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COMPLIMENTARY

## Reduction in adequacy aid projection forces reduction in Newfound budget

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — The state's revised estimate of adequacy aid for the Newfound Area School District had officials in School Administrative Unit 4 recommending further reductions in their original budget proposal for 2019-20. The estimated Equitable Education Aid for the next fiscal year is \$3,070,303.67, a decrease

of \$129,396.56 from the current year and \$44,721 less than the original estimate that the district used in calculating what it could spend under Newfound's tax cap.

Superintendent Stacy Buckley said the new budget maximum is \$22,098,646, a mere \$33,807 (a tenth of a percent) more than current-year spending.

She told the Newfound Area School

Board on Nov. 26 that the district could meet that limit by not purchasing laptops for middle school art and for teachers in Bridgewater and New Hampton.

Business Administrator Michael Limanni said all that remained in the budget proposal of the expenditures identified in the capital improvement plan for

2019-20 were the repair of Newfound Road and repaving of the high school parking lot.

Board member Christine Davol of New Hampton questioned those pri-

orities.

"I'm getting tired of educational things getting cut," she said.

Davol said she recognized the importance of SEE NEWFOUND, PAGE A11

## TTCC celebrates 63 years of Santa's Village

BRISTOL — Join us for the 64th year of this memorable holiday tradition. You will be amazed at the many sights that greet you as you enter the enchanted Santa's Village. It begins on Friday, Dec. 7 from 6 - 8 p.m., and continues on Saturday, Dec. 8 & Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. This event is free to all individuals. We are asking you to bring in one canned good item when you visit the Village, if possible, to be donated to the local Food Pantry.

On Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 - 7 p.m., there is a special Open House for all contributor's that donate money, materials and time to the Village. Please come and preview the 2018 Village without the lines and enjoy some refreshments and treats. This is our small way of thanking you for the donations that come in year after year.

Visitors to Santa's Village should also be aware that there is a Christmas Craft Fair on the main floor during the three days. The Craft Fair begins one half hour prior to the Village and ends one half hour after the Vil-

lage closes. There will be more than 25 craft booths to help you find that 'special' gift.

Some of the exciting cast of characters you and your children will encounter this year will be Cadderly the Bear, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, the Elves, and of course Santa & Mrs. Claus. All children will have the opportunity to receive a cookie from Mrs. Claus and to visit with Santa and receive a small Christmas gift to take home for their tree. There will be instant photos available with Santa for a small fee. Cameras are allowed.

For more information, call the TTCC at 744-2713 or check our Web site at www.ttc-crec.org.



Four members of the Newfound Teachers' Union, Local #6557, braved the cold windy morning on Saturday, Dec. 1 to supply and hand out water to runners of the TTCC's annual Jingle Mingle. Other members donated cookies for the runners to enjoy after the race.

## Happy 50th, Diane!

Bristol's resident reptilian celebrity basks in the glow of birthday celebration

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRISTOL — Friends and fans of Diane the Turtle, who lives at Twin Designs Gift Shop in downtown Bristol, flocked to the store on Dec. 1 to help their favorite reptile celebrate her 50th birthday.

Diane was adopted five decades ago as a tiny, quarter-sized turtle by the store's co-owner, Jim Tonner, when he was a child, and togeth-



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Wearing her party hat and smiling for the camera, Diane the Turtle was ready to celebrate her 50th birthday at Twin Designs Gift Shop in Bristol last weekend.

er, he and his twin brother Brad have enjoyed her company ever since.

As Diane and their business grew over the years, Diane has become an icon to people from all over the world who have stopped by their shop. The brothers also combined Jim's story telling talents with Brad's artistry and created a delightful book about Diane the Turtle and she even caught the eye of camera crews from Boston when they came to do a television feature story about the Newfound Region.

Diane's fame doesn't stop there though.

Over the past several years, she has had visits from local school children who want to learn more about turtles and their lifestyles. Diane has been followed through social media by SEE DIANE, PAGE A12



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Newfound Regional High School Principal Paul Hoiris (left) and Guidance Councilor Monica Jackson (right), congratulated senior Lilly Wright for winning a \$500 raffle last week at the state wide "I Am College Bound/I Applied" day that will be applied toward her college acceptance fees.

## State program offers Newfound seniors a chance to submit college applications free of charge

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRISTOL — Almost half of the Newfound Regional High School's Class of 2019 took ad-

vantage of the opportunity to apply for colleges in New Hampshire for free, thanks to the state's "I Am College Bound/I Applied"

initiative where applications fees to all local colleges are waived for one day each year.

NRHS Guidance Councilor Monica

Jackson said the program began in 2014, and has grown from a handful of participating public high schools SEE COLLEGE, PAGE A11

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# Newfound area tax rates drop

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL  
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**BRISTOL** — Tax rates for towns within the Newfound Area School District are lower this year, due in part to the return of \$1,069,556 of the school district's \$1.5 million year-end unexpended fund balance as of June 30.

The Newfound Area School Board retained the remaining \$438,593 to cover any unanticipated expenses that may arise.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration had not yet set the rate for New Hampton in its most recent posting of tax rates around the state, but the trend was clear in the remaining six towns.

Bristol's local education tax rate fell 3.38 percent, from \$9.77 per \$1,000 of valuation in 2017 to \$9.44 per \$1,000 in 2018. That is still \$1.11 or 13.33 percent higher than the 2016 rate. A vote to override the tax cap in 2017 to make repairs to the high school roof boosted the baseline budget by \$800,000 at a time when the state's adequacy funding to schools reduced total revenues. The result was a jump from \$8.33 per \$1,000 in 2016 to \$9.77 per \$1,000 in 2017.

**Bristol**

The total 2018 property tax rate is \$21.80 per \$1,000 of net assessed valuation, a drop of 33 cents (1.49 percent) from 2017 when the rate was \$22.13. It remains \$1.18 (5.72 percent) higher than the 2016 rate of \$20.62.

A reduction in the tax rate does not necessarily mean a lower tax bill, however.

The town's net assessed valuation is \$469,466,793. Since 2016, it has increased by \$1,228,690 (just over two tenths of a percent). That means that a hypothetical \$200,000 home that paid \$4,124 in taxes in 2016 might be valued at \$200,520 today, and would have a tax bill of \$4,371.34. The actual change for a \$200,000 home will vary based on the type of structure, location, and other factors, including how much of the increased valuation is due to new construction in the town.

The breakdown of the tax rate shows that the municipal portion has been dropping since 2016, from \$8.22 to \$8.21 to \$8.18 this year. The decrease can be attributed in part to the use of the town's unassigned fund balance to offset taxation. The county portion of the tax rate is \$1.94 per \$1,000, a 14 cent (7.78 percent) increase from 2017 and a 16 cent (8.99 percent) increase from 2016. The state education tax rate is \$2.24 per \$1,000, 11 cents (4.68 percent) higher than in 2017 but 5 cents (2.18 percent) lower than the \$2.29 rate in 2016.

Tax bills went out on Nov. 29 and are due on Dec. 31.

**Alexandria**  
Alexandria's 2018 tax rate, set on Oct. 23, is \$22.78 per \$1,000, a \$2.39 (9.5 percent) decrease from the 2017 rate of \$25.17. That is still \$1.78 (8.48 percent) higher than the 2016 tax rate of \$21.

The town's total valuation is \$197,218,893, an increase of \$578,400, or 0.29 percent, since 2017, and \$2,259,247 (1.13 percent) since 2016.

Using the example of a home assessed at \$200,000 in 2016, which would have paid \$4,200 in taxes, that home might be worth \$202,260 today, with a tax bill of \$4,607.48.

The municipal tax rate of \$6.13 per \$1,000 is down \$1.03 (14.39 percent) from 2017 but is 68 cents (12.48 percent) higher than it was in 2016. The county rate is \$1.81, a 5 cent (2.84 percent) increase from 2017 and a 15 cent (9.04 percent) increase from 2016.

The state education tax rate is \$2.21, down 1 cent (slightly more than four tenths of a percent) from 2017 but 3 cents (1.38 percent) higher than in 2016. The local education tax rate is \$12.63, down \$1.40 (9.98 percent) from 2017 but 92 cents (7.86 percent) higher than in 2016.

**Bridgewater**  
Bridgewater's 2018 tax rate is \$9.48 per \$1,000, a 14-cent (1.46 percent) decrease from 2017, but it is 5 cents (just over half a percent) higher than in 2016.

With a net assessed valuation of \$348,266,000, the town has added \$2,338,400 (nearly seven tenths of a percent) to its tax base since 2017, and \$4,306,300 (1.25 percent) since 2016. A \$200,000 home would have paid \$1,886 in taxes in 2016 but, with a potential valuation of \$202,500 today, its 2018 tax bill would be \$1,919.70.

The municipal portion of the tax rate is \$3.03, a 17-cent (5.94 percent) increase from 2017, and a 38-cent (14.34 percent) increase since 2016. The county tax rate is \$1.90, a 7-cent (3.83 percent) increase since 2017 but a 3-cent (1.55 percent) decrease from the 2016 rate.

The state education tax rate is \$2.20, down 25 cents (10.2 percent) from both 2016 and 2017, when the rate was \$2.45. The local education tax rate is \$2.35, down 13 cents (5.24 percent) from 2017 and down 5 cents (2.08 percent) since 2016.

**Danbury**  
The 2018 tax rate is identical to the 2017 rate in Danbury — \$23.50 per \$1,000. It is 50 cents (2.17 percent) higher than the 2016 rate of \$23.

Danbury's net assessed valuation is \$108,925,635, a \$1,327,028 (1.23 percent) increase from 2017 and a \$2,186,698 (2.05 percent) increase from 2016. A home worth \$200,000 and paying \$4,600 in taxes in 2016 might be worth \$204,100 today, with a tax bill of \$4,796.35.

The municipal tax rate is \$6.41, a 58-cent (9.95 percent) increase from 2017 and a 37-cent (6.13 percent) increase from 2016.

The county tax is \$2.90 per \$1,000, a 7-cent (2.47 percent) increase from 2017 but a 3-cent (1.02 percent) decrease from 2016. The state education tax is \$2.13 per \$1,000, a 20-cent (8.58 percent) decrease from 2017 and a 43-cent (16.8 percent) decrease from 2016.

The local education tax rate is \$12.06 per \$1,000, down 45 cents (3.6 percent) from 2017, but 59 cents (5.14 percent) higher than in 2016.

**Groton**  
Groton's 2018 tax rate is \$14 per \$1,000, a drop of \$1.64 (10.49 percent) from 2017, but a \$2.30 (19.66 percent) increase from 2016. Its net assessed valuation is \$80,713,550, a one-year increase of \$1,189,002 (1.5 percent) and a two-year increase of \$1,828,948 (2.32 percent). A home

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# Newfound Regional High School honor roll

**BRISTOL** — Newfound Regional High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Ninth grade**

High Honors: Dylan Collins, Logan Glidden, Julia Huckins, Mackenzie Jenkins, Daniel LaPointe, Evan Labonte, Lindsey Lacasse, Elsa McConologue, Kaylin Parker, Madeline Sargent, Emma Sawyer, Cassandra-Marie Zick  
Honors: Sabrina Alan, Jesse Bartlett, Gabe Bauer, Margaret Bednaz, Ryan Berg,

Paige Blad, Riley Boynton, Hayse Broome, Katelynn Cornell, Connor Downes, Ryder Downes, Noah Eckert, Alana Frame, Gabriella Frasca, Luke Gordon, Nathaniel Hatch, Devin Hershberger, Aidan Hill, Paulina Huckins, Kaileigh LeBlanc, Emily Lower, Brandon Marsach, Caleb Moores, Jamie Norton, John Norton, Aria Peringer, Tristin Porter, Michelle Sallies, Ezekiel Shedd, Bodhi Smith, Abbey Springer, Dominique Swanson, Hannah Tobine, Caoilainn Voelbel, Brian Watson

**10th Grade**

High Honors: Adele Meyer, Madison Perry  
Honors: Jacob Blouin, Mackenzie Bohlmann, Autumn Braley, Tiffany Doan, Haley Dukette, Sadira Dukette, Adrian Ehmman, Owen Henry, Jacob Huckins, Mackenzie Jollie, Matthew Karkheck, Serenity LaPage, Jucas Longphee, Jennifer MacDonald, Tyler MacLeal, Alyssa McDonough, Gretchen McGowan, Meghan Murray, Olivia Obara, Hannah Owen, Hunter Pease, Hayden Reynolds, Shyann Seymour, Simon Shedd, Oceanne Skoog

**11th Grade**

Honors: Hannah Babbitt, Leah Bunnell, Lillian Colby, Evelyn Cutting, Carter Davis, Isaiah Dokus, Duncan Farmer, Maura Geldermann, Ashlynn Hatch, Mark Henderson, Madeline LeClerc, Caroline Marchand, Brandon

Marcoux, Kasandra McClay, Alex Peterson, Alexis Raimondi, Madison Royea, Michael Sylvain-Stott, Anna Watson

**12th Grade**

High Honors: Jillian Buchanan, Madison Gould

Honors: Jakob Besh-ta, Lilyana Cloutier, Makayla Coffin, Cian Connor, Julie Costigan, Erika Crooker, Madison Dalphonse, Kathryn Drapeau, Ashley Durant, Hannah Eastman, Cole Frye, Nicholas Green, Greta Gruss, Spencer Lacasse, Matthew Libby, Kimberly Lower, Rylee MacPherson, Deanna Martin, Madison Martin, Mason Martin, Josiah Page, Madison Paige, Dylan Perkins, Jacob Pfister, Aryn Prescott, Cheyenne Reilly, Logan Rouille, Gracie Schilling, Leslie Shattuck, Megan Stafford, Trinity Taylor, Mia Tomassetti, Naomi Wade, Reid Wilkins

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Middle school student Trevor Sanschagrin of Bristol lent some valuable assistance in the assembly of Santa's Village last Monday evening.



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Tom Keegan, Trevor Sanschagrin, Matt Greenwood, Adeline Dolloff and Frank Dolloff are some of the behind-the-scenes volunteers who are getting Santa's Village ready for its opening this Friday at 6 p.m.

## A peek behind the scenes at TTCC's Santa's Village

BY DONNA RHODES  
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BRISTOL – A visit to Santa's Village at Tappan-Thompson Community Center in Bristol is a magical time for children from many local communities, but it doesn't magically appear each December; the village is actually made possible every year by a small but dedicated crew of volunteers.

Matt Greenwood has been assembling the village for 30 years now and said the work typically begins over Thanksgiving weekend. At that time, members of Boy Scout Troop 59 lend him a hand by pulling everything out of storage then putting all the buildings together, such as the Post Office, Candy Shop and Mrs. Claus's Kitchen. Over the days between then and the opening of the village, all the signs, decorations, and the scenery are then added.

Setting up the Annalee Doll Display as he has for many years, Frank Dolloff and his daughter Adeline were busy last Monday night creating a new scene for this year's village. Last Monday night they tested lights, arranged the dolls and added all sorts of details to the scenery to bring it all to life. Over the weekend Dolloff said he even

"slapped together" a new fireplace to add to the display then Adeline painted it all the stonework on it.

"I also have some old pieces from my house and my family in here; lots of little stuff that just works with the display," said Dolloff.

Across the way Tom Keegan, another volunteer who spends hours with Greenwood in the set up process each year, was working on the chapel. Assisting him on Monday was middle school student Trevor Sanschagrin of Bristol. Sanschagrin said he offered to help as a way to earn community service hours for his entrance in the Civil Air Patrol.

"If I complete 60 hours of service, then I'll get a ribbon," he explained as he set out a sign for the village.

Others who lend Greenwood, Keegan and Dolloff a hand each year are Barb Greenwood and Michelle Schulte who create Santa's house, Doug and Wendy Williams who set up the trains, and a group of 10 volunteers from J.Jill who come to the community center to work on any other details Greenwood needs done, such as blankets of snow, lights or toys for the toy shop.



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Adeline Dolloff, a sixth grade student from Newfound Memorial Middle School, has been working with her dad Frank this year to create a new Annalee Doll display for Santa's Village.

"They'll do whatever I ask them to. It's great," Greenwood said.

From there, the TTCC staff and volunteers do the rest.

"At this point tonight, it's helter-skelter but it always comes out fine," said Greenwood. "One year, I was here until one in the morning finishing everything up for opening, but I got it all done!"

Thanks to a great group of volunteers, this year will be no different. By 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, the buildings will be complete, the elves will

be at their stations, the lights will be on, the cookies all baked and, most of all Santa will be waiting.

Santa's Village will be open this weekend from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and 2-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free but a donation of any canned goods for an area food pantry is requested. In addition to the village, there will be a Christmas Craft Fair on the main floor of TTCC where local vendors with all types of great gift items will be on hand.

## Hebron local at Lasell College leads peer health education on campus

NEWTON, Mass. — Allison Smith, a Lasell College student from Hebron, is one of 19 Peer Health Educators (PHE) on the institution's Newton, Mass. campus.

Smith, a Sociology major, was selected as a PHE for the 2018-2019 academic year through an application process run by the College's Office of Health Education. Selected students are chosen for their interest in the program and comfort in talking with their peers about topics such as mental health, substance abuse, sexual health, and safety.

Each PHE is tasked with building a health-conscious culture at the College through education, resources, peer

leadership networking, and programming. They attend ongoing trainings and biweekly meetings to discuss current events and topics that relate to health, college, and campus life.

As part of this year's PHE cohort, Smith is currently developing peer health programming for the spring semester, including "Mindful Meals," a weekly opportunity for students to gather in the dining hall for intentional conversations without the distraction of technology.

"We strive to create an awareness of preventative health strategies that serve students at Lasell, but that are also transferrable beyond

college and throughout their lives," said Allison Whitcomb, the PHE advisor and health educator and clinical counselor at the College.

Smith works with the group to run events including National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, therapy dog visits, stress-free fairs and more. On top of that, the group collaborates with other institutional organizations and clubs to sponsor or co-host events such as Take Back the Night, The Clothesline Project, and the White Ribbon Campaign.

For more information contact: Samantha Mogle, assistant director of communications at smogle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

## Newfound Regional High School hosting winter concert tonight

BRISTOL — The Music Department at Newfound Regional High School will present its annual Winter Concert, on Thursday evening, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the NRHS Auditorium. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, including selections performed by the Chorus, Concert Band, Select Choir, and Jazz Ensemble.

The Band will perform a varied repertoire, including "Nessun Dorma" by Puccini, and a march by Edvard Grieg called "Huldigungsmarsch."

The Select Choir is slated to perform "Not While I'm Around" by Stephen Sondheim, while the Jazz Band will perform the jazz classic "Watermelon Man" by Herbie Hancock. The Chorus will perform "Winter Pa-

thetique" based on a theme by Beethoven, and "Rhythm of Life" from "Sweet Charity" by Fields & Coleman, along with other selections.

The concert is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

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## CADY Corner

### Is marijuana medicine?

BY DEB NARO  
Contributor

Marijuana is currently categorized as a Schedule 1 drug under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), meaning that it has a high potential for abuse and that it has no currently accepted medical use in the United States.

Cannabinoids are a large family of chemicals related to THC, marijuana's main psychoactive ingredient. In addition to THC, the marijuana plant contains over 100 other cannabinoids. Currently, two main cannabinoids of interest therapeutically are THC and cannabidiol (CBD), found in varying ratios within the marijuana plant. THC stimulates appetite and reduces nausea (there are FDA approved THC-based medications for these purposes), and it may also decrease pain, inflammation, and spasticity. CBD is a non-psychoactive cannabinoid that may also be useful in reducing pain and inflammation, controlling epileptic seizures, and possibly even treating psychosis.

Although there have been many stories in the media about CBD and the benefits achieved by its use, all these stories are anecdotal. Dr. Elson So, President of the American Epilepsy Society, asks that the "professional and lay community do not make treatment decisions that are not based on sound research." In his letter to the Miami Herald, Dr.

So points out that there is currently a lack of scientific evidence for the use of marijuana as treatment for epilepsy. It is not yet known if it is a safe and efficacious treatment. "In addition, there is little known about the long-term effects of using marijuana on infants and children on memory, learning and behavior." "The lack of information does not mean that it is an ineffective treatment—but let's be sure that it is and learn how to use it correctly."

There are research efforts in place to identify possible benefits of medicinal marijuana. Researchers registered with DEA are performing studies with marijuana, marijuana extracts, and non-tetrahydrocannabinol marijuana derivatives that exist in the plant, such as cannabidiol and cannabinol. These studies include evaluation of abuse potential, physical/psychological effects, adverse effects, therapeutic potential, and detection. In fact, sixteen of these registered researchers are approved to conduct research with smoked marijuana on human subjects.

Do you know the New Hampshire laws? Here are some frequently asked questions about using and having Therapeutic Cannabis in New Hampshire.

WHO can have therapeutic cannabis? Qualifying patients and designated caregivers who have a valid registry identifica-

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## PET of the Week Nova

Her perpetual smile is engaging, her energy is inspiring and her gentleness a love. Nova, the six year old American Staffordshire mix, always seems to have a smile from ear to ear, especially when people come to visit. She is incredibly smart, even knows the command for walking backwards. She is a gentle walker and does well with children over eight. Nova is indeed one of the more super dogs looking for her forever home and people. She will be a loyal friend and companion and always will be ready for a great game of tug.



## Letters to the Editor

### We need your help! Join the effort to build a scholarship endowment

To the Editor:

A lot of news to report to all Newfound Area Bears! A non-profit organization Board of 7 has been working hard on behalf of Newfound Alumni for the past two years!

First, the Board has established a new alumni association with a new website: [www.newfoundalumni.com](http://www.newfoundalumni.com). The site recognizes all classes from 1936 to 2017. Terry Corneau, '70, has done a great job designing the website to help us all stay connected. Go on the site, register, and connect!

Secondly, a fundraising effort focused on building an "endowed" fund has been started. The Blakeley-Mills Newfound Regional Scholarship Fund is off to a strong start and has awarded scholarships to Newfound graduates for the past two years. This endowment effort, designed to grow over time, is going to require help from the entire Newfound Commu-

nity. It's the Board's goal to have a large percentage of "Bear Alumni" contribute.

The fundraising campaign "Donate Your Age" is asking all Newfound Alumni to donate their age on an annual basis. By all of us contributing to this endowment we can grow the fund to provide finance assistance to Newfound students and alumni. Assistance is provided for licenses, certificates, professional advancement, and two- or four-year college degrees.

Join those that have already contributed by going to the website: [www.newfoundalumni.com](http://www.newfoundalumni.com). Click on either FUNRAISER Tab or CURRENT NEWS. Checks can also be mailed to the BMNRSF P.O. Box 691, Bristol, NH 03222

Thank you,

Paul Berton '72  
Hebron/Portsmouth

## Strategies for Living

### Politics – According to Webster

BY LARRY SCOTT

Politics, according to Webster, is, "The science of government; that part of ethics which consists in the regulation of government of a nation or state, for the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity; comprehending the defense of its existence and the rights against foreign control or conquest ... and the protection of its citizens in their rights, with the preservation and improvement of their morals."

Come again? To preserve and improve their morals? That was given by Webster -- in 1828. Clearly the role of government has changed, but surely Webster had a point.

There is a significant correlation between our moral outlook and the preservation of our safety, peace and prosperity. If we define morals as that which is "concerned with or relating to human behavior, especially the distinction between good and bad

or right and wrong behavior" (Collins, 2011), then we can see the impact that our behavior has on the ability of the State to govern.

I believe in a God that is active in the affairs of man. Even in politics, the Bible mandates, "The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted. ... He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer." Our government rules with a unique sense of divine authority. I have little interest in deifying our Founding Fathers. They were as human and as fallible as any of us. God, however, seems to have granted them a unique sense of responsibility and great insight, and America was born.

The American Experiment seemed so improbable when Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence. Those early

Americans had served under a King. They dreamed of a new day in which representative government was conducted, "under God ... with liberty and justice for all."

And God was, indeed, at the very center of their thinking. Samuel Adams, as just one case in point, addressed the troops during the War of Independence.

"May every citizen in the army and in the country have a proper sense of the Deity upon his mind and an impression of the declaration recorded in the Bible, 'Him that honoreth me I will honor, but he that despiseth me shall be lightly esteemed' [I Samuel 2:30] (David Barton, Original Intent, p. 107).

My point here is very simple. Our government representatives have been endowed with a responsibility to lead as Agents of Almighty God. You can understand, then, my concern that in many ways America is no

longer a Christian nation. Spiritual issues and a respect for the principles outlined in God's Word are not nearly so important to us as they were to our Founding Fathers.

The election season now looms once again, and again America must decide who – and what – we want to be. We must not fail; we have to get this right! The next generation is going to be profoundly influenced by the decisions we make today.

Partisan politics aside, it is imperative that we each do our part to put into office legislators who reflect our personal convictions. Listen to them carefully; research the issues they support. Pray with me, vote your conscience, and let us believe together that God will grant this great nation a valid and justifiable direction for the days to come.

For more thoughts like these, please access my blog at [indefenseoftruth.net](http://indefenseoftruth.net).

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# A word that's worthy of George H.W. Bush

When I heard that George Herbert Walker Bush had passed on, I couldn't help but smile. I suppose we all should envy such a thing---a smile made of memories and affection.

As for words, plenty have been spoken these past few days, with many people, of all political stripe and persuasion, smiling (and once in a while, crying). They described George Bush as humble, self-effacing, unassuming, patriotic, loyal, thoughtful, brave, traditional, open-minded, and true.

I have a word of my own to add to that list. But first, a vignette or two.

Here was a guy who celebrated his 80th birthday by jumping out of an airplane, and then he did the same on his 90th. And here I am at a mere 71, creaking around and complaining (okay, so I'm on wheels while nursing a spiral-fractured femur). What will I do for my 80th? I'd settle for just being here.

From first-in-the-nation candidate to the presidency, George Bush had a soft spot for Colebrook. At some point during a campaign swing north, his entourage went into the Colebrook House and stumbled into a toast and roast event to honor Doc Brungot, the territory's long-time veterinarian. He described the scene as robust. "I was swept into it all," he recalled, "and met what seemed like the whole town."

## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



George Bush and I were running partners, sort of, meaning that he and I went running---once in Jefferson (1980), and once in Washington, D.C. (1986). The two experiences were vastly different, one featuring crows and cows, the other featuring a speeding motorcade and Secret Service agents who demonstrated running while heavily armed.

The George Bush I knew was kind and considerate, and immensely conversational, meaning not that he talked all the time but that he could converse on just about any subject. For instance, just before the Jefferson run I'd seen a magazine article about a new kind of drilling bit, and asked if he knew about it. He did.

The first time we went running together, it was because the Bush campaign thought it would look good for a youngish-looking George Bush to be seen running with an even younger publisher, compared to Ronald Reagan, a nice guy who gimped around and looked a hundred and ten.

At some point during the run, a friend of the Bush family leaned out a car window and took some pictures. One photo ran in newspapers all over the country. Campaign staffers



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George H.W. Bush suited up in his Grumman Avenger, ca. 1944.

made a gigantic life-size blowup and set it up in the lobby of Concord's New Hampshire Highway Hotel, where most of the politicians and out-of-state media were staying. I've always wished I'd snagged it before it disappeared into a landfill.

Eight years later it was Mr. Vice President, and during a visit with Bush staffer Ron Kaufman I men-

tioned an upcoming trip to Florida to visit friends and relations. The Veep had issued me a standing invitation to go for a run in Foggy Bottom.

"You should drop him a note," Ron said, so I did.

Three weeks later, I was in a condo on Ormond Beach when my ancient aunt took a telephone call and turned to me, eyes wide through Coke-bottle

lenses, and said "It's the White House." Well, okay, maybe she was a little more excited than that, worthy, even, of an exclamation point.

So I diverted my trip to National Airport, and the Veep and I went by motorcade to an Episcopal boys' school, and ran on the school track, and later

had cheese and crackers and a couple of beers at the Vice Presidential Residence.

"Don't drape your arm over the side of your chair or Millie might bite," Barbara Bush warned. (My dog is not named for their dog.)

But you know, it was the same George Bush I'd met in 1980, and the same George Bush who had kept in touch over the years, and it was the same George Bush---now President Bush---who called me at the Democrat one afternoon in 1992 to ask how I thought he was doing in his run against a nobody named Bill Clinton. Not so very well, I said, or words to that effect. But it was a fact.

There is a hesitancy in some guys to use certain words even when totally appropriate, lest a guy come across as overly sensitive (I'm stubbing my toe in the dirt here). But I haven't yet seen the word I'd use to describe the George Herbert Walker Bush I knew, what kind of man he was, which is "Sweet."

*(This column is syndicated in newspapers from Concord to Canada and circulates in parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, with contact information in case of questions, are welcome via campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

## Obituary

### Thomas R. Costigan, Sr., 88

BRISTOL — Thomas R. Costigan, Sr., 88, of Cedar Street, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 at the Goldenview Health Care Center.

He was born in E. Boston, Mass., the son of Bernard and Mary (Coombs) Costigan. Following graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict. He worked until his retirement for the Hood Milk Co. in Charlestown, Mass., where he was a metal fabricator and mechanic. He was mar-

ried to the late Dorothy (Grace) Costigan who passed away in 2011.

Tom was a member of the American Legion of Revere, Mass. and the Elks Lodge of Winthrop, Mass. He was crowned "man of the year" for his 35 years of coaching little league in Winthrop, Mass. In his free time, his passion was fishing. Tom was not particular, ocean, lake or stream, if he was fishing he was happy. He also enjoyed "tinkering." It did not matter what he was

working on, he loved to make things and to make things work. He was as avid Red Sox fan. He was most happy spending time with his wife Dotty.

Family members include five sons and their wives (Thomas, Kevin & Michelle, and Brian & Kathy, all of Bristol, Mass., and Daniel & Desiree of Plymouth); 16 grandchildren; one sister, Betty Garchenski of Medford, Mass.; nieces and nephews.

Friends and family

may call from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Bristol United Church of Christ. A funeral service will follow at 3pm. Interment with military honors will take place at Homeland Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Tom's memory to the Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA), 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol.

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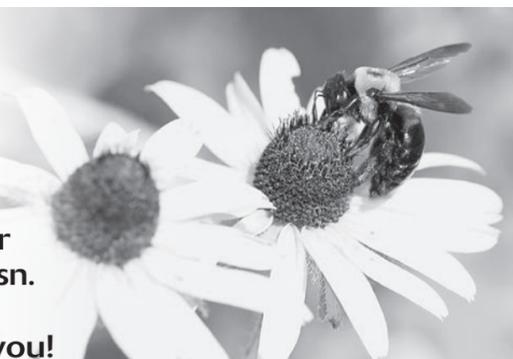
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## Towns

### Alexandria

Merry Ruggirello 744-5383  
sunshine\_eyes51@yahoo.com

Yes, it seems like Mother Nature has been suffering from a severe case of dandruff! The rain isn't working in relieving the problem though. Sunshine... please take it away! The power outage was something else too. I was waiting on a phone call from the power company with respect to estimated restoration times. Unfortunately they were emailed to me, none of which I received until the power came on. Oh, well, so it all goes.

#### Town

Saturday, Dec. 8: Alexandria Volunteer Firefighter's Association Craft and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Alexandria Firefighter's Association Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

#### Alexandria UMC

Office hours Thursday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. until 5:45 p.m.

Bible Study on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the home of Tom and Anita Larson.

Sunday, Dec. 9, services begin at 9 a.m. with Coffee Hour immediately following. Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m.

Happy to see that the sun has finally come out! I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to Nancy Butler, who recently had knee replacement surgery! I wonder what the odds are we'll see each other at physical therapy. Have a good week everyone...remember, Santa is watching!

### Danbury

Donna Sprague  
huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

#### South Danbury Church

Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church on Dec. 9 will be at 11 a.m. Afterward, there'll be time for visiting, conversation and refreshments.

This Sunday will be the second Sunday of the Advent season, which is

celebrated on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, a time for exploring the meanings -- and ways to practice -- Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, in turn, week by week.

Looking ahead, "Christmas at the South Danbury Church" will be on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Celebrate with Christmas carols and a Nativity tableau, toe-tapping versions of holiday favorites by the Barrett family band -- Keith, Sam, Max, and friends, and traditional British carols performed by Jesse Schust. Enjoy holiday memories of Audrey Curren, Donald Hall, and Jane Kenyon, and a soon-to-be-published story by Mary Lyn Ray. There will be delicious Yuletide treats, and maybe if we've all been very good a visit from Santa. Watch for posters, and follow "Friends of Danbury" and "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook for more details. All are welcome!

#### Danbury Winter Market

Thursday, Dec. 20 will be the first winter market pickup market of the season continuing every third Thursday through April. The grange is partnering with Local Foods Plymouth to pilot a pickup at the grange hall from 5-7 p.m. Order on line at [localfoodsplymouth.org](http://localfoodsplymouth.org), a year round farmers market with weekly pickups at the PAREI office on Highland Street in Plymouth. While there is an upcharge to covering operating expenses for Local Foods Plymouth, there will be no extra fees for the Danbury drop off point. In addition to LFP, customers may continue to use [harvesttomarket.com](http://harvesttomarket.com) for ordering or may call vendor directly. The third Thursday pickup is sponsored by the grange to increase the availability of local goods to the community.

At the pickup you may also purchase Danbury Winter Market gift certificates. Make 2018 a double gift December by giving local gifts to your loved ones and also giving to your commu-

nity by supporting local businesses and sustaining area farms. Gift certificates available in \$5, \$15 and \$20 increments with and each book can further be broken down into \$1, \$2 and \$5 certificates.

The next regular market is Jan. 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A reminder to all veterans out there... bring proof of service and get 20 market dollars to shop at each monthly market which continues on the first Saturday through April. Local shopping strengthens the local economy and helps preserve our rural life and traditions.

### Groton

Ruth Millett 603-786-2926  
rem1752nh@gmail.com

#### Children's Gift Tree

There are no more tags on the gift tree in the hallway, but we will still need money for fresh foods and meats to go into the food baskets, so if you would like to donate, please see Ruth or Elizabeth in the Town Clerk's Office. Thank you to all who have already donated and thank you to Elizabeth for her time in organizing this. The Last day to donate will be Dec. 21 as we will be distributing on Dec. 22.

The Planning Board Public Hearing was well attended and many voiced their opinions and gave good suggestions. According to the schedule that was given to me, the next hearing will be on Jan. 21. When I am given more details, I will post them here.

There was a Building Committee Meeting at the Town House on Thursday, Nov. 29 and that was also well attended. There were many good suggestions and lots of banter as well. I didn't attend, but from what I gather there are quite a few who will be serving on this committee and will be bringing in more information for the next meeting which will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Town House.

The Town is seeking those who would be willing to serve at least till March 2019 on the Zoning Board. We have recently lost nearly all members of this committee and there will be business to attend to very soon. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact the Select Board Office.

#### Scheduled Meetings and Office Closures:

Select Board Work Sessions -- Tuesdays, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Town House

Select Board Meetings (open to the public) -- Tuesdays, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Road Committee Meeting -- Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Town House at 7 p.m.

Conservation Committee Meeting -- Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board Meetings -- Thursday, Dec. 13 and Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

The Select Board Office will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, and will reopen on Jan. 2. The

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

Total of all taxes due to the Town as of Dec. 3 are \$439,930.11. The 2018P02 tax bills were sent out on Nov. 13, and will be due Dec. 14. The new tax rate is \$14/thousand.

### Hebron

Bob Brooks 744-3597  
hebronnhnews@live.com

#### NAC Advent Services

The annual Newfound Area Churches (NAC) midweek Advent services will be at the following locations for the next two services. Each week the noontime service will be followed by a light lunch. The Advent services are at the New Hampton Community Church on Dec. 12, and Bristol United Church of Christ on Dec. 19. For more information, please call 744-3885.

#### Christmas In Song

The annual "Christmas In Song" event will be on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The location is Bristol Baptist Church at 30 Summer St. in Bristol.

## Churches

### Ashland Community Church

Ashland Community Church is located at 55 Main St., on Route 3 in Ashland (across from Shurfine Market). Parking is available next to and behind the church.

Pastor Ernie Madden  
Phone: 968-9464  
Email: [accernie@hotmail.com](mailto:accernie@hotmail.com)

Website: [ashlandcommunitychurch.com](http://ashlandcommunitychurch.com)

#### Sundays:

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service, followed by coffee and fellowship in the church dining room.

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the sanctuary before the service.

Toddler Zone (for infants - five years old) and KidZone (for K-6th grade) are available during the Contemporary Service.

Special Needs Class - For teens-adults at the Contemporary Service. Participants meet in the sanctuary for singing, and are dismissed to their class at approximately 10:45 a.m.

#### Kidzone:

Debbie Madden leads the K-sixth grade class. Kids will love the great videos and games that teach age appropriate lessons in a loving atmosphere.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Group:

Monday's at 8 p.m. in the church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace, mercy and love. We believe that you will love Ashland Community Church. We are a friendly, loving, and caring church that studies and shares the word of our dear Lord and Savior.

Our Vision is to become a church that un-

This is a musical event with much local area talent and some congregational participation. This year all donations will be going to Bristol Baptist Church as the kick-off event for their fundraising to repair the church roof. Following the music program, there will be light refreshments in the downstairs vestry. For more information, please call 744-3885 or 744-8804.

Hebron Historical Society Holiday Deal!

Just in time for the Holiday Season, the Hebron Historical Society is offering a complete package of Hebron history publications at a special discount price!

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"The History of Hebron, The First Two Hundred Years," 247 pages, 2008

"Origin of Some Hebron NH Place Names," 22 pages, including maps locating those places

"A Self-Guided Tour of the Hebron, NH Village Cemetery," 43 pages, 2012

"A History of Newfound Lake," 131 pages, 2014

churched people will love to attend.

Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus and to help others to do the same.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ernie Madden at any of the contact information above.

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#### Sundays

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Coffee Fellowship: Following service

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

#### Notes:

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Location: P.O. Box 424, 15 Church St., Bristol, NH 03222

Phone: 744-8132

#### Office Hours:

Main Office -- Monday through Friday - 9 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours: Monday through Thursday - 9 a.m. to noon and other times by appointment

Rev. Andrew's Home Phone: 217-0704

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For a cash payment and book pickup call the Society President, Dave Brittelli at 744-2634.

If we need to mail the books to you please add \$10.

#### Bridgewater Country Store Sale

Twenty percent off Apparel Storewide (on single items) Or BOGO 30 percent off the second item equal or lesser value \*Includes footwear, gloves, hats, socks! And while there, please donate to the Turkey Trot fundraiser and get an awesome t-shirt while supplies last!

Email: [pastorbucc@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pastorbucc@myfairpoint.net)

#### Weekly Events: Mondays:

A.A. Step meeting -- 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study -- 7 p.m.

#### Tuesdays:

Bone Builders -- 9:30 a.m.

Senior Crafts: 9:30 a.m.

Senior Luncheon -- Noon

AA Discussion -- 8 p.m.

#### Wednesdays:

Morning Reflections continue through the month of December with Rev. Andrew moderating. We gather at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Coffee is provided. Come join us!

#### Fridays:

Bone Builders -- 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Events: WIC (Women/Infant/Children) Clinic -- 2nd Monday at 8:30 a.m.

T.E.A. (Time, Encourage, Accept) -- for Women 3rd Tuesday at 4 p.m. They will continue to meet for the month of December. Meeting place varies.

Women's Fellowship - Next meeting -- Thursday, Dec. 13 in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. We will be preparing cheer bags for our shut-ins, a short business meeting, to be followed by a potluck lunch and grab-bag! Choir rehearsal continues at 4 p.m. every Wednesday.

#### Ongoing

Bristol Community Services is in need of , spaghetti sauce, baked beans, canned fruit, jelly, and canned peas. Please help if you can!

Taking a break in December, The Dynamite SEE CHURCHES, PAGE A7



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# Enactus Club of PSU to focus on children's book at library event

PLYMOUTH — The Enactus Club of Plymouth State University is holding a holiday fundraiser at the Pease Public Library on Dec. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies, all you need is \$20 in cash or check to purchase the book, "A Magical Journey to Nana-Tucket." All of the proceeds go towards supporting veterans. Half of the

profits made from this Christmas book will go to the non-profit organization Heroes in Transition. This organization's mission is to help veterans in a way that is not available from local, state, and federal agencies by providing assistance to those with special needs in four key areas:

Home modifications for disabled veterans

Transitional Support Group Therapy  
Financial support for service families  
Assistance dogs for veterans

The other half will go to PSU Enactus teams own ice cream company Caring Scoops, that each day strives to help out homeless veterans in our community. Caring Scoops is fortunate to be partners with Bridge House homeless

shelter as well as The Common Man Family Restaurants with the long-term goal of transitioning veterans into independent living. Jean Darpra, the author of the book will attend the event to read and sign books.

She says, "We were interested and impressed with the Enactus mission and all that the Plymouth group has accomplished.

Congrats! Your collective efforts are making a difference for many."

Another important person that helped make this event happen is a student named Melker Blomberg.

Being the Vice President of Projects for the Enactus Club, he says, "It will be an event that I hope will bring together students and the Plymouth community to raise money to-

wards a great cause by selling as many books as possible to help veterans in need of assistance."

## About Plymouth State University

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## Churches

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Dinner Crew will resume on Jan. 12 with a chowder supper! Adults \$9. Children \$4. Serving 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Take Out Available: 744-8132

The ukelele band is now in full swing! If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Doe. The band is getting together once a week on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for lessons and practice, a few brave souls will make their debut on Sunday, Dec. 16 and share their music with the congregation.

Rev. Andrew has indicated that several people have approached him with interest in meditation as a self-care practice. Please contact him if you are interested in having a weekday program for meditation. It's possible the group could meet and learn and practice a different meditation technique at each session.

Remainder of the hour would be for quiet, individual meditation in whatever style works for you. Based on interest, we will then proceed to scheduling.

A big thank you to all who helped in making the annual Christmas Bazaar a success! We couldn't have done it without you!

B.U.C.C. cooperates with other churches and community organizations to serve the needs of all people who live near us. Our reach extends around the world through our work with other members of the United Church of Christ!

## Hebron Union Congregational Church

All are welcome to join in our worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m., followed by fellowship and coffee. Please come meet our Interim Minister, Rev. Earl Miller

Once a month, we make soup for members in our greater church community. Our next "Soup Route" is Dec. 10. If you would like to volunteer to make or deliver soup, please contact the Church Secretary at the contact information listed below.

Bible study has resumed on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Community Hall. We are currently studying Parables from Jesus. Anyone is welcome to join us.

On Wednesday, Dec.

12, the service & lunch will be at New Hampton Community Church, and on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Bristol United Church of Christ.

Our church is located in the center of historic Hebron village at the intersections of North Shore Road and West Shore Road. Our administrative assistant's office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and our phone number is 744-5883. Our address is 16 Church Lane, PO Box 67, Hebron, NH 03241. The secretary's email address is staff@hebronchurchnh.org. To find out more about our church, please visit the church Web site at www.hebronchurchnh.org.

Rev. Miller is also available to meet with parishioners and community members. You can call him at 491-8738 or you can make an appointment by contacting the Administrative Assistant, Linda Kriss, using the contact information in the above paragraph.

## Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Construction on the Holy Trinity Christian Life Center is progressing pretty much on schedule. The basement is finished, but the concrete slab has taken longer because of the rain. The old hall has been demolished. The gates to St. Matthew lot will have to stay closed for the time being because the exterior and interior walls will be stored in the lot until they are installed. The university has generously allowed us to use the lots on both sides of High St. where they intersect with Langdon. It is very important that you don't park on Langdon on the left hand side (the side across from the church) as you will get ticketed. Parking is still allowed on the right hand side of Langdon, as well as the lot right across from the church.

The Day Away program provides their caregivers a much-needed respite and relief from constant care and responsibility every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For the participant, activities include games, crafts, sing along, bingo, local entertainment etc.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m.-noon or 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Sandra Coleman RN, BSN by email sjrhett@roadrunner.com or call at 536-6304 for more in-

formation.

We are in the middle of updating our database. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email, or marital status, or if you have children that are no longer living at home, please forward that information to Christine at holytrinitybristol@gmail.com.

## Restoration Church, Plymouth (Assemblies of God)

Greetings from Restoration Church Plymouth, located at 319 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you do not have a home church we invite you to come and join our warm and friendly family here at Restoration Church. Please feel free to contact us at hello@restorationchurch.cc.. Our church phone number is still the same, 536-1966. Our schedule has changed to the following:

**Sunday:**  
10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and third Monday of the Month

Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month  
6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, we officially launched as Restoration Church Plymouth. More details about this service will be included in the next article. We also started a new series entitled, Stories. We will be continuing this series this week as well. We have our own worship team during our services in our auditorium and then we watch as a Pastor Nate Gagne preaches via video during our service.

## Our Mission Statement: Just One More!

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicapped accessible on the east entrance.

## A Shared Ministry of St. Mark's, Ashland and Church of the Holy Spirit, Plymouth

**Services**  
Sunday: 8 a.m. - 263 Highland St., Plymouth  
9:30 a.m. - 18 High-

land St., Ashland  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. - St. Mark's, Ashland

Thursdays - 11 a.m. - Healing and Eucharist - St. Mark's, Ashland

Advent, the first season of the new church year began on Sunday, Dec. 1. Everyone is busy "getting ready" for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. "Getting ready" as a church community takes a lot of getting ready - efforts by the Altar Guild to prepare our worship spaces for the new season; music and liturgy planning by organist Ash Morgan, Deacon Maryan and Rector Kelly.; planning and leading the faith formation programs (what we used to call "Christian Education") which Jean Murphy for our kids and Joan Bowers for adults have been guiding. We are grateful for the extra office work by our administrator Heidi Schlenz.

Deacon Maryan thanks everyone who participated in our November outreach program and provided diapers for new American children.

Do you know of anyone who has not been to church recently and who may need a pastoral call or visit? Due to

privacy laws, churches are no longer routinely informed if you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital. Please be sure you let us know when and where you will be a patient so we can be in touch with you and include you in our prayers and healing ministry. Don't assume that Kelly and Maryan know; they would much rather hear from people than from no one.

"Invitation to Give" packets have been distributed. Please aim to return your 2019 Pledge Card in the offering plate or by mail by Sunday, Dec. 16. Please call the office 536-1321 if you did not receive one.

Check out our new Facebook page! Thanks to the intrepid handiwork of Katie Patten we are now on Facebook. Visit and like this page for news of our shared ministry.

Ashland Town-Wide Open House: Friday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 7:45 p.m., we will open Sherrill Hall serving homemade chowder and hosting a Craft Fair. Any crafter can rent a table for \$10 with rental fees in support of church outreach. For more information call Anne Lamson at 507-4188.

Next meeting of the

Caregivers Support Group is Wed. Dec 19th at the Upstairs Conference Room at the Plymouth Regional Ctr. No registration or fee required. Group facilitated by Guy Tillson, MDiv, MA, Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor

## Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairground Rd., Plymouth, is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

## This week at Starr King:

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alexandria	45 Solar Acres Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$173,333	Christopher N. Erickson	Derek R. Cincevich
Ashland	Mill Street	N/A	\$32,000	Tena Chant	Randy Nolan
Bristol	46 Lakeside Rd., Unit 46	Condominium	\$190,000	Brian and Judith A. Labelle	David A. and Olivia R. Miceli
Bristol	60 School St.	Single-Family Residence	\$99,000	Jason A. Reynolds and FNMA	FNMA
Bristol	273 W. Shore Rd., Unit 4	Condominium	\$174,000	Beth Goodrum	Paul G. Yamkovoy
Bristol	290 Wicom Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$437,000	Destefano 2013 Fiscal Trust	Joel M. and Joette Y. Halpern
Bristol	N/A	N/A	\$475,000	Richard A. Duvarney RET	Mikkelsen Fiscal Trust
Campton	494 Eastern Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$25,000	Christine E. Delucca Estate	Kristy Morency
Campton	21 Overlook Rd., Unit 6	Condominium	\$105,000	Harold H. Randall	Daniel and Rebecca Brown
Campton	1144 US Route 3	Single-Family Residence	\$48,000	Robert K. Downing and Bank of New Hampshire	Bank of New Hampshire
Campton	83 Winterbrook Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$163,000	James H. and Dorothy D. Moore	Cathy Foster
Dorchester	Bickford Woods Road	N/A	\$90,533	Mary B. Hertel	Tanner and Samantha VanNest
Hebron	Groton Road	N/A	\$57,533	Gwendolyn D. Sanborn RET	M.L. & D.A. Madden 2004 Trust
Hebron	Hobart Hill Road	N/A	\$49,533	Elizabeth S. Kidder RET	Kevin W. and Karen E. Lindberg
Hebron	85 Panorama Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$750,000	Phillip H. and Barbara Newman	Paul L. Falzarano and Patricia Church
Hebron	W. Shore Road	Residential Open Land	\$430,000	John P. and Pamela A. Cahill	Amy and Shawn T. Moynihan
Holderness	31 Shore Post Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$301,000	Robert M. Duga	Richard E. and Kathleen S. Manzi
New Hampton	Dana Hill Road	N/A	\$190,000	Donald & Virginia Haas Fiscal Trust	Sarah & Lawrence Wylie LT
New Hampton	23 Meadow Way	Mobile Home	\$55,000	Emily Marion Verill Estate	Lucian E. and Kathleen D. Schofield
New Hampton	Riverwood Drive	N/A	\$55,333	Michael E. and Brandy V. Sharp	James I. and Jennifer H. Doig
Plymouth	36 Bell Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$45,000	Heminway Fiscal Trust	Hope K. Disbrow
Plymouth	8 Center St.	Mobile Home	\$24,000	Susan Axon	Jonathan D. Field
Plymouth	512 Fairgrounds Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$45,000	Judith J. Dearborn Trust	Rodney Hylton
Plymouth	2 Winter St.	Single-Family Residence	\$127,533	Stephen E. Villee	Matthew J. Yeaton
Thornton	N/A	N/A	\$28,000	Jamie Gallant	Brian O'Connor
Warren	Swimming Hole Road	N/A	\$27,000	Franklin D. Roye and S. Alice Wardlow	David R. Cormier
Waterville Valley	36 Devos Way, Unit 33	Condominium	\$130,000	Giuseppe and Maria morreale	Zachary W. Mandirola
Waterville Valley	37 Windsor Hill Way, Unit 92	Condominium	\$70,000	Jeremy T. Cardin and Shannon M. Heyer	N/A
Wentworth	234 Atwell Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$29,600	Todd D. Downing Estate	Ronald C. and Donna M. Hajj
Wentworth	132 NH Route 25A	Single-Family Residence	\$310,000	Richard P. and Alice M. Lamy	John Dennis
Wentworth	29 Red Brook Circle	N/A	N/A	Suzanne I. Curran Trust	Joseph E. and Susan R. Finn

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are

usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

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# MARK ON THE MARKETS

## Hidden gems



BY MARK PATTERSON

Hidden gems refer to fees that your broker or advisors' firm may be charging you without you and maybe even sometimes your advisor's knowledge.

Typically, when a new or prospective client and I meet, we talk about objectives, their needs and purpose for their investable assets and financial future. Then, we will do a forensic analysis of their current investment portfolio. The hidden gems that I find are usually in the client's current advisor's disclosure documents that I simply pull off the Internet. In other words, the documents are avail-

able to anybody who cares to look. The first thing I look for in those disclosure documents is something called "revenue-sharing," but have also seen it referred to as partnership programs.

This is where the broker dealer sells shelf space, or promotes certain mutual fund company funds for a fee that ultimately the client pays for.

As a registered investment advisor, I am held to fiduciary obligation when working with my clients. I have stated in the past that you should ask your current advisor if they are working for you as a fiduciary as opposed to working for their firm. If they say yes that they are working for you as a fiduciary, ask for it in writing. I have talked to financial advisors who believe that the list of funds that they can choose from is just a list of good funds, not knowing their firm was limiting them to funds

where the firm makes additional revenue from their "partners." Your current advisor may not be disingenuous about revenue-sharing, but

just may not be aware that their firm engages in it.

So, you may say, "it's not a lot of money, they need to make money as

well." The point being, the brokerage firm or advisory that is collecting these revenue-sharing fees are not, in my opinion, doing what's best

for the client, which is the essence of fiduciary. So, you may be placed into funds where your overall expense ratio is

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**Kathy Tardif, Catholic Campus Minister of Plymouth State University's United Campus Ministry, receives a donation from Andy McDonnell and Alex Djevalikian, both representing the Phi Beta Upsilon alumni group. Phi Beta Upsilon has supported PSU's long-standing tradition of assembling and delivery Thanksgiving food baskets to Plymouth-area residents in need with \$21,500 in contributions over the past nine years. Photo Credit: Mackenzie Fullerton.**



**This Thanksgiving, Plymouth State University (PSU) continued its long-standing tradition of assembling and delivering food baskets to Plymouth-area residents in need. This year, 50 PSU students delivered 140 baskets, providing Thanksgiving dinner to more than 450 people in the community. Pictured above, PSU students (L-R) Trevor Kish, Logan Fendt, Katherine Walsh, Conner Dowling, Emily Laflam, Peter Clune, Leandra Nault, Ryan Finley, Hailey Ingalls, Doug Pimentel and Kim Livingstone.**

# PSU continues tradition of helping community members in need at Thanksgiving

PLYMOUTH — This Thanksgiving, Plymouth State University (PSU) continued its long-standing tradition of assembling and delivering food baskets to Plymouth-area residents in need. This year, PSU delivered

140 baskets, providing Thanksgiving dinner to more than 450 people in the community. "Plymouth State's motto is Ut Prosim, 'that I may serve,'" said Kathy Tardif, Catholic Campus Minister of PSU's United

Campus Ministry, and Thanksgiving basket project coordinator. "This project allows everyone from the PSU community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni - to serve our host communities. And most importantly,

for 45 years, this tradition has allowed students and community members to meet each other in a life-giving

way." Fifty students, representing seven student organizations, and members of the

Phi Beta Upsilon alumni group, comprised of veterans who fundraise to support SEE **THANKSGIVING**, PAGE A12

## Coldwell Banker Linwood Real Estate sponsors Toys for Tots collection

LINCOLN — Thomas Tremblay, President of Coldwell Banker Linwood Real Estate, has announced their sponsorship and drop off locations for the Marines' Toys for Tots program. The Company will host drop off boxes in Lincoln, Littleton and Franconia.

Tremblay said, "The most important thing I have learned about this program is the fact that all the gifts donated at our locations and other locations in the North Country stay in the North Country. We see lots of promotion for the southern part of the State and I always thought everything ended up there. It is worthwhile knowing that the gifts people give stay in our neighborhoods."

Carleen Quinn, a Sales Associate for Coldwell Banker Linwood Real Estate and working in the company's Franconia office, is the Toys for Tots Coordinator for Grafton County-North. Carleen has held this position for eleven years. Carleen can be reached at CarleenTFT@gmail.com.



**From left to right: Kevin Haynes, Trisha Cross, Heidi Boedecker, Brenda Corliss-Simon, Ruth Hamilton, Cindy Sparks, Arlie Vandenbroek, Carleen Quinn and Les Newell.**

Begun in 1947 by Colonel William L. Hendricks, at the time a Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, the Marine Toys for Tots Program has collected and distributed toys to needy children for over 70 years and has drop-off locations in communities large and small all over the nation. Over 548 million toys have been distributed to more than 251 million less fortunate children since the program began. Toys for Tots was designated by the U.S. Secretary of Defense as an official activity of the U.S. Ma-

rine Corps and an official mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1995. To request toys, go to [www.ToysForTots.org](http://www.ToysForTots.org), select "Request a Toy" enter New Hampshire and select "Grafton-North." Complete and submit the form. Carleen will take it from there. To donate a toy or donate money, stop by one of Coldwell Banker Linwood Real Estate's offices or other drop off locations. Monetary donations are likewise designated to "Grafton-North" to keep it close to home for our needy families.



**P.E.O. Chapter O, Plymouth member Roberta Holt presented a \$3,000 P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education grant to Kathryn Caldwell, Bristol. Caldwell is a nursing student at Plymouth State University. P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Education Organization where women celebrate the advancement of women: educate women through scholarships, grant awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. Founded in 1869, P.E.O. started at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and has approximately 6,000 chapters in the United States and Canada with nearly a quarter of a million active members. P.E.O. Chapter O, Plymouth's membership includes women from Plymouth, Hebron, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Holderness, Wentworth, Campton, Thornton, and Laconia. The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, established in 1973, is a grant program providing financial assistance to women whose education has been interrupted, and who find it necessary to resume studies due to changing demands in their lives.**

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### Take Advantage of Tax Diversification

As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. And it's possible you could benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in these three categories:

**Tax-deferred** – Tax-deferred accounts include the traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. You also may get a tax deduction for contributions you make

today. When you start taking withdrawals from these tax-deferred accounts, typically during retirement, the money is usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

**Taxable** – Taxable investments are those held in a standard brokerage account, outside your IRA or 401(k). While you can put virtually all types of investments into a taxable account, you may want to focus on those considered to be most tax-efficient. So, you could include individual stocks that you plan to hold, rather than actively trade, because you will not get taxed on the capital gains

until you sell. You also might consider mutual funds that do little trading and generate fewer capital gain distributions. This is important not only in terms of controlling taxes, but also because the taxes on these distributions can reduce your investments' real rate of return.

**Tax-free** – When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're 59 ½ and you have had your account at least five years.

(However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

So, given the difference in how taxes are treated in these accounts, how can you choose where to put your money? For example, when would you contribute to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), rather than a traditional, tax-deferred IRA or 401(k)? If you are in a high tax rate now and expect it to be lower in retirement, a traditional IRA may make more sense, as you potentially get a sizable benefit from the tax deduction. But if you are in a lower tax rate now, you have most of your retirement investments in tax-

deferred accounts, and/or you can afford to forego the immediate tax deduction, you might find that the Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), with its tax-free withdrawals and earnings, ultimately will make more sense for you. But since no one can predict where tax rates will go in the future, having money in different types of accounts – i.e., tax diversification – can be beneficial.

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals – called

"required minimum distributions" – when you reach 70 ½. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

There's no formula for achieving an ideal tax diversification. You'll want to consider your own needs and circumstances in choosing the right mix of taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free accounts. Ultimately, taxes should not drive all your investment decisions – but they should not be ignored, either.

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## Newfound

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maintenance projects, but when cuts must be made, she favored cutting there, rather than instructional areas.

“Those are things that somebody like Archie might address,” she said in a reference to Archie Auger’s motion from the floor to increase the budget two years ago to cover the cost of repairing the high school roof.

While the school board cannot propose spending that exceeds the tax cap, voters have that option, providing that the additional spending does not exceed the proposed budget by more than 10 percent.

Board member Vincent Paul Migliore of Bridgewater supported Davol’s position.

“We’ve been focusing on these facilities, and Christine’s point is that our job is to see that student outcomes are focused on,” he said.

Migliore had previously suggested putting capital improvement items in separate warrant articles so the voters could decide whether to fund them. Former school board member Don Franklin of Hebron, now serving on the budget committee, objected, saying that giving voters a chance to decide could result in building maintenance getting delayed. He favored including capital projects in the operating budget where it would be more difficult for voters to locate and remove the funding.

Buckley noted that the technology purchases she was removing from the budget could be made in the spring if the district is able to realize savings during the year. Calculations by Migliore showed that the district has averaged \$800,000 in unexpended funds each

year and, last year, had \$1.5 million left over at the end of the year.

Limanni said the administration has been straddling the line between curriculum and building improvements, trying to do a little of both. Building maintenance has been neglected for so long that he wants to catch up, but he acknowledged that the tax cap is making it increasingly difficult to do so. He pointed out that it is a lot easier to buy laptops at the end of the year than to try to do road paving with the unexpended fund balance, which takes a lot more than a telephone call.

“Eventually, with this cap, you won’t be able to do building improvements or curriculum upgrades,” he said. “We’re trying to present a way to stabilize taxes over time.”

The board made no decision, deciding to take up the budget at its next meeting, after members have had a chance to decide what approach to take.

### Budget Process

The board’s decision on the budget only serves as guidance for the Newfound Area Budget Committee, whose role is to build the spending plan that goes before the voters. Typically, the budget committee takes the school board budget and makes adjustments, but this year it has decided to build its own budget on a parallel track.

That is closer to the approach taken by a majority of budget committees, according to Barrett Christina, executive director of the New Hampshire School Boards Association, who gave a briefing on the budget process at the start of the Nov. 26 meeting. Budget committee members attended the school board meeting to hear what Christina had

to say.

Christina ran through the state laws governing the budget process, emphasizing that the budget committee is the body responsible for building a budget and presenting it to the voters. Members have the right to ask for any pertinent information from school officials, and the latter are required to furnish that information.

Christina recommended that the two bodies meet early to learn what each’s expectations are, and to have one person act as a liaison to make information requests, to avoid overwhelming administrators with requests, and to give them time to gather the information.

He also explained that the 10 percent limitation on exceeding the budget committee’s recommendation does not include collective bargaining cost items. In other words, if the budget committee does not recommend the recently ratified teachers’ contract, voters can still approve it, even if doing so would increase the budget by more than 10 percent.

While the budget committee’s proposal goes before the voters, if they reject it, the default budget that is developed by the school board goes into effect.

Later in the meeting, the school board

noted that, if the budget committee has been unable to complete its budget proposal, the school board’s budget would be the one going before the voters. Buckley, however, said she does not expect that to happen.

## College

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to 42 schools now, each helping more than 3,200 high school seniors state wide file more than 7,100 college applications.

“We were one of the six schools who took part in the pilot program, and we’ve been involved ever since,” Jackson said.

Last Thursday, seniors at NRHS were invited to stop in to the school’s computer lab between 9 a.m. and noon, when they could apply to instate colleges at no expense. Thirty-nine of the 84 students took part in the one-day event.

“I think that’s a pretty good ratio,” said Principal Paul Hoiriis, who recognized that there were other students looking at out-of-state colleges and technical schools, too, that were not part of the College Bound Day application waiver.

Right from the start, however, Jackson noted that the room was filled with seniors looking for entrance to the instate colleges of their choice.

Throughout the

### Danbury Member

The school board accepted the resignation of Sharon Klapyk of Danbury and agreed to advertise for a successor.

Klapyk, who is serving the first year of her second term on the school board, resigned

“due to an unexpected personal situation.”

The school board plans to appoint a successor in January to serve until the March elections, when the elected candidate will fill out Klapyk’s two remaining years on the board.

morning those students filled out applications for Dartmouth, UNH, Keene State College, PSU, St. Anselm’s College, SNHU, NHTI and Colby-Sawyer College.

Some also registered with the school’s guidance department that in addition to the instate schools in their list, they had also applied to places such as the University of Maine, Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, the University of New Haven in Connecticut, the University of Akron in Ohio and Barry University in Florida.

Hoiriis was pleased to see so many of this year’s seniors take part in College Day and wished them all well with their

applications.

“Most of these colleges have rolling admissions so they should start hearing back from them anytime now. It’s an exciting time for our seniors,” Hoiriis said.

As the free application process drew to a close, all students who took part in the day were entered in a special raffle drawing that would award one of them with a \$500 check to be applied toward their college acceptance fees. This year’s lucky winner was Bristol student Lilly Wright. She took advantage of College Day to apply to PSU, UNH, Keene State College, and the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and hopes to major in psychology.



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## Diane

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other school children around the country and has friends from around the world who also follow her online through a live Web cam.

In the days leading up to the party, wishes began pouring in from all over. A whole class in Indiana read the Diane the Turtle book then sent the Tonners a photo of themselves holding up a large "Happy Birthday Diane" banner. Another fan sent a turtle "Tic-Tac-Toe" board and they even received a song written by Henry Hopf of Pennsylvania. Hopf met Diane while on vacation in New Hampshire and was so impressed that he went home and wrote "The Ballad of Diane the Turtle." In it he mentions his chance encounter with Diane then goes on to sing about her happy home, lined with hundreds of photos of she and all her friends. It ends with the verse, "Diane now has a birthday and my gift is this song/I hope you find it

likeable and want to sing along/And if you're ever in Bristol and have some time to spare/Please stop by and say hello, you'll leave without a care."

There were also dozens of other cards and greetings that were dropped off at the store by local children.

"What's Diane's favorite color? I want to make her a card," one young child asked.

The reply? "Green."

Brad and Jim's sister Suzanne said it isn't just children who love her. Proof of that came Friday afternoon when people began coming in to wish Diane a Happy Birthday in person, too.

"I can't come to the party tomorrow but I had to come wish her a happy 50th birthday," said one woman, while another out-of-state visitor also felt compelled to stop in before heading home.

"Diane and I have something in common. I'll be 58 tomorrow," he said.

The Tonner family said they have always celebrated Diane's birthday and have a lot of fun

with she and all of her friends. Suzanne even created a "Flat Diane" that has been out on travels around the world. So far Flat Diane has been photographed out on the Appalachian Trail, in Florida, at Loch Ness in Scotland, and other countries like Italy and Iceland.

"In this crazy world, Diane is something to make you smile," said Brad. "We've had people here from China, Spain, all over. For a few minutes people from all walks of life just have a good time visiting her."

When the store opened its doors Saturday morning, young and old arrived for the celebration. Some traveled from as far away as Cape Cod just to attend the party where there were specially made Turtle Donuts, Turtle Cookies, cupcakes, face painting and goody bags for all of Diane's guests.

"It's been a wonderful 50 years so far with Diane," Jim said. "Not everyone gets to grow up and still have a pet like this."

## Tax Rates

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worth \$200,000 in 2016 would have paid \$2,340 in taxes, while today it might be worth \$204,640, with a tax bill of \$2,864.96.

The municipal tax rate is \$1.53, a 60-cent (64.52 percent) increase from 2017, and it is \$1.13 (282.5 percent) higher than in 2016, when the rate was 40 cents per \$1,000.

The county tax rate is \$2.81 per \$1,000, the same as the 2016 rate, but 33 cents (10.51 percent) less than the 2017 tax rate.

The state education rate is \$4.30 per \$1,000, a 19-cent (4.62 percent) increase from 2017 and an 87-cent (25.36 percent) increase from

2016.

The local education rate is \$5.36, down \$2.10 (28.15 percent) from 2017, but 30 cents (5.93 percent) higher than it was in 2016.

### Hebron

Hebron's 2018 tax rate is \$8.36 per \$1,000, a decrease of 58 cents (6.49 percent) from 2017, but 4 cents (just shy of half a percent) higher than the 2016 rate.

The town's net assessed valuation is \$263,205,865, an increase of \$3,088,890 (1.19 percent) from 2017 and an increase of \$4,908,165 (1.9 percent) from 2016. A home assessed at \$200,000 in 2016 would have had a tax bill of \$1,664. Today it might be assessed at

\$203,800 with a tax bill of \$1,703.77.

The municipal tax rate is \$3.76 per \$1,000, a decrease of 41 cents (9.83 percent) from 2017 and a decrease of 9 cents (2.34 percent) since 2016.

The county tax rate is \$1.96, a 15-cent (8.29 percent) increase from 2017 and an 8-cent (4.25 percent) increase from 2016.

The state education tax rate is \$2.21, down 22 cents (9.05 percent) from 2017 and 12 cents (5.15 percent) since 2016.

The local education tax rate is 43 cents per \$1,000, a drop of 10 cents (18.87 percent) from 2017, but 17 cents (65.38 percent) higher than in 2016.

## Markets

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.80 basis points, when in fact a low-cost exchange traded fund at .04 basis points would have been a better choice for you the client, but not the advisory firm or brokerage. So, you're paying for the asset managers or fund managers services, and that you may be paying a "relationship fee" to the advisor that often is over

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Fees do not matter as much to the client when the markets are doing well as they have been. It is often not till the markets go flat or negative, like the very recent volatility, when the fees become a point of con-

tention between the advisor, the firm and the client.

When I reveal the fees that the client is paying all-in, to their current advisor, it is usually an eye-opening percentage for the client.

Potentially, a more surprising situation for the client involves the potential risk to their portfolio from what they were told was a conservative portfolio mix.

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*Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP asset management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-asset.com.*

## Thanksgiving

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local charitable organizations, packed and delivered the food baskets on Monday, Nov. 19. In addition to giving their time, Phi Beta Upsilon alumni have supported this effort with financial contributions totaling \$21,500 over the past nine years.

PSU faculty and staff members also help fund the baskets through financial donations, while Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services provided food items for the baskets.

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## Enactus

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So, is marijuana medicine? No, not yet anyway. Much more research needs to be conducted before any conclusions about its potential benefits can be reached. In the meantime, it is important to remember marijuana's addictive nature and its adverse effects on the human body and brain. For more information on marijuana and its health effects, visit our web site at [cadyinc.org](http://cadyinc.org). If you or someone you know struggle with addiction or substance use, call the New Hampshire State-wide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-4357 for help.

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# Newfound Landing Sports

Section **B**

Thursday,  
Thursday, December 6, 2018

## What's On Tap

More teams join the fray as the winter sports season kicks into gear at the local high schools.

At Newfound, the boys' hoop team will kick off the season on Friday, Dec. 7, hosting Belmont at 6:30 p.m. The Bear boys will be at Franklin on Tuesday, Dec. 11, for a 7 p.m. game.

The Newfound girls' hoop team will be at Belmont at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, before returning home to host Franklin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

The Plymouth girls' basketball team will open the season on Friday, Dec. 7, at Bow at 7 p.m. and then hosts Laconia at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

The Bobcat wrestlers will be in action on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Con-Val at 9 a.m. and will be at Mascoma on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team opens the new season on Wednesday, Dec. 12, hosting John Stark-Hopkinton at 7 p.m. at Proctor Academy.

## Champs mix veteran core with newcomers

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The defending champion Plymouth wrestlers will be out to defend their title, though coach Randy Cleary knows there will be some obstacles in the way to that place.

"We have a lot of challenges, a lot of kids are grouped in the same weight class," Cleary said. "We've got to juggle what we've got coming back."

The good news for the Bobcat coach is that the numbers are strong, with 28 kids out for the program, including a number of good athletes out for the first time.

"We have some good athletes who have never wrestled before and some kids who have been waiting in the wings," Cleary said. "We'll figure it out."

Among seniors, Hunter Lessard at 152



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Joe Cleary is one of a pair of defending champions returning to the Plymouth wrestling team.

pounds is a three-year varsity wrestler and finished second in the Division III State Meet last year. Tracy Christiano finished fourth

in the Division III State Meet and will be counted on at 220 pounds. Trevor Randlett at 120 pounds and Nathan Borger at 182 pounds

both return with varsity experience.

"We will need leadership from our senior class," Cleary said. "There's a lot of depth in the junior class."

For the juniors, Joe Cleary is a two-time Division III champion and was third at the Meet of Champions last year and will wrestle at 145 pounds. JC Gaumer can wrestle anywhere between 138 and 152 pounds and is a two-time Division III finalist. Jason MacAllister will wrestle at 113 pounds and was fourth in Division III last year. James Philbin can wrestle at either 120 or 126 pounds and 170 and both return with some varsity experience.

Cleary is also lucky to have a number of sophomores who come back after solid freshman seasons.

Charlie Comeau wrestles at 113 pounds and was second in Division III last year, while Cole Johnston can wrestle at 170 or 182 pounds and was third in Division III last season. Joe D'Ambruso returns with varsity experience and will wrestle at 160 pounds.

"Returning JV and new athletes will be needed to step up and fill vacancies at 106, 132, 195 and heavy-weight," said Cleary. "Been a real good effort so far, there's a

lot of enthusiasm, so we're excited."

Among the rest of the Division III field, Cleary sees Bow as being a formidable challenger for the title. The Falcons are returning seven place winners as well and should be a solid contender throughout the year.

"Bow is going to be the team to beat, we lost more than they did," Cleary said.

The Bobcats opened the season at home after deadline Wednesday and will also have meets at home on Thursday, Dec. 20 (Pelham and Kearsarge), Wednesday, Jan. 9 (Newport), Wednesday, Jan. 23 (White Mountains), and Wednesday, Feb. 6. The Feb. 6 meet will be a year-end matchup with Bow. In addition to those home matches, the Bobcats will be hosting the Plymouth Invitational for the second year in a row. This year's meet is Saturday, Feb. 2. The team will also be taking part in the Noble Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28 and 29.

Next up for the Bobcats, they will be at the Con-Val Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. and will be at Mascoma on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or [josh@salmonpress.news](mailto:josh@salmonpress.news).

## Holiday tradition in the books again

### SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

The weekend after Thanksgiving traditionally brings a couple of things in my world. First and foremost, the Division III girls' basketball season usually starts in the days after the holiday and this year was no different, with both Newfound and Prospect Mountain kicking off the new season. Both teams were on the road, so I didn't get to a game last week, though both were scheduled to be at home earlier this week.

The weekend also traditionally sends me north to Stark to get the Christmas decorations up at my mother's house, a task that traditionally



JOSHUA SPAULDING

THE HOUSE in Stark is ready for the holidays.

takes me a couple of days. This year there was a little more to contend with, as there was about a foot of snow on the ground, meaning there was lots of pushing through the

snow in the yard to get the decorations set up.

In the past, I've traveled north on Friday night and got things started, but with the second job at Brewster on

Friday nights, I was unable to head to Stark on Friday so instead I got up on Saturday and drove north, arriving in Stark at just after 9 a.m.

The first task was carting Christmas trees down from the top story of the barn. There are a total of 14 trees outside of the house and they are all stored in the second floor of the barn. My mother's boyfriend, Michael, helped me haul down all the trees and get them tied up to the poles I had put in the ground

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# New coach inherits young group of Bobcats

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Young is the name of the game for the Plymouth girls' hoop team in the new season.

The Bobcats have just one returning senior and one returning junior for new coach Dave Levesque, who takes over for Kristin Crofts at the head of the program.

Levesque comes to the Bobcats with plenty of experience. After playing at Plymouth State, he served as an assistant coach at the school for five years and then took over as the boys' varsity coach at Laconia High School. After a few years away, he took over as the girls' varsity coach at Laconia.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Levesque. "We're really young."

While the team is young, the good thing for Levesque is that the young girls got some good experience last year and he anticipates that will come in handy.

"We have seven full time varsity players and some freshmen who are swinging," Levesque said. "The fortunate thing is two of the freshmen were starters last year and a third played quite a bit."

Levesque said that



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(Left) Leia Brunt is one of a trio of sophomores returning to the court for Plymouth.

offensively and defensively," the Bobcat coach said. "They're adjusting quickly but I do wish we had another week to get ready."

The team's lone returning senior is Olivia Littlefield, while Amanda Daugherty returns to the fold for her junior season. The two upperclassmen are joined by a pair of newcomers to the varsity fold in junior Molly Edmark, who is up from the JV team and Florence Blaise, a transfer student from Belgium.

"They have the experience and know what it takes to be competitive," Levesque said. "And then our young crew, they definitely have something to offer, they're taking it all in stride."

"I have a lot of high expectations for them to help get us over the hump a little," Levesque added.

The three sophomores who saw significant playing time as freshmen and who return for their second season are Leia Brunt, Jordan Levesque and Gwen Merrifield.

"Things will all be familiar to them," the

Bobcat coach said. "It makes things a little easier for them, experience is a good teacher."

The Bobcats have four freshmen who will be swinging between JV and varsity, Anna Aprilliano, Tarryn Rhude, Elaina Manson and Morgan Zimmer.

Levesque will be joined on the sidelines by JV coach Brittany Gallagher.

"Our goal is to be more competitive than in the past and maybe surprise some teams," Levesque said. "But it's a very tough division, there are no nights off."

The Bobcats will play a schedule that includes two games each with Laconia, Kennett and Kingswood and single games with Bow, Souhegan, Hanover, Coe-Brown, Timberlane, Con-Val, John Stark, Manchester West, Stevens, Sanborn, Merrimack Valley and Kearsarge.

The season kicks off on Friday, Dec. 7, with a trip to Bow for a 7 p.m. game. The first home game of the season is Tuesday, Dec. 11, when the Bobcats take on Laconia at 6 p.m.

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while they have experience, they will be counted on to play more minutes than they did last

year. "They're working hard in practice, we have a new system,

## PSU softball offering clinics in early 2019

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University head softball coach Bruce Addison announced the dates for the team's annual clinics on Wednesday.

The first clinic is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27, with special guest coaches Dick Blood and Harold Sachs.

Blood, a 1975 graduate of then Plymouth State College, recorded 606 wins and five Ivy League titles during his tenure as head coach at Cornell Uni-

versity. He will lead a hitting clinic from 9 to 11 a.m.

Sachs led Salem High School to a record 18 state championships and accumulated nearly 600 wins before moving into a role of pitching coach at Merrimack College. He will direct a pitching clinic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Additionally, Plymouth State softball coaches and players will lead four separate three hour-long clinics throughout February.

Clinics will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 3, 9, 17 and 23.

All clinics take place in the Bank of New Hampshire Field House at ALLWell North on the Plymouth State campus.

For additional information, including individual costs, team discounts and preregistration instructions, please refer to the Plymouth State softball web page (<http://athletics.plymouth.edu/sports/sball/index>).

## Chance

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prior to Thanksgiving.

Since I didn't have as much time as I usually do, I elected to tackle the wreaths next. My mother had brought all the wreaths down from the second story of the barn in the previous week, so they were all on the porch ready to go. We got all the wreaths up, including a few that involved the big ladder, which had to be dug out from under some snow.

Once the wreaths were up, it was starting to get dark so we started with the lights on the trees. One by one, the trees were lit

up and I headed inside, where Michael and I hauled down the indoor decorations from the attic. I then got all the candles in place in all the windows, including the barn and the attic and decided that was enough for the day.

The next morning I did the interior work before moving all of my mother's boxes of decorations to the barn for storage until it's time to put up the Christmas tree, which she will do some time before Christmas rolls around.

After breakfast, I was able to write a few more stories and then packed up my stuff and headed south in time

for rehearsal for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, which opens at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro on Dec. 14.

Finally, have a great day Tom Zotti.

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