

Among the commercial strip, membership is mixed, even among very similar businesses: for example, Home Depot is a member, while Lowes

is not.

“Selling chamber membership is like selling the invisible,” says board president Carrie Gendreau, who explained that it’s hard calculate the specific financial benefits of events like the Gathering of the Jack-o-Lanterns, or the flower baskets on Main, or the better working relationship of business to business.

Still, for Gendreau, who owns the Emma and Co. consignment boutique, the benefit is clear.

“I’ve had people tell me, ‘I’m a chamber member because it’s the right thing to do,’” Gendreau said.

Bunker said that there was at least one way that chamber membership was clear and direct: it gives you access to a person whose full-time job is working for your success:

“As a chamber member, you’re getting the benefit of an employee

without adding someone to your payroll,” she points out.

For many new businesses, the first employee is often the biggest hurdle. In return for a minuscule fraction of a typical salary, a chamber membership effectively jumps that threshold.

Bunker says the chamber has a “communicative” relationship with the board of selectmen, and typically asks the town for \$13,000 to \$15,000 a year (about 24 cents on the tax rate), or about eight percent of its annual budget. She aims to make it as clear as possible what the money will be used for, so taxpayers know what they’re getting.

Littleton is unique because it combines three different legs of the economy: an attractive Main Street, a big-box commercial strip, and a thriving, diverse industrial park. As compared to Lisbon, which leans heavily on its wire mill, or Lincoln, where economic growth is about filling beds and ski lifts, Littleton has the advantage of a truly diversified economy.

Bunker sees a strong Littleton community as essential for a thriving economy: a town that looks good attracts tourists, yes, but also has a leg up in workforce development. When people look for a place to live and work, they consider a great many factors—and Littleton has some-

thing for everybody.

Looking to the future, Bunker says that regional partnerships will open new possibilities:

She says, “More and more, we are working to achieve a regional focus,” one that emphasizes the unique strengths of each community: Franconia’s skiing, Bethlehem’s golf courses, Littleton’s big-box strip.

With that goal in mind, she’s aimed to make events like Business After Hours, a regular networking shindig, as inclusive of the area as possible. State-wide, the Littleton Chamber is the first to partner with New Hampshire Grand

New digital systems like ChamberMaster, and a new ‘Go White Mountains!’ app bolster the Littleton chamber’s role as a coordinator of efforts and a sharer of useful information. And more regional partnerships (Bunker is very clear that the goal is not consolidation), mean more grant opportunities.

In a real sense, what makes Littleton strong is what makes the whole region strong: a variety of opportunities in close proximity. Yet to make that combination work calls on each community—and business—to work in a spirit of partnership, to shake hands and take each others’ calls. A key partner in that task, the Littleton Chamber is open for business.

TRAIL

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ty uneven,” Brewer explained. “It’s more of a hike-like trail, despite the fact that it’s flat and right in town.”

Volunteers, probably led by Cowles (who completed similar improvements at Fox Hill this summer), will widen and level the trail, and layer it with a gravel mixture designed to drain well and allow wheelchair access.

The plan is to make the trail accessible “so young and old can walk there,” said Brewer.

A \$1,500 ‘America Walks’ grant will help

offset the cost of materials. The trail will not meet the full standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but will go a long way toward making it available for all. Organizers hope to lasso enough grant money for full ADA-compliance at a future date.

Trail-side signs will point the way to local businesses and attractions, providing first-time visitors with a helpful, welcoming experience.

The improvements will bolster safety: a major goal is that students from Lafayette Region-

al will use the trail to access the Dow for after-school activities and sports.

Brewer, who works at Lafayette, observed that “Especially in the fall and spring, a lot of kids leave the elementary school and walk along Main Street to get to the Dow.”

By contrast, a trail along the river will be much safer.

The project is planned for spring of 2018, and will include DES-led removal of invasive Japanese knotweed along the river. Brewer says that students and residents will be encouraged to lend a hand, and outdoor-classroom teams from the White Mountain School may help as well.

Looking forward, the trail is intended to link up with the wider regional trail vision being boosted by many area recreationalists.

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When his son was born in 1990, Wells was determined to raise him in the North Country. He sold everything he had, and settled in North Woodstock. He found work at Loon, working on heavy equipment.

Wells became director in 2008, when his boss retired. He says the basic challenge of the Franconia station is a big job on a small piece of land. In the waste-processing game, storage equals capacity, and space is tight, with wetlands on three sides of the one acre and change.

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# Profile pulls off win in barn-burner over Lisbon

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BETHLEHEM — It was a low scoring but high intensity game on Tuesday, Dec. 19, between the Profile Patriots and the visiting Lisbon Lady Panthers as Lisbon took an early 7-4 lead after the first quarter but Profile responded with a big second quarter to take a 14-13 lead at the half. Profile pushed their lead to three points at the end of the third

quarter by a score of 21-18 but Lisbon came back in the fourth to take a 30-29 lead with just 45 seconds left to play. With three seconds left, however, Profile's Hope Drake-Duval would put the game away as she was given a pass inside from Brielle Fitzpatrick and finished with a layup, lifting Profile to a 31-30 victory while leading the Patriots with 19 points on the night.

"Hope had the night

of her life with 19 points tonight and we never gave up as a team," explained Profile coach Brad Weekes. "We got into some foul trouble, especially late in the game, but we overcame that and ended up with the win. I'm very proud of the girls, they deserve it."

Both teams had a slow start offensively but Lisbon's Aiden Jesseman got the Panthers going with a pair of free throws



after getting fouled on a drive. Profile immediately went to Drake-Duval, inside, which Lisbon simply had no answer for. Drake-Duval would score back to back layups but Lisbon ended the first quarter strong as Chloe Houston hit a free throw and Kiara Burke and Jesseman knocked down back to back jumpers from the outside, giving the Panthers a 7-4 lead heading into the second.

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(Left) Hope Drake-Duval scores two of her 19 points on the night in second quarter action for Profile.




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Sports



The Evergreen Silver Fins pose for a picture after an exciting day of swimming at the Evergreen Winter Classic Swim Meet.

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Silver Fins swim to success at Evergreen Winter Classic

BY COREY MCKEAN  
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LISBON — On Saturday, Dec. 9, Evergreen Sports Center hosted the Evergreen Winter Classic Swim Meet where they had swimmers from five local teams in Ever-

green Aquatics Silver Fins from Lisbon, Saco Valley Swim Club from North Conway, NEK Aquatics from Lyndon, Vt., North Country Community Recreation Center from Colebrook, and First in Fitness from Barre, Vt.

The Silver Fins had 28 swimmers representing Evergreen Aquatics where the swim meet offered 64 events including the Medley Relay, Individual Medley, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and

Freestyle relay. The meet also hosted a Reindeer Relay, which was a nice intermission and fun event for the teams where four swimmers from each team participated in the relay. Taking turns, one swimmer

swam the length of the pool wearing reindeer antlers without getting them wet and each team went until one team finished completely. It was a day full of fun and excitement and the Silver Fins came

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Harrington's big night lifts Lin-Wood over Gorham

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LINCOLN — Lin-Wood's Brandon Harrington could not be stopped on Friday, Dec. 15, as the Lumberjacks hosted the Gorham Huskies. Lin-Wood trailed early, down 16-6 after the first quarter but that's when Harrington would go off, scoring 34 of his 38 points on the night in the final three quarters of the game, lifting Lin-Wood to a 52-48 victory and moving

the Lumberjacks to a record of 2-1 on the season. "This was a game we were very lucky to win," explained Lin-Wood coach Mike Reardon. "We were only ahead in the very beginning of the game and in the last couple minutes and Harrington scored 38 points for the second time this season, working hard for every point. Raymond also played well for us, scoring eight points in the third quarter to keep us in the game. This was a hard fought game against a young and talented team."

Lin-Wood came out struggling to find the basket in the first quarter while Gorham started off strong as the Huskies shot out to an early 16-6 lead after the first quarter. Gorham's Aidan Elienne led the way with six points in the first while Harrington and Raymond combined for the Lumberjacks' six points but Lin-Wood trailed by 10 heading

into the second quarter. The game turned around to start the second as Harrington found his rhythm on offense and Gorham struggled to find an answer for him. Lin-Wood erupted for 17 points in the second, as Harrington put up 13 points while Keland Nicoll and Jordan Stevens added baskets, but the Lumberjacks continued to trail at halftime by a score of 25-23. It would be a shootout out of the half as Gorham outscored Lin-Wood 18-15 in the third quarter to push their lead to five points as the Huskies got balanced scoring five players with Ben Beals leading the way with six points. It was Lin-Wood's Harrington and Raymond once again, however, combining for the Lumberjacks' 15 points in the third to keep them in the game as Lin-Wood trailed 43-38 heading into the fourth quarter.

With the game on the line, the Lin-Wood defense stepped up huge, holding Gorham to just five points in the final eight minutes while Harrington put the Lumberjack offense on his shoulders as he scored all of Lin-Wood's points in the fourth quarter, erupting for 14 points to lift Lin-Wood to the four-point win. The Lumberjacks were led by Harrington with 38 points while the Huskies were led by Beals with 15 points. Lin-Wood improves to a record of 2-1 on the season while Gorham falls to a record of 0-2. The Lumberjacks will play again on Friday, Jan. 5, as they host the Moultonborough Panthers. Game time is posted for 6:30 p.m. Lin-Wood: Harrington 38, Raymond 10, Nicoll 2, Stevens 2 Gorham: Beals 15, Elienne 14, Malia 11, Frisk 4, Laflamme 2, Anthony 2

Ice fishing seminar is Jan. 10 in Concord

CONCORD — Mark your calendars and plan some new adventures for the upcoming ice fishing season. New Hampshire Fish and Game is hosting a free ice fishing seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord. The talk begins at 7 p.m. The featured presenter will be New Hampshire fishing guide Tim Moore. In his talk, Moore

will explain the tools and techniques he uses to catch white perch and lake trout through the ice. You'll get the latest insights on equipment and gear, where to find these fish, and strategies for angling success. Both experienced ice anglers and those new to the sport are welcome. "Step up your ice-fishing action this winter by learning how to target these exciting fish," said Moore. "Whether you prefer jigging or tip-

up fishing, this seminar will have something for you." Moore is a full-time New Hampshire fishing guide and outdoor writer, as well as a state and world record holder. He has fished the waters of New Hampshire for more than 30 years. He conducts fishing seminars from Maine to Minnesota and guides hundreds of ice anglers each year from around the world in search of lake trout and white perch.

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Sports

Profile performs well in win over Lisbon

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BETHLEHEM — The Profile Patriots boys' basketball team put together one of its best performances of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 19, as the Patriots hosted the Lisbon Panthers. Profile shot out to an 18-10 lead after the first and extended their lead to 34-22 at halftime. Out of the half, the offense for the Patriots only got better as they erupted for 24 points in the third quarter to go up 68-37, putting the game away early and ultimately earning a 77-47 win.

"The team played very well tonight," explained Profile coach Justin Stroup. "River Baker led the way with 24 points and nine rebounds and Jordan Brusseau was able to find his shot tonight, which really helped us space the floor. Overall, great team win tonight."

Lisbon's Parker Thornton got the offense going for the Panthers in the first as he scored off a layup after receiving a long pass from Josh Woods, but the Patriots then went on a 9-3 run as Baker scored on a runner, Cam Hoyt knocked down a three from the corner, and Dylan Laleme scored on back to back finishes inside, putting Profile up 9-5 midway through the first.

An offensive rebound and putback by Lisbon's Josh Deem and one of two free throws by Logan Trahan put the Panthers back within a point but another strong

COREY MCKEAN/THE COURIER  
(Right) Lisbon's Jacob Deem goes up strong for two in first half action on Tuesday night.



COREY MCKEAN/THE COURIER  
Profile's Jordan Brusseau knocks down one of his five triples on the night in the second quarter.



COREY MCKEAN/THE COURIER  
Profile's River Baker gets the Patriots going in the first quarter with a runner down the lane, scoring two of his 24 points on the night.

run by Profile ended the first quarter, as the Patriots outscored Lisbon 9-2 with Baker leading the way with four points while Dylan Robie hit a big three from the top of the key, giving Profile an 18-10 lead heading into the second.

Brusseau found his range from outside in the second as he was three for three from behind the arc to lead the Patriots with nine of the team's 16 points, while Woods kept the Panthers in the game as he scored eight of the Panthers' 12 points but Lisbon continued to trail, down 34-22 at halftime.

Out of the half, the Profile offense remained hot as the Patriots simply couldn't miss, recording 24 points in the third quarter with Baker leading the way 10

points while Brusseau added two more threes, extending the Patriot lead to a commanding 21 points. Lisbon had their best offensive quarter of the night in the third, scoring 15 points with Deem and Woods combining for eight, but the Panther defense couldn't slow down the offensive of Profile.

Profile sealed the game in the fourth, outscoring the Panthers 19-10 as Baker led the way once again for the Patriots, scoring eight points in the final eight minutes to put the game away.

"We weren't very good tonight. Profile played very well and was definitely the better team. Hats off to them," said Lisbon coach Sam Natti.

The Patriots were led

by Baker with 19 points while Brusseau added 15 and Laleme 12. The Panthers were led by Woods with 15 points.

Profile improves to a record of 2-2 on the season while Lisbon falls to a record of 1-3. The Patriots will play again on Wednesday, Jan. 3, as they travel to play Canaan-Pittsburg. Game time is posted for 6:30 p.m. The Panthers will play again on Tuesday, Jan. 2, as they travel to play Moultonborough. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Profile: Baker 24, Brusseau 15, Laleme 12, Hoyt 9, Ash 6, Hunt 4, Robie 3, Emile 2, J. Ledoux 2

Lisbon: Woods 15, Deem 8, Thornton 6, Jesseman 5, Trahan 4, Riggie 3, Lopus 2, Fisher 2, Superchi 2

Free workshop on snowshoe hare hunting Jan. 20

HOLDERNESS — Learn about the exciting sport of snowshoe hare hunting at a free workshop being offered at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

This year, registration for the workshop will be completed online. To register, visit [www.huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html](http://www.huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html). Under "View Classes at Owl Brook," select "Learn to Hunt" and select "Snowshoe Hare Hunting Workshop."

This workshop will introduce participants to one of New Hampshire's finest small-game hunting experiences – hare hunting with beagles. Presenters include Edward Vien, Vice President of the NH Beagle Club and Volunteer Hunter Education instructor, and John Fletcher, President of the NH Beagle Club. Also presenting are Volunteer Hunter Education instructors Adam Gauthier, Larry

Williams, and Thomas Williams.

The workshop will cover topics such as snowshoe hares and where to find them, equipment needs, dog care and training, safety considerations, resources about hare and rabbit hunting, and clubs in New Hampshire that focus on dogs and hare hunting. The instructors have many years of experience, a true passion for their sport, and are happy to answer participant questions.

Attendees should bring warm outdoor clothing and be prepared for some outdoor class time. The first portion of the workshop takes place inside the classroom, and then the class moves outside, where the dogs will show their stuff.

Please note that this workshop does not include lunch.

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Sports

# Big night for Briggs lifts Littleton to dominant win over Moultonborough

**BY COREY MCKEAN**  
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LITTLETON — Coming off a tight, four-point victory over the Lisbon Panthers back on Thursday, Dec. 14, the Littleton Crusaders boys’ basketball team bounced back on Tuesday, Dec. 19, playing a solid, all-around game and earning a dominant, 81-47 victory over the Moultonborough Panthers. It was a highlight night for Littleton’s Parker Briggs, as he had the hot hand for the Crusaders and erupted for 30 points through three quarters of play to lead Littleton to victory.

“I thought we came out and played with a lot more energy tonight,” explained Littleton coach Trevor Howard. “My top six guys all contributed and we didn’t turn the ball over as much. I thought we played much better than what I’ve seen in our previous two games. Todd Krol-Corliss had eight assists, Danny Kubkowski had eight steals, and Briggs was hot in the first half while Jason Brammer played very solid as well.”

It was a back and forth shootout throughout the first quarter between the Crusaders and the Pan-

thers as Briggs came out to score 12 of Littleton’s 19 points in the first while Moultonborough’s Reese Swedberg also had a hot hand, scoring eight of the Panthers’ 13 first quarter points but Littleton would have a 19-13 advantage heading into the second quarter.

Moultonborough continued to struggle to contain Briggs and Briggs simply couldn’t miss as he scored his third and fourth triples of the night in the second quarter while recording yet another 12-point quarter, leading Littleton to a 45-25 lead at the half. Kubkowski and Chris-

tian Silviera also had strong second quarter for the Crusaders, pitching in with six points each to put Littleton up by 20.

The Crusaders closed the door on the Panthers early as Littleton had their best offensive quarter of the night in the third quarter, scoring 28 points with great balance while holding Moultonborough to just six points. Krol-Corliss led the way for Littleton in the third with a pair of triples as well as a pair of free throws for eight points while Briggs and Kubkowski added six and Jason Brammer and

Brody Fillion four, pushing Littleton ahead by a score of 73-31.

With a 42-point advantage, Littleton went to their bench throughout the fourth quarter where the Panthers finally got the best of the Crusaders, outscoring them 16-8, but it simply wouldn’t be enough. In the final eight minutes, Littleton’s Nick Sanborn, Josh Finkle and Jack Costa combined for the Crusaders’ eight points to put the game away.

The Crusaders were led by Briggs with 30 points while the Panthers were led by Swed-

berg with 20.

Littleton improves to a record of 2-1 on the season while Moultonborough falls to a record of 3-1. The Crusaders will play again on Wednesday, Jan. 3, as they travel to play White Mountains Regional. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Littleton: Briggs 30, Kubkowski 16, Krol-Corliss 8, Brammer 7, Fillion 6, Silviera 6, Finkle 3, Sanborn 3, Costa 2

Moultonborough: Swedberg 20, McClay 16, Finnegan 4, Gundersen 2, Morin 2, Tolman 2, Rooney 1

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Chris Martin has specialized in bald eagles and other birds of prey.

Chapter of Trout Unlimited’s monthly meeting. He will speak about the remarkable recovery of the Bald Eagle in NH.

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Chris Martin will be addressing the local chapter of Trout Unlimited.

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## Team O'Neil completes successful season

DALTON — With two titles secured in October, Team O’Neil Motorsports recently completed a successful 2017 season of competition. Driver and car owner Dave Wallingford (Columbus, Ohio) and co-driver Leanne Junnila (Calgary, Alberta) garnered two separate 2WD championship titles; the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC), as well as the North American Rally Cup (NARC). Junnila also finished first in the Canadian Ladies Cup.

The team successfully campaigned its Ford Fiesta R2T across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Highlights of the season included a podium finish in class at WRC Mexico, competing at the Mt. Washington Climb to the Clouds, and contesting the majority of American Rally Association and Rally America events. The results were that much more impressive considering the 2017 season was only Wallingford’s second full season of stage rally competition.

In the season’s final event, Wallingford and Junnila brought home a convincing victory at the Big White Winter Rally in Kelowna, BC Canada. The victory was particularly satisfying given Wallingford’s relative lack of stage rally experience in winter conditions. The event delivered with snow-covered roads that challenged competitors.

The slick roads collected their share of casualties, Wallingford and Junnila were among only a few competitors to successfully navigate the three-day event in aggressive fashion.

“Big White Winter Rally was a great event,” stated Wallingford. “I’ve struggled at snow rallies in the past, but I think I was able to balance the patience required for racing in the snow with my desire to go fast. I drove consistently and stayed out of the snow banks, so we didn’t have any of the drama that our competitors did, and I finally enjoyed a winter rally. Winning 2WD was a great bonus.”

With the 2017 season complete, the team is already fully-focused on 2018 and making the jump to AWD competition in a M-Sport built Ford Fiesta R5. Based on the Ford Fiesta ST production vehicle, the all-wheel-drive Fiesta R5 is M-Sport’s most successful global rally car with over 200 of the cars competing around the world.

“Winning the CRC and NARC 2WD championships was a great way to end 2017,” stated Wallingford. “It’s given me the confidence to step up to the next level of competition in the Fiesta R5. I’ll be competing against the top teams in the US and Canada, and I plan to see how I do against international competitors in a few WRC events as well. It’s a big step up, so I have my work cut

out for me over the winter to get ready for 2018.”

Events tentatively on the 2018 schedule for the team include WRC Mexico, WRC Spain and WRC Great Britain. In addition to international competition, Wallingford and Junnila plan to once again campaign the full American Rally Association series in 2018. For continuing updates on the car, results and the team’s competition schedule follow Wallingford’s Instagram “savagedaverally” or Team O’Neil Rally School on Facebook “teamoneilrally”, Instagram “teamoneil”, YouTube “teamoneilrally” or visit [TeamOneil.com](http://TeamOneil.com).

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Sports



Kiara Burke comes up with a steal and finishes with a layup late in the fourth quarter.



Profile's Carly Inghram and Lisbon's Gracie Kaiser battle for a loose ball in second half action.

HOOPS

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Profile opened up the second quarter on an 8-0 run, with Drake-Duval leading the way with the first six points for the Patriots but fouls by Profile kept the Panthers in the game as Lisbon was shooting the double bonus midway through the second.

Houston would hit a free throw for Lisbon and Kaiser would knock down a pair of free throws, bringing the score to 12-10 with 1:57 left in the second. Another layup by Drake-Duval pushed

Profile back up by four, but another free throw by Houston and another pair of free throws by Kaiser brought the Panthers back within a point as Profile continued to lead, 14-13, at half-time.

Out of the half, Profile and Lisbon matched one another on the offensive end as Houston started the third with a layup for the Panthers but back came Carly Inghram with a deep two from the corner. A free throw by Burke and a steal and layup by Lisbon's Elena Veilleux put the Panthers on top, 18-16, but a driving layup

by Profile's Abby Plan-te knotted the score up at 18-18 with 3:21 left to play in the third.

Both teams would go scoreless until there was under a minute left as Drake-Duval hit one of two free throws with 45 seconds left and then scored on a layup as time ran down, giving Profile a 21-18 lead heading into the final quarter.

Profile continued to go to the hot hand as Drake-Duval started the fourth quarter with a layup but Kaylie Locke came off the Panthers bench to be a nice spark hitting a free throw. Profile's Maddie Reeves

put Profile up 25-19 with 5:27 left with an offensive rebound and foul but Locke was fouled inside again for the Panthers, hitting one of two free throws to bring the score to 25-20 with under five minutes left to play.

Back to back layups by Inghram gave Profile their biggest lead of the night with a nine-point advantage but Lisbon charged back to go on a 9-0 run, led by Burke with five points, to knot the score up at 29-29 with 56 seconds remaining.

Burke would come up with a rebound for Lisbon and be fouled away from the basket with 45

seconds left, sending her to the line for two free throw shots. Burke hit the first free throw, giving Lisbon a 30-29 advantage but as time ran down and with just three seconds left, Fitzpatrick found Drake-Duval inside and Drake-Duval finished with a layup, earning the Patriots the one-point victory.

"We have a lot to work on. We had trouble with their post player but we just couldn't capitalize," said Lisbon coach Nikki Woods.

The Patriots were led by Drake-Duval with 19 points while the Panthers were led by Burke

with eight points.

Profile improves to a record of 2-3 on the season while Lisbon falls to a record of 0-5. The Patriots will play again on Wednesday, Jan. 3, as they travel to play Canaan-Pittsburg. Game time is posted for 5 p.m. The Panthers will play again on Tuesday, Jan. 2, as they travel to play Moultonborough. Game time is posted for 5:30 p.m.

Profile: Drake-Duval 19, Inghram 6, Reeves 4, Plante 2

Lisbon: Burke 8, Kaiser 7, Houston 5, Jesseman 4, Locke 4, Veilleux 2

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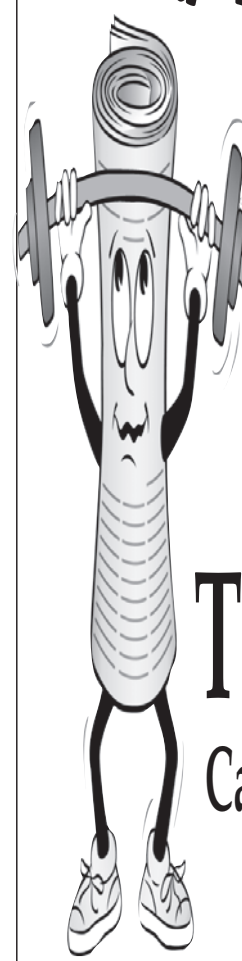
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## THURSDAY, DEC. 28

All Saints Food Cupboard, 9 a.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 School St., Littleton.

Introduction to Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Littleton Regional Healthcare, 600 Saint Johnsbury Rd., Littleton. With Instructor Monica Plante. For details, visit [www.reveal-yoga.com](http://www.reveal-yoga.com).

Zumba class, 5:30 p.m.,

Littleton Opera House, 2 Union St., Littleton. With Patience Marsh. Open to the public.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 29

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

## SUNDAY, DEC. 31

All Saints Food Cupboard, 9-9:45 a.m., All

Saints Episcopal Church, 35 Main St., Littleton.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 2

All Saints Food Cupboard, 9-10 a.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 35 Main St., Littleton.

Alzheimer's Support Group, 10:30 a.m., Littleton Community Center, Bowker Room, 120 Main St. The Little-

ton 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.

Dinner Bell Meal, 5 p.m., All Saints Epis-

copal Church, 35 Main St., Littleton. All are welcome to this free community supper.

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.

Swing Dance class, 6:30 p.m., Littleton Opera House, Tower Room, 2 Union St. The

Littleton Opera House will be offering Swing Dance classes with dance instructor Dia Lowre. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Open to seniors, couples, and singles. To reserve your spot, e-mail [donnadialowre@yahoo.com](mailto:donnadialowre@yahoo.com). For more information, contact the Littleton Opera House, 575-5324.

# ONGOING MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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

## HEALTH RELATED & SUPPORT GROUPS

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 Katrine 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 Conway, and Plymouth. Contact Becky at 259-3700 or [bmccenany@nchnh.org](mailto:bmccenany@nchnh.org) for dates and locations of classes.

Heroin Anonymous

12 Step Program Open Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday Nights. Friendship House, 2957 Main St. / Rt. 302, Bethlehem.

## FOR SENIORS

Whitefield Senior Center Meals, noon, Mon. at Highland House and McIntyre Apts.; Wed. at McIntyre Apts.; Mon., Wed., and Thurs., at McKee Inn, Lancaster, 837-2424. Alternates Friday between McIntyre and McKee.

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Littleton Library Winter & Spring Story Times, Jan. 10 through Feb. 15; March 7 through April 12; May 2-24. Toddler Tales (Children up to age 3), Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Preschool Stories (Ages 3,4,5.), Wednesdays @9:30 a.m. Fingerplays, puppets, beanbags, music, flannel stories & crafts. Free and open to the public. Groups 6 or more please call 444-5741. No storytimes if school is closed for ice or snow.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

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 season. The Three-building campus reopens Memorial Day Weekend 2018 with an exciting new exhibit: It's All About Time! Watch this space for further details. Curator Kitty Bigelow- [kittyh41@gmail.com](mailto:kittyh41@gmail.com)

## CULTURE & RECREATION

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, 7 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 [erisbrisson@yahoo.com](mailto:erisbrisson@yahoo.com) for more information.

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

Free and open to the public. Bradford Public Library, 21 S. Main St., Bradford, Vt. 802/222-4536 [bradfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com), <http://bradfordvtlibrary.org/>

A Notch Above 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 [doctortim@wildblue.net](mailto:doctortim@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 handcrafted 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 Senior 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.

Plymouth Secular Alliance - meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Pease Public Library. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call George Maloof, 536-1179.

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

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Jefferson Spiritual Center: Mondays: Energy Healing Class at 6:30. This non-certification class is open to anyone interested in energy healing. During this time someone receives healing. Jefferson Spiritual Center, The Center for Collaborative Energies, 103 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561. Suggested donation \$10. Tuesdays & Fridays : Please join us for a Noontime 40 min. guided meditation to recharge you for the rest of the day. By donation. Wednesdays: Fellowship gathering at 6:30. Time to discuss spirituality with like minded people. All faiths and beliefs are welcome to this time to explore and learn topics such as intuition, source, spirit, angels, and spirit guides. Donations welcome. At Jefferson Spiritual Center, The Center for Collaborative Energies, 103 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561. For more information contact: [jeffersonspiritualcenter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonspiritualcenter@gmail.com).

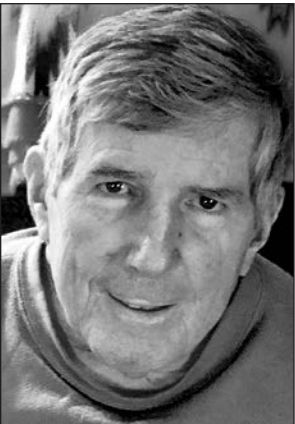






North Country Notebook

Who in his right mind (not me) regrets seeing January slip by?



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

*Editor's note: Mr. Harrigan was unable to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week's publication due to the holiday. The following column was originally published in February of this year.*

"I love January" is not exactly a phrase you expect to hear roll off someone's tongue, but it happened with me the other day when I telephoned a favorite friend in Littleton.

"It's such a nice time of year for reflection," she said, sort of wistfully, even dreamily, and I agreed, mentally noting that I had in fact held one of my periodic meetings with myself just the other day. From that meeting, I emerged with a set of two or three goals before the end of winter, which always feels sort of good, like therapy on the cheap.

With the holidays just puffs of dust in the rear-view mirror, the sun climbing higher and staying longer every day, and the back of winter practically broken, January offers a breather. In my case, the only

constants, in order of priority, involve snow, firewood, and the keyboard.

Constant Chore No. 1 is pushing snow around. This begins the minute I get through the Fish and Game Room and then the shop and then the shed and to the barn, all connected in the old-fashioned way, and begin using a small but stout push-broom to clear the small doorway and the barn's big bay doorways of snow, pushing it out far enough away from the buildings so the plow can catch it. Not the town road plow, mind you--my neighbor's driveway plow. There is a tribal taboo on pushing snow into a town road.

Having cleared thresholds I slog through the snow to the outdoor furnace and woodshed, push-broom in hand, and immediately begin pushing snow out of the entire work area, clearing ahead as I go to avoid bumping into my own footprints.

Only then does Chore No. 2 begin, when I open the huge firebox door and use a long Devil-like tool to rake the heap of coals forward, to create a sliding surface for the largest pieces of three-foot wood. And when I say "large," it's no joke.

This is pretty big stuff--three feet long, as a matter of fact. These outrageously sized pieces of wood are destined for the huge mouth of the outdoor furnace, which has a cavernous firebox surrounded by 385 gallons of water. This water, heated to between 170 and 185 degrees, is destined for the base-



On one of January's last days, a gray day indeed, snow and sleet coated just about everything in this view of the main pasture downhill from the house.

board heating system (forced hot water) in the house.

Currently I'm performing this chore only once every 24 hours, because we have not yet had any protracted below-zero weather. When several days of sub-Arctic weather do come along, and they inevitably will, I'll have to go out there every 12 hours. "Not bad," is what many people are thinking, I'll bet, at least anyone who's ever heated entirely with wood.

Because there is very little hardwood on my land, I buy loads of tree-length hardwood on the spot market, just the way oil companies buy the occasional good deals on tanker-loads of crude. I wait until Mud Season is nigh, of just over, when I can get the best deals from friends who are loggers, loaders and drivers.

However, try as I might, and try as my logging friends might, it's hard to avoid getting a few logs in the

load that are more than a foot wide on the butt. Why this preference for smaller logs? Because (and I'm here to tell you) a three-foot piece of yellow birch that's fourteen or sixteen inches on the butt can weigh upwards of a hundred pounds. And I'm also here to tell you that even for a guy in modestly good shape at the age of almost 70, which I am, it's quite a thing to snag such a piece with a pulp-hook, get it to the furnace, give it the heave-ho, and land it where it's supposed to go.

So when I've raked the coals, first to go in are the three biggest pieces I can find, because I can just land them on the heap, and push them the rest of the way in. And then the normal logs that are eight to 11 inches or so on the butt can go in, until I calculate that there's just enough in there to burn down over the next 24 hours into another nice bed of rosy coals.

As for Chore Number 3, the keyboard, I

can think of it as no real chore at all, because it's a combined task and joy. This is partly because I'm no longer really in the news business--I'm no longer a newspaper owner or a publisher, just John Q. Citizen.

This means that I don't have to write about tragedies and other bad stuff--what's called "hard news" in the trade. Instead, I get to do columns, essays and the occasional guest commentary. On the flip side, I don't have to worry about making payroll, coping with the next drastic increase in health care costs, or coming up with \$14,000 for the next truckload of newsprint.

So here we are, running out of January already, and perhaps my Littleton friend and I are among the very few who regret seeing it go.


So we slip into February, on winter's downhill slide, with the first seriously cold weather still to come, for sure,

but longer days and ever more sun coming right along with it.

And quite soon, the south sides of the snow banks will begin to melt and freeze and crystalize overnight, and you can make a snowball if you want to during the height of the day, and not long from now, during February's last gasp and the onset of March, my road will begin turning into mud as the frost works its way out.

And then we'll truly be in that seldom-mentioned fifth season called Mud, and into sugaring, and thinking about making that great seasonal switch of tools by the doorways--away with the snow shovels, and out with the rakes.

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



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Keep community and family potlucks safe this season

BY MARY SAUCIER CHOATE, M.S., R.D.N., L.D.  
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Food Safety

It's fall potluck season! Slow cookers, cas-

seroles, and other hot dishes will be making their warm and welcome appearances.

Here's an update on how to keep these foods hot and safe so no one leaves the festivities with a food bone illness.

**Start with Cooking to the Safe Temp**  
Do you know what temperature the chicken or meatballs or casserole should be at to assure any bad bacteria are killed? Poultry and casseroles should be cooked to 165 degrees Fahrenheit and ground meat should be cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. This USDA chart shows what temperature many common foods should be cooked to: <http://bit.do/safe-foodtemp>.  
Use a food thermometer to check for doneness, because color or juices running clear are not reliable ways to tell if a food is safely cooked. In fact, depending on the kind of lighting you use

and how the food is handled, food that is still undercooked may look done and vice versa. Be safe and sure by using a food thermometer.

**How Do You Use a Food Thermometer?**  
Place the food thermometer in the thickest part of the food. It should not touch bone, fat, or gristle. Check the temperature toward the end of the cooking time, but before you expect it to be done. Be sure to clean your food thermometer with hot soapy water before and after each time you insert it into the food.

**Keep Hot Foods Hot and Safe**  
Now that your foods are at the right temp, take steps to keep them safe: Wrap casserole dishes in aluminum foil. Keep it covered until just before serving. Put hot foods in an insulated bag or container for transport.  
When you get to the

potluck- plug in the slow cooker or other warming device to keep foods hot. No place to plug in? Hot food can safely be served without further heating for two hours after cooking. Then, for safety, it must be thrown out.  
After two hours at room temperature, also known as the temperature danger zone, the bacteria has had a chance to grow to levels high enough to cause foodborne illness--don't risk it!

**More Safety Tips for Potlucks:**  
Be sure to wash hands before handling or serving food.  
Make sure the table has been wiped clean and use utensils for serving so folks don't have to touch the food with their hands.  
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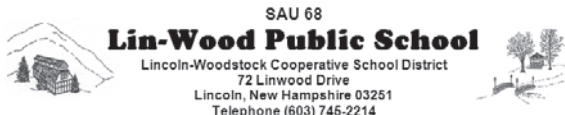
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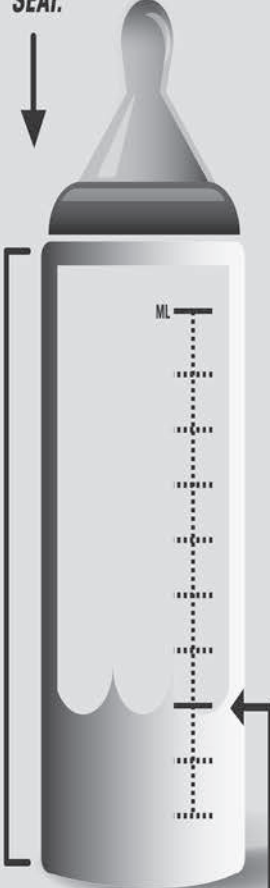
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LANDAFF, LISBON AND PROFILE

### “DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS OF SPECIAL ARTICLES FOR THE WARRANT”

In accordance with RSA 197:6 upon the written application of twenty five or more voters of the school district, you may present to the School Board a petition of a special article which will be inserted in the school district warrant. The deadlines for these petitions are as follows:

**Bethlehem:** February 03, 2018

**Lafayette:** February 06, 2018

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**Lisbon:** February 12, 2018

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No application shall be issued after 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately prior to election.

No absentee ballot shall be accepted by the clerk after 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately prior to election.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Judicial Branch 2nd Circuit-Probate Division-Haverhill

### APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES

Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciaries have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Grafton County.

All persons having claims against these decedents are requested to exhibit them for adjustment and all indebted to make payment.

**Buskey, Raymond A.**, late of Lebanon, NH. Community Financial Services Group, LLC c/o Joseph P. Preddy, CFP/ Vice President, 316 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641. Leigh Larrow Hicks, 8074 Cricket Lane, West Jordan, UT 84081. Thomas C Csatori, Resident Agent, 67 Etna Road, Suite 300, Lebanon, NH 03766. #315-2017-ET-00446

**Dayton, Peter G.**, late of Lyme, NH. Scott D. Kuhn, 17 Woodland Drive, Florence, MA 01062. Sherlie S. Dayton, 17 Woodland Drive, Florence, MA 01062. Eric William Janson, ESQ, Resident Agent, Law Office of Eric W. Janson PLLC, 37 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766. #315-2017-ET-00595

**Elliott, Josephine I.**, late of Groton, NH. JoAnn M. Murphy, 1736 North Groton Road, Groton, NH 03266. #315-2017-ET-00622

**Longnecker, Louise M.**, late of Lebanon, NH. Daniel S Longnecker, 30 Alice Peck Day Drive, #305, Lebanon, NH 03766. #315-2017-ET-00605

**Lund, Donald A.**, late of Winston-Salem, NC. Pamela S. Phillips, 2823 Windy Crossing, Winston-Salem, NC 27127. Eric William Janson, ESQ, Resident Agent, Law Office of Eric W. Janson PLLC, 37 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766. #315-2017-ET-00570

**Maleski, Merce**, late of Hanover, NH. Stephen G Maleski, 1860 Wheelock Road, Sutton, VT 05867. Michael L. Wood, ESQ, Resident Agent, McSwiney Hankin-Birke Wood & Christie PC, 280 Main St, PO Box 2450, New London, NH 03257. #315-2017-ET-00624

**Meyer, Priscilla T.**, late of Hanover, NH. Ethan T Frechette, 41 South Park Street, Hanover, NH 03755. #315-2017-ET-00606

**Munson, Barbara S.**, late of Hanover, NH. Harthorn I Munson, 38 Lily Lane, West Lebanon, NH 03784. #315-2017-ET-00598

**Patterson, Martha**, late of Lincoln, NH. John W. Patterson, PO Box 284, Lincoln, NH 03251. #315-2017-ET-00532

**Tenney, Carolyn C.**, late of Hanover, NH. Karen M Tenney, PO Box 990133, Boston, MA 02199. John C Ransmeier, ESQ, Resident Agent, Ransmeier & Spellman, 1 Capitol Street - PO Box 600, Concord, NH 03302. #315-2017-ET-00615

Dated: 12/15/2017

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

P.O. Box 189, 2155 Main Street

Bethlehem, New Hampshire 03574 • 603 869-3351

### Public Notice • Wednesday January 3, 2018 PLANNING BOARD HEARING • 6:15 pm

BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Bethlehem Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on January 3rd, 2018 at 6:15 at the Town Hall. Regarding a petition for amendment to zoning Ordinance Zoning District V as shown on map entitled “Zoning District V” and comprising Lots 22 and 24 of the town’s 2017 Tax Map 419.

Should a decision not be reached at the public hearing, this application will stay on the Planning Board agenda until such time as it is either approved or disapproved. The hearing will take place on the third floor of the Town Hall.

*Elevator access on lower level.*

### PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

#### TO THE SELECTMEN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

The undersigned legal voters of the Town petition pursuant to RSA 675:4, I, that the selectmen place the following article on the 2018 town meeting warrant to amend the zoning ordinance of the Town:

Article \_\_\_\_

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the zoning ordinance of the Town, subject to the condition stated below?

#### Condition

This amendment shall take effect only upon the execution of a host community agreement with North Country Environmental Services, Inc. (“NCES”), by a majority of the board of selectmen as contemplated by the petitioned warrant article directing the selectmen to negotiate a host community agreement with NCES and setting forth the minimum terms of that agreement.

#### Amendment

Substitute the language below for the part of Article V entitled “District V: (Landfill District)” [Explanatory Note: (1) Existing language of Article V is displayed in regular type; (2) Language being proposed is highlighted in bold type and replaces the metes and bounds description of District V now in Article V; and (3) Zoning District V is more particularly described in the “Legal Description of Proposed District V” accompanying this petition and on file with the selectmen and the planning board]:

A building or structure may be erected, altered, or used and a lot may be used or occupied only for the following purposes and in accordance with the following provisions after site plan review by the Planning Board and a building permit is issued by the Board of Selectmen. For purposes of this provision, “building or structure” does not include a landfill cell (including its footprint, content and final grade slope) or infrastructure for landfill gas management, leachate management, groundwater monitoring, or storm water management which is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

This District shall include the land lying within the area described as follows:

**Zoning District V as shown on attached map entitled “Zoning District V” and comprising Lots 22 and 24 of the town’s 2017 Tax Map 419.**

District V Permitted uses are as follows:

1. Landfilling shall be a permitted use in this District.

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**Monday, January 22, 2018**

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Public Notice • Wednesday January 3, 2018  
PLANNING BOARD HEARING • 6:00 pm  
BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Bethlehem Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 6:00pm for a petitioned warrant article regarding District 2.

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance that would change the front setback in District 2 for accessory structures only. The accessory structure setback will at minimum conform to the setback of the existing structure provide the existing primary structure was built prior to the enactment of the 60 ft. minimum front setback requirement.

Should a decision not be reached at the public hearing, this application will stay on the Planning Board agenda until such time as it is either approved or disapproved. The public hearing will be held at 6:30pm on the third floor of the Bethlehem Town Hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Lincoln Planning Board  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 • 6:00pm

Lincoln Town Hall, 148 Main Street, Lincoln, NH

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 676:7 that an application for a Site Plan Review and an application for Subdivision will be submitted to the Planning Board during a regular meeting of the Board. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the following:

APPLICATION OF THE LODGE AT LINCOLN STATION  
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. (ASSOCIATION) FOR:

- (1) Subdivision to divide a portion of the common area of the interior of the condominium/condotel known as the “Lodge at Lincoln Station” into three hotel rooms; and
- (2) Site Plan Review approval to change/expand the use of common area by converting three existing spaces in the common area originally designed to be “storage space” between Buildings A and B on the first, second and third floors of the Lodge at Lincoln Station Condominium (Lodge) to three motel units which will be rented by the Association for the benefit of the Association. These three hotel units will not have cooking facilities and will not be “condotel units” like the other units in the Lodge.

Although Applicant has submitted an application for Subdivision and Site Plan Review, Applicant is also requesting a waiver of the requirement for a subdivision as well as waivers for several requirements for Site Plan Review.

The property is located at 36 Lodge Road, (Map 117, Lot 121). The area in question is the common area between Building A & Building B. The property is located in the General Use (GU) District. Portions of the Lodge were constructed in 1985 prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance known as the Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO) in 1986. Zoning was adopted on 3/11/1986. Applicant submitted the recorded Plan #3686 dated “received” on 9/26/1986 by the Planning Board, but recorded the day before on 9/25/1986. In the title box of the recorded plan the Lodge is described as a “Condotel”.

APPLICANT:

- (1) Agent for Applicant, Attorney Michael F. Conklin, Conklin & Reynolds, PA, 264 Main Street, Suite 14, PO Box 849, Lincoln, NH 03251
- (2) Walter Reed, President of Lodge at Lincoln Station Condominium Association, Inc., P.O. Box 897 Lincoln NH 03251
- (3) Surveyor: Thaddeus Thorne-Surveys, Inc., Center Conway, NH 03813 (Survey is dated 7/11/1983, last revised on 5/6/1985.)

Copies of this application will be available for review at the Planning Office, Lincoln Town Hall, 148 Main Street during normal business hours Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM prior to the meeting date.

Upon a finding by the Board that the applications meet the submission requirements of the Land Use Plan Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations, or that waivers are warranted, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and a public hearing on the merits of the proposal will follow immediately. Should a decision not be reached at the public hearing, this application will stay on the Planning Board agenda until such time as it is either approved or disapproved.

Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to  
Town of Lincoln’s Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO)

Town of Lincoln Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Lincoln Town Hall Conference Room, 148 Main Street, regarding the following proposed amendments to the Lincoln Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO).

- 1. Revise language for Current Height Requirements for Buildings, by adding subparagraph c to Article VI District & District Regulations, Section B. District Regulations, Paragraph 7 Height Requirements, exempting uninhabitable structures that are part of a tourist attraction from the height requirements and heights for such structures are left up to the Planning Board as part of a Site Plan Review, including ski lift towers, amusement rides and towers. The Planning Board may also increase the setback requirements for these higher structures on an individual basis as part of the Site Plan Review process.
- 2. Revise Language for Sign Ordinance, including Portable Signs, by amending Article VI-B, Lincoln Sign Regulations, Section E Permit Requirements and Review Procedure, Paragraph 10 Sign Classification and Standards, Subparagraph s. Portable Sign, Sub-subparagraph ii. Standards, sub-subparagraph (d), modifying the requirement to remove portable signs when business is closed for greater than 14 days.
- 3. Regulation of Solar Panel Arrays by adding Article VI-D Solar Energy Systems.
- 4. Require Approvals from Homeowners Associations and/or Condominium Associations prior to issuing Land Use Authorization Permits (LUP), by adding to Article VII, Administration, Section B. Land Use Authorization Permit.
- 5. Require Consent to Inspect to Application for Land Use Authorization Permit (LUP) per NH OEP by adding to Article VII, Administration, Section B. Land Use Authorization Permit.
- 6. Revise Criteria for Special Exception to give ZBA more tools to evaluate proposals seeking a Special Exception by adding and revising Article VIII Board of Adjustment, Section A, Board of Adjustment, Paragraphs 1-4.

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