



Highway crews worked to clear chunks of ice that were washed into North Road in Danbury when the Smith River overflowed its banks during the January thaw last weekend.



Safety officials closed a portion of River Road in Bridgewater last Saturday when rising brooks and melting snow flooded the road, causing an extreme hazard for vehicles.



Giant blocks of ice, weighing hundreds of pounds each, were tossed haphazardly along the banks of the Smith River in Alexandria last week when a January thaw re-opened moving waterways that had frozen over the past several weeks.

# January thaw triggers flooding on area roads

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REGION — Heavy rain and unseasonably warm temperatures wreaked havoc on roads from Danbury to Thornton last weekend, when rivers and small brooks

overflowed and deep waters pooled in the roads, trapped by snow banks or manmade traffic barriers. In the Camp-ton-Thornton area, the Mad River and Pemigewasset River each

caused some concerns when water backed up from ice jams and a number of roads were consequently closed for a time due to those flood waters. Holderness once again saw water from

the Pemi covering the parking lot behind the Plymouth State University's ice arena but fortunately the students who use that parking facility were on a winter break. The DiCenza Bridge connecting Plymouth and

Holderness along with the Exit 25 southbound ramp of I-93 in Holderness were also closed for a time over the weekend due to ice jams and rising water on the Pemigewasset River. This time however, the damage

was minimal and businesses along that portion of Rte. 175 were spared. In Bridgewater, it was ponding and overflowing brooks that closed down River Road near Hammond Road on Sat-SEE FLOODING, PAGE A11



Members of the Newfound Regional High School's Class of 2021 assembled recently to rehearse their performance of "Breaking Badly," one of four comedic One-Act plays that will be presented to the public on Friday, Jan. 26.

## One-act plays promise an evening of entertainment at Newfound

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BRISTOL — The tradition of One-Act Plays at Newfound Regional High School dates back to 1983, and 35 years and

140 plays later, that tradition will continue on Jan. 26 with yet another night of theatrical entertainment in the NRHS auditorium. At that time, actors from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes will each present a comedic one-act play of their choice. This year, the Freshman Class of 2021 will present their version of the comedy "Breaking Badly," written by Jonathan Rand and directed by NRHS English teacher David Harlow. The play takes a humorous look at relationships and how they end. Sophomores will be performing "To Art and Beyond" under the guidance of director Ms. Tan-SEE PLAYS, PAGE A11

## TTCC hosting annual Jack Frost & Miss Snowflake Dance Jan. 26

BRISTOL — The TTCC will be sponsoring the Annual Jack Frost & Miss Snowflake Dance for seventh and eighth grade students on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Center

from 6:30-9 p.m. This event is a long-standing tradition spanning more than 40 years, and is a great evening for the kids. The seventh & eighth grade classes

each nominate five girls and five boys to compete for the title of Jack Frost & Miss Snowflake. Points are awarded on the basis of volunteerism, extra curricular

activities, Community Center participation, grades and citizenship. The 2018 seventh grade candidates are Malina Bohlmann, Re-SEE DANCE, PAGE A11



## NRHS announces Students of the Month

Newfound Regional High School is pleased to announce the December Students of the Month. Those recognized for their outstanding academic performance or the promotion of a positive school culture last month are: James Chabot (Art); Lily Hewitt (Business); Alexis Raimondi (Computers); Quentin Dancewicz-Helmers (English); Brandon Marcoux (Family & Consumer Science); Rebecca-Jane Ford (Math); Collin O'Donnell (Music); Isaiah Dokus (On-Line Learning); Madelyn Cronis (Physical Education); Emma Lagueux (Science); Bethany Basford (Senior Project); Patrice Stephens-Briggs (Social Studies); Cheyenne Reilly (Wellness); Danielle Duclos (World Language); Ayden Corliss (Technology Education) and Devvin Gilpatric-Brown (Technical Education). The Spirit and Service Awards were presented to Madison Gould, Matthew Libby, Korbin Pixley, Marisa Stafford, Megan Stafford, Victoria Roman and staff member Ms. Laura Hutchins.

## Newfound community to bring "Bye, Bye Birdie" to the stage

BRISTOL — High School Drama Director Stephanie Wiencek announced this week that the Spring Musical for 2018 will be "Bye, Bye Birdie," and community auditions for the cast will take place on Tuesday,

Jan. 30, at the Newfound Regional High School auditorium. Written by Michael Stewart, with lyrics by Lee Adams and music by Charles Strouse, "Bye, Bye Birdie" is set in 1958, and was inspired by Elvis Presley's famous 1957 military

draft notification. The show itself is focused around fictional rock singer, Conrad Birdie, as he prepares to head off to serve the nation, as well as the effect his upcoming departure has on his young fans and hometown. Filled with memora-

ble song and dance performances, it is a musical that has endured the ages; as much fun to take part in as it is to watch. Once again, people of all ages from the Newfound Region are invited and encouraged to audition for the musical. SEE BIRDIE, PAGE A11





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The Spartans of White Mountain Regional High School were one of seven teams who took part in the Lakes Region Unified Basketball Jamboree last weekend, confident that they were Number One when it came to sportsmanship.



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A player from Berlin skillfully went up for a shot at the hoop as they faced Interlakes/Moultonborough in the Fourth Annual Lakes Region Unified Sports Jamboree last Saturday in Belmont.

# Unified Basketball Jamboree lets all students share in the excitement of sports

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BELMONT — Supported by Special Olympics, Unified Sports has provided students with intellectual and other disabilities the chance to participate in inter-scholastic athletic activities, and adding to that excitement has been the Lakes Region Unified Basketball Jamboree, first introduced by Belmont High School's Cassie Contigiani as her senior project in 2015.

Contigiani, a former star softball player for BHS, said she was inspired to start the tournament after watching some of the less-able classmates she grew up with left cheering her on from the sidelines when she moved on to high school; she was dis-

appointed that students who participated in sports with her in their younger years no longer made the teams. Of special interest were the tournaments she got to play in, so she organized a tournament for them.

"They sat on the sidelines and cheered for me throughout high school. Now I get to sit on the sidelines and cheer for them," she said last weekend.

Now a junior majoring in Sports Management at Thomas College in Maine, Contigiani has returned to Belmont each January since 2015 to run the tournament she began in high school.

"The nice part is, I have so many graduates of Belmont coming back to help out for the tournament," she said. "My



DONNA RHODES

Interlakes/Moultonborough Unified Sports basketball team took on the team from Berlin on one of several games they took part in during last weekend's Fourth Annual Lakes Region Unified Sports Jamboree in Belmont.

family also does a lot and it's become a real friend and family affair."

While she is away at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine Con-

tigiani said she has not lost touch with the jamboree. In fact she has spread her enthusiasm for Unified Sports even further.

"I got injured playing softball this year, and while talking with my athletic trainer I found out he had a nephew with autism," she said.

"When I told him about what I've been doing back home, he asked why I wasn't doing that at Thomas College."

So she Contigiani rose to that challenge, too. She initiated a Special Olympics Club, which already has 25 members and went a step further by getting Thomas College designated as a Special Olympics School. In two weeks, she will hold the college's, and the State of Maine's, first ever Unified Sports Jamboree, too.

The success of her senior year initiative was obvious last weekend when seven schools came together for a day  
SEE JAMBOREE, PAGE A11

# Granite Guarantee expands to PSU

PLYMOUTH — The state's public colleges and universities are becoming more affordable for New Hampshire students with the expansion of the Granite Guarantee program to Keene State College and Plymouth State University.

Launched last fall at the University of New Hampshire, the program guarantees free in-state tuition to first-year New Hampshire students whose families qualify for need-based federal Pell Grants. This innovative program has been made possible by a combination of increased fundraising success and a strong focus of efficiency at both the campus and

system level.

About 400 students are attending UNH under the Granite Guarantee, which provides free tuition for all four years to students who are enrolled full-time, remain income-eligible and make satisfactory progress toward a degree. The program works by bridging the financial gap between a Pell Grant recipient's total federal and state package and the cost of in-state tuition.

"The Granite Guarantee lends opportunities for low-income New Hampshire students to seek higher education and explore workforce pathways that may not have otherwise seemed

possible," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "I applaud USNH for expanding this game-changing opportunity for some of New Hampshire's most high-need students."

"To be able to expand this program to help even more New Hampshire residents is gratifying, and why public higher education is critical in playing a role to help create our state's future workforce," said USNH Chancellor Todd Leach. "We are working hard to ensure our institutions are accessible and affordable to in-state students and their families. The Granite Guarantee is a significant step toward keeping more New Hampshire students in New Hampshire and ultimately strengthening our economy and meeting the state's growing workforce needs."

Accepted New Hampshire students who are Pell Grant-Eligible are automatically enrolled in the Granite Guarantee. Qualified students must be enrolled full-time for

both the spring and fall semesters and meet all the financial aid application deadlines as well as maintain a certain GPA. Eligible students may still have loans to help pay for non-tuition expenses such as fees, books, and room and board.

### About USNH

The University System of New Hampshire enrolls 34,000 students, and consists of four public institutions: Granite State College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and the University of New Hampshire. USNH strives to ensure the availability of appropriate and accessible higher educational opportunities throughout New Hampshire, as well as address critical state workforce needs. A 29-member Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the University System.

For more information contact Tiffany Eddy at 657-6471 or tiffany.eddy@usnh.edu.

## Clarification

BRISTOL — In our recent look back at the year 2017 in the Newfound region, we neglected to credit Plymouth General Dentistry as the sponsor of Bristol's Summer Concert Series.

The Newfound Landing deeply regrets this unintentional oversight.

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# PSU honors retirees, longtime employees at annual recognition ceremony

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth community gathered on Tuesday, Jan. 16 to recognize the retirees and longtime faculty and staff of Plymouth State for their dedicated service. Employees are honored for landmark years of service; noting 10, 15, 20 years and beyond.

“This annual event celebrates the hard work that faculty and staff put in year after year,” said Donald Bix, President of Plymouth State University. “We recognize that the commitment from our dedicated employees makes Plymouth State a great place.”

At this year’s event, 44 people were recognized for 10 years of service, 12 people for 15 years, 8 people for 20 years, 11 people for 25 years, 8 people for 30 years, 3 people for 35 years, 2 people for 40 years, and 1 person for 45 years. There were also two retirees; Dr. Mark Turski, an Earth System Science Education Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy, and Dr. Richard Sparks, an Associate Professor of Management in the College of Business Administration.

The full list of honorees from the 2017 Annual Recognition Reception is below.

- Retirees**
- Richard Sparks – College of Business Administration

Mark Turski – Environmental Science & Policy

- 10-Year Recognition**
- Pamela Anneser – Art

Beth Benoit – Psychology

Megan Birch – English

Jane Bjerklie-Barry – Global Engagement

Alan Blake ’93, ’05G – College of Business Administration

Stephen Boyce – Building Services

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James Cook – Information Technology Services

Gregory Crompton ’77, ’80G – Criminal Justice

Amy DelVecchia – Financial Aid

Tara DiSalvo ’15G – Financial Aid

Mark Flynn ’05G – English

Donna French – Registrar’s Office

Jose Gonzalez-Sanders – Health & Human Performance

Stephanie Green – Social Science

Danee Grillo – Music, Theatre, and Dance

Elliott Gruner – English

Christopher Hamel ’04 – Criminal Justice

Kelli-Ann Kemery ’97 – Physical Plant Administration

Daniel Lee – College of Business Administration

John Lennon ’06G – Social Science

Brian MacNeil – Grounds

Garlyn Manganiello – PSU Dining

Scott Mantie – Col-

- lege of Business Administration

Brett Melanson - Grounds

Charlene Mieczkowski – PSU Dining

Fawn Ouellette ’96, ’12G – Financial Services Office

Edith Patridge ’73, ’88G – Education Leadership, Learning & Curriculum

Ashley Phillips ’10G – Communication & Media Studies

Fran Rancourt ’02G – Education Leadership, Learning & Curriculum

Stephen Rheaume – Bookstore

Savario Saunders – PSU Dining

Sharon Savage ’79 – Communication & Media Studies

Susan Shapiro – Elementary Education/Youth Development

Sharon Silva ’00G – Education Leadership, Learning & Curriculum

Jennifer Smith ’13G – Human Resources

Lenore Sousa – Music, Theatre, and Dance

Elizabeth Tillar – History, Philosophy & Social Studies Education

James Whiting – Languages and Linguistics

Bruce Wiggett ’74 – College of Business Administration

- 15-Year Recognition**
- Mary Blaisdell – PSU Dining

Scott Coykendall – Communication & Media Studies

Rodney Ekstrom ’09G – University Advancement

David Gyger ’97 – PSU Ice Arena/Welcome Center

Susanne Hastings ’89 – Silver Center for the Arts

Penelope Huynen -

- Art

Marcel Lebrun – Education Leadership, Learning & Curriculum

Sarah Robertson ’05, ’07G – Registrar’s Office

Debra Stalnaker ’12 – Art

James Sullivan – Computer Science & Technology

Sarah Turtle – Biological Science/Environmental Science & Policy

Michelle Wright ’10 – Student Life & Athletic Financial Service Center
- 20-Year Recognition**
- Joan Andresen – Michael L. Fischler Counseling Center

Shaughn Bolton – Center for the Environment

Daphne Bruemmer ’98 – Marketing Communications & Creative Services

Robert Hlasny – Michael L. Fischler Counseling Center

Susan Laverack ’05G – Health & Human Performance

Jessica Morel ’93,

- ’97G – Center for Business & Community Partnerships

Christine Rosset – Library & Academic Support Services

Heather Scroggins ’07 – University Admissions
- 25-Year Recognition**
- David Carpentiere ’90 – Residential Life

Christopher Chabot – Boyd Science Center

Katherine Donahue – Social Science

Nancy Dyer – Michael L. Fischler Counseling Center

Paul Fedorchak – Psychology

Virginia Fisher ’94, ’06G – Silver Center for the Arts

Leon Hobbs – PSU Dining

Leonard Reitsma – Boyd Science Center

David Starbuck – Social Science

Liane Sutcliffe – Office of Research Support & Sponsored Programs

Alan Switzer – Health & Human Performance
- 30-Year Recognition**
- Janet Ames – Infor-

- mation Technology Services

Deana Atwood – Maintenance

Kim Bownes ’08G – Athletics

Margaret Burckes-Miller – Health and Human Performance

Steven Coursey – Physical Plant Administration

Barbara Judd – Building Services

John Kulig – Psychology

Linda O’Donnell – Computer Science & Technology
- 35-Year Recognition**
- Bonnie Bechard – College of Business Administration

Pamela Crosby ’79 – Financial Services Office

James McGarry – Psychology
- 40-Year Recognition**
- Toby Brown - Maintenance

Gail Carbone – Residential Life
- 45-Year Recognition**
- John Clark ’71, ’73G - Athletics

## U.S. Forest Service issues final approval of Northern Pass plan in White Mountain National Forest

MANCHESTER — The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has released its final Record of Decision (ROD) allowing Northern Pass Transmission to bury approximately eleven miles of transmission lines in areas along existing roads through the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF). The decision is the result of a thorough environmental analysis and public engagement process led by two WMNF supervisors over a seven-year period, and comes on the heels of a Record of Decision and Presidential Permit issued by the U.S. Department of Energy late last year. The USFS will issue the necessary Special Use Authorization to allow the project to be buried within the WMNF. With these approvals secured, the project is well-positioned to begin construction in mid-2018, and to bring an additional 1,090 MW of much-needed clean hydroelectric power into the region by late 2020.

"We appreciate the diligent work done by the USFS and WMNF staff over the years, and are gratified that they have concluded the benefits of Northern Pass more than outweigh the short-term construction impacts on the Forest," said Ever-

source New Hampshire President Bill Quinlan. "When we proposed an underground cable for the WMNF portion of the route, we believed it was the best option for the Forest and for New Hampshire. We're pleased to see that the USFS agrees." The Forest Service notes that Northern Pass will increase the reliability of New England's power supply, by reducing reliance on imported natural gas; help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with public policy goals and the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan; and, provide "meaningful benefits to air quality" in the WMNF.

Highlights from the Final ROD include:  
"Meeting long-term

energy needs in a sustainable, secure, and cost effective manner for this region of the country is certainly in the public's interest." "I believe that the Project will benefit the public by providing a low-carbon, non-intermittent, and diversified source of electricity for the people of New Hampshire and New England." "Burial of the transmission line through the WMNF resolved Forest Plan consistency issues related to visuals and effects on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail." In 2015, Northern Pass announced an improved route that included 52 additional miles of underground to avoid any potential view impacts in and around the WMNF or along the Appalachian Trail. The final ROD supports the project's conclusion that burial along Interstate 93 is not a reasonable alternative, and states that the improved route "is a reasonable way to transmit electrical power through the

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## SLA to lead guided hike up Red Hill

H O L D E R N E S S — Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) on Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a moderate intensity hike up Red Hill. As part of the SLA Adventure Ecology program series, Lakes Region Conservation Corps AmeriCorps member, Ben Grunwald, will lead participants ages 12 and over by snowshoe up Eagle Cliff Trail to the summit of Red Hill. Participants will meet at the Eagle Cliff trailhead and should be prepared with cold weather hiking gear as well as water and snacks for the hike. Snowshoes will be available for use, but participants are welcome to bring their own.

Although hikers may be familiar with the trails around Squam Lake during the summer, snowshoeing in the region can provide a different perspective, and new appreciation, of the area. As a Squam

Rangers hike, this program is aimed at more experienced hikers who are interested in completing all of trails in the Squam Lakes network. The SLA encourages anyone interested in a more challenging excursion to join us on this guided hike, and get the opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the Squam watershed during winter. In addition, there are a number of new and ongoing opportunities for members of the community to get involved in the conservation of the watershed. Participants will get to hear about the conservation work being done around Squam Lake, and ways that they can get involved in the coming months as they snowshoe up to the summit.

For more information, or to sign up for this Adventure Ecology program, visit the SLA website (squamlakes.org) or contact SLA directly (968-7336). The SLA also offers other Adventure Ecology programs throughout the winter. These free programs, presented by the LRCC AmeriCorps members at SLA, are open to the public and cover a variety of conservation related topics and recreational activities around the lake.



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## Monitoring the future

BY DEB NARO

Contributor

Monitoring the Future (MTF), conducted by researchers at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor since 1975, is one of three major surveys supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provide data on substance use among youth. The others are the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The survey measures how teens report their drug, alcohol, and cigarette use and related attitudes in 12th graders nationwide. Eighth and 10th graders were added to the survey in 1991. Overall, 43,703 students from 360 public and private schools participated in this year's MTF survey. The following relates some of the survey data results.

Vaping: Nearly one in three students in 12th grade (27.8 percent) report past year use of a vaping device in the year prior to the survey. When asked what they thought was in the mist they inhaled the last time they used, 51.8 percent of 12th graders said, "just flavoring," 32.8 percent said "nicotine," and 11.1 percent said "marijuana" or "hash oil." Among 12th graders, more than 1 in 10 say they use nicotine, and about 1 in 20 report using marijuana in the device during the past month. "We are especially concerned because the survey shows that some of the teens using these devices are first-time nicotine users," said Nora D. Volkow, M.D., director of NIDA. "Recent research suggests that some of them could move on to regular cigarette smoking, so it is critical that we intervene with evidence-based efforts to prevent youth from using these products."

Opioids: While opioid overdose rates remain high among adults, the survey shows that teens are misusing opioid pain medications less

frequently than a decade ago. In overall pain medication misuse, past year misuse has dropped significantly among 12th graders since its survey peak in 2004—to 4.2 percent from 9.5 percent. Interestingly, teens also think these drugs are not as easy to get as they used to be. Only 35.8 percent of 12th graders said they were easily available in the 2017 survey, compared to more than 54 percent in 2010. On the local level, CADY collaborates with Speare Memorial Hospital, Plymouth Police Department, and Bristol Police Department to prevent prescription drug diversion with our TAKE IT TO THE BOX initiative. This involves 24/7 anonymous disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medicines in permanent medicine return boxes at both police departments. Thousands of pounds have been collected locally and statewide in these locked, secure boxes along with Rx Take Back events sponsored by the DEA. When we prevent illicit access—we prevent Rx drug misuse and save lives.

"The decline in both the misuse and perceived availability of opioid medications may reflect recent public health initiatives to discourage opioid misuse to address this crisis," added Volkow. "However, with each new class of teens entering the challenging years of middle and high school, we must remain vigilant in our prevention efforts targeting young people, the adults who nurture and influence them, and the health care providers who treat them."

If we can prevent youth substance abuse, we can prevent addiction and save many lives. For more information on ways to talk with your teen, visit the CADY Web site at [www.cadyinc.org](http://www.cadyinc.org). If you or someone you know struggles with addiction or substance use, call the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-4357.

## PET of the Week BUDDY



Our pets simply want to just BE with us. Sitting in our laps, cuddling, providing quiet, non-judgmental companionship.

They are always there for us even as we weather the storms of our lives. Buddy, aged about 10 years, has been a GOOD CAT.

His original owner fell upon very hard times and brought him to us. We placed Buddy in a wonderful home – but the change of pace was difficult for him, he may have mourned his previous comfy, cozy life since adjusting to a more lively household with children,



proved to be a difficult transition. Buddy was returned in June 2017. Seven months later, he still awaits a permanent home. Such a handsome, sturdy, grey and

white boy simply should not have been overlooked for so long. Buddy is quiet and reserved. He prefers not to indulge in the social scene with the other cats, not be-

cause he is unfriendly, he is just so terribly sad.

His prior home said he was a wonderful sweet lap cat. Image what his perspective is now – and his favourite toy – a Santa Claus treat toy is nowhere in sight. He was nice all year, but did not get what must have been on his Wish List this holiday season, a new loving home!

Surely Buddy has completed his stint at New Hampshire Humane Society and surely should start the new year off properly, with people who will love him always.

Call 524-3252 or check [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org).

## Letters to the Editor

### Wake up, Bristol taxpayers!

To the Editor:

Last Monday, the Bristol Select Board met in the town Library to swear in two new police officers, discuss the proposed new town office and proposed warrant articles. The Board decided they were not going to touch the posted agenda issue of warrant articles, as they felt it would take up too much time. I guess we will just have to pass them to know what's in them.

What was discussed was the cost of the proposed new Bristol Town Office. Members of the Needs Committee and general contractor were present and agreed that the warrant article should be pegged at \$2.3 million. This is a figure that was pulled from a conceptual drawing by the architects. This figure does not include any contingencies requested by the contractor.

What the taxpayers should be concerned about is the lack of any substantiating information about proper staffing levels, projections of future staffing levels, affects future automation of municipal government operations, projected growth or decline in population, and square footage required to perform those functions.

Again, the Bristol Select Board is advocating throwing your tax money at a perceived problem without doing their homework.

By comparison, the Town of Epsom is doing the same project, building a new town office, but they will only be spending \$899,000 for a 4,500 square foot building to serve a community of 4,685 people, 1,600 more people than Bristol. Did I mention that Epsom is situated on major routes North, South and East West, you may be familiar with the Epsom Circle, a true "Hub." I'll bet they didn't spend \$95,000 for their plans either. Why are Bristol's taxpayers always being raked over the coals?

If you are a taxpayer in Bristol, you'd better pay attention; the Select Board is proposing an increase in the operating budget of \$471,000, plus another \$900,000 in warrant articles in addition to the new Town Office. If these items pass Town Meeting, your tax bill will increase by \$3 per thousand. Wake up, taxpayers, before it's too late!

*Paul Simard  
Bristol*

### Food For All scaling back to one meal a month

To the Editor:

Over the past several months, the participation at Food For All, the weekly community meal at the Booster Club in Ashland, has declined significantly compared to what it had been in previous years. In fact, for the last two weeks, there almost seemed to be more volunteers in the kitchen than there were guests in the dining room.

After giving it a fair amount of consideration and discussion, the staff and volunteers have discerned that perhaps our efforts are no longer meeting any particular need or desire in the greater community. As a result, we have decided to reduce the frequency of the community meal to once a month, to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, starting in February.

We will continue to serve a meal on Tuesdays through January, and will start the once a month schedule on the first Tuesday of February. The decision will be revisited in a few months to see if participation increases before considering discontinuing Food For All altogether.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have made this effort a success over the past 25 years. It has been a joy to be able to meet and serve so many people through our efforts. We look forward to seeing more guests on the first Tuesdays of the months ahead!

*Elena Worrall  
Food For All  
New Hampton*

## CACR19 would protect the rights of people, communities, and natural environments

To the Editor:

Did you know that corporations enjoy more rights to decide what happens in your community than you who live in your community—even more than your local municipal governments? There are two main reasons for this. 1) State and federal government agencies issue operating permits that legalize harmful corporate projects and activities that would otherwise be illegal. 2) Corporations routinely use their "rights of personhood" to prevent communities from using local lawmaking to stop these projects and activities that are not in the best interest of the community.

Corporate activities such as the Northern Pass transmission line, fracked-gas pipelines and infrastructure, and large groundwater withdrawals are just a few examples of harmful projects that are decided without the involvement of local governing authority. State and federal agencies such as the state Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) and the Federal Energy Resource Commission (FERC) are appointed, not elected, for the sole purpose of issuing operating per-

mits to industry, even if this means using preemption to override health-protecting, safety-protecting, and rights-protecting local laws. Preemption dictates that higher government trumps lower government. When preemption is used to force harmful activities upon local communities, residents are denied their unalienable right to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people and natural environments where they live.

The NH Community Rights Amendment would empower people and their local governments with the authority to enact local laws that are free from preemption and corporate claimed "rights" when these local laws protect the rights of people, communities and natural environments to defend their health, safety, and welfare. This amendment would add Article 40. Right of Local Community Self-Government to the New Hampshire Constitution's Bill of Rights.

The NH Community Rights Amendment has three key components:

Right to Local Self-Government: specifically recognizing **LETTER**, PAGE A5

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You never know what you'll see, or hear, when you get back to camp

The year's first issue of Fish and Game's magazine "Wildlife Journal" caught my eye, as it usually does. Nicola Whitley and Jane Vachon and crew do a fine job with content, and the magazine is a graphic arts delight.

Peering out from this issue's cover were the almost identical nose and eyes---a triangle of black---of a marten. That's nice, I thought, and about time. Little is known and even less is written about this in-between-sized member of the weasel family. It is native to New Hampshire, but for a time there we almost lost it.

Jillian Kilborn, who wrote the magazine's cover story, was fresh out of the University of New Hampshire's wildlife management program back in 2001, when she first encountered the marten, or more accurately, its

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



tracks. To learn the ropes, she was paired with Regional Wildlife Biologist Will Staats, whose long legs have carried him to the top of every major and minor peak and hilltop from the White Mountains to the Canadian line. This was almost twenty years ago, when martens were gone from most of the state, and were scarce even up north. But if anyone could find tracks, Will could.

Today, martens occupy much of their ancestral range, having benefited from full protection and individuals filtering over from healthy populations in Maine.

Like many furbearers, martens tend to look a lot bigger than



A pine marten in the branches of a hardwood tree.

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they actually are. You look at this energetic bundle of fur and think "Five pounds," but two and a half might be better.

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Because I spent many of my formative years living at hunting and fishing camps, I got to hear the stories when guests came up

the various paths for meals. Breakfast was the "We're going to do this today" scenario, in which people told, with a certain amount of braggadocio, how they



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A pileated woodpecker in typical mode, ready to hammer away.

were gong to select just the right fly or seek out the best place to hunt. But suppertime meant hearing all about what actually happened---or didn't.

There were victories and losses to recount, for sure---a big fish caught, and the one that always got away.

But best of all, there were the stories. Some of the guests were old-timers who had begun their hunting and fishing in the early 1900s, and there were plenty who had grown up during the Great Depression and the advent of World War II.

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Letter

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nizing the right of people in communities across the state to local community self-government

Rights of People, Communities, and Natural Environments: people, communities and natural environments have rights to health, safety and well-being, and the authority to prohibit business activities that violate those rights

Expanding and Protecting Fundamental Rights:people can use their local lawmaking power to enact local laws that protect and expand fundamental rights -- any efforts to restrict or weaken fundamental rights under this Amendment are prohibited.

Representative Ellen Read of Newmarket, NH has agreed to sponsor the NH Community Rights Amendment CACR 19 with bi-partisan support from Representative co-sponsors: Suzanne Smith, Stephen Darrow, Wayne Burton, Jan

Schmidt, Vincent Migliore, Steve Rand, Charlotte DiLorenzo, and Raymond Howard.

The NH Community Rights Amendment CACR 19 is headed very soon to a public House Municipal & County Government Committee hearing where the committee's legislators will recommend one of two things: either that the amendment be moved one step closer to a vote by the people of New Hampshire, or that we be denied our right to vote on the matter entirely. Please contact the House Municipal & County Government Committee members to encourage them to protect the people and places of the Granite State from corporate overreach by recommending the amendment be moved to the November ballot for the People to decide.

The bottom line is this---if the New Hampshire House and Senate do not approve the NH Community Rights Amendment CACR19

proposed by We the People to expand and protect rights of people and their communities, then we will have been denied the legitimate democratic process of having even the opportunity to vote on a matter that directly affects and concerns our health, safety, and welfare.

Please address any questions to New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN), a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization that advocates for local governing authority for all New Hampshire communities by educating people and elected officials about the right of local community self-government.

Michelle Sanborn, Alexandria

A monthly column focused on conservation education, as the result of collaboration among several area conservation commissions and organizations. If your town's commission or conservation organization would like to contribute articles, please contact Jessica Tabolt Halm jesshalm78@gmail.com

BY THE NEWFOUND LAKE REGION ASSOCIATION

"Newfound Lake is known for water so clear you can see fish swimming thirty feet below you, hills and ridges cloaked in expansive forests and capped by rocky summits that frame the moods of the sky, and a laid-back pace reminiscent of years past". These words opened our Choose Your Future series in February

2017, followed over the year by articles about protecting the clean water, healthy forests and small-town feel that define Newfound Lake and its watershed.


The Newfound watershed is roughly 65,000 acres (100 square miles) of New Hampshire's finest landscape, with Newfound Lake as its crown jewel. Newfound's famously clear and clean water comes from over 125 miles of streams that start high on forested ridges and hills and flow unimpeded to the Lake. Land elevations from below 600 feet at the Lake to above 3,000 feet on Mt. Cardigan create diverse habitats where rare plants and animals, from Silver Maple floodplain forests, to loons, Bald Eagles and Peregrine

falcons, thrive. Generations of visitors and residents have cherished Newfound for its peace and beauty.


The watershed also contains abundant, clean drinking water beneath the Fowler and Cockermouth River valleys, has some of the States' most productive farm soils in those same valleys, and generates roughly \$500 per acre, per year, in forest products and recreation. The Lake and its land are the region's "economic engine", as well as food for the soul.

In spite of our natural bounty, fewer people are connecting to the outside world. Work and family pressures and an abundance of electronic devices distract us from the benefits of a

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Gloria T. Mooney, 88

HEBRON — Gloria T. Mooney, 88, died Monday, Jan. 8 at the Laconia Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Franklin, the only child of George and Leona (Rice) Tucker, and was a lifelong resident of the Newfound area. After graduating from Bristol High School, she attended the University of New Hampshire and worked at the Bristol Bank. She was married to Curtis W. Mooney for 53 years, and and was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Gloria was an avid outdoorswoman, and enjoyed ice fishing, bird



hunting, and searching the woods for old bottles. She had a great sense of humor and loved playing whist and cribbage with her family. A lifelong reader, she was proud to be the longest living patron of the Minot-Sleeper Library. She, also, enjoyed learning about her

family's genealogy.

Family members include two daughters, Cathy Konopnicki of Safford, Az. and Tracey Burhoe of New Hampton; two sons, Malcolm Mooney and Curtis Mooney, both of Alexandria; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

At her request, private services will be held at Homeland Cemetery in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NH Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247-0572. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home.

Wayne Dana Verrill, Sr., 77

NEW HAMPTON — Wayne Dana Verrill Sr., 77, of New Hampton, passed away on January 5, 2018, with family by his side.

Born on June 7, 1940, the son of Harold D. and Dorothy M. (Morton) Verrill, he grew up on the family farm in New Hampton and attended the Plaistead one room schoolhouse on Dana Hill Road, and later Ashland schools.

Wayne is survived by his sons, Peter A. Verrill and wife Jackie of Meredith; Wayne D. Verrill, Jr. and wife Candace of Meredith; Samuel M. Verrill and wife Kimberly of New Hampton; daughters



Toni M. Campbell of Manchester and Laurie D. Jandreau of Meredith; 14 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; sister Marion King of Wentworth; brother Willard Verrill and wife Judy of Walsenberg, Colo.; twin sister Elaine (Susie) Putnam and husband Harlie of Bristol; sister Lin-

da Larson of Ashland; many nieces and nephews; Aunt Rubie Becker of Keene; and many cousins.

Wayne was a rugged, hard-working man that excelled at whatever he did. He had worked in the logging, paving, and road construction industries, and was well known for his ability to operate heavy equipment, including road grader and excavator. He had worked for Paquette Paving, Keith Construction, Pike Industries and lastly Adrian Robie Construction, to name a few. He was not one to sit idle, often working weekends running equipment, cutting firewood or plowing snow.

Wayne was a great provider for his family. In addition to working, he had raised cows and pigs, and always had a big vegetable garden. In his spare time, he liked to fish or go hunting.

He was predeceased by his wife, Emily M. (Greene) Verrill, the love of his life for 59 years; his father, Harold D. Verrill; mother Dorothy M. (Morton) Verrill; brother in law John King; brother in law Lenny Larson; and grandson Randy Verrill.

Calling Hours will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mayhew Funeral Home, 204 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith. Wayne will be cremated and his ashes spread with his wife Emily's on their property in New Hampton.

Towns

Alexandria

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Mother Nature aka New England weather certainly did show her diversity this week! With the change in temperatures cleanup is certainly going to be a challenge, so when you go out and about watch for those iced over spots. Thank you to our State and local road crews for all your efforts. Also thank you to all law enforcement fire and rescue folks.

Town

Transfer Station stickers for 2018 are available at the Transfer Station. Please stop by and request yours the next time you are there.

Last week, I noted meetings and up coming Public Hearings for this week and in the coming weeks. Don't want to be overly repetitive, so will give reminders next week.

Alexandria UMC

Friday, Jan. 19, Christian Unity Week service at noon, with a light lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert.

Sunday, Jan. 21, church services at 9 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

A huge Happy Birthday to Gene Tucker, who turned 99 years old on Jan. 14! What a delightful little lady she is! Happy Birthday wishes go out to Brenda Sharp also. Happy Anniversary to Phil and Rita Polhemus on Jan. 19!

Time for me to wrap it up for another week! Hope your week ahead is all you hope it to be. Be safe, be kind, keep smiling and stay positive!

Danbury

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Blazing Star Grange

The next pickup farmers market will be Jan 20. Warner River Organics has joined the pick up market on harvesttomarket.com. If they are to continue participating on the 3rd Saturday, they will need to have orders enough to make it worth their time to deliver from Webster. They have beautiful kale, mixed greens, carrots and other root crops.

Please check them out and place an order by January 18th.

The workshops will also run on pickup day. It is time to sign up for the Stampin up class by Maria Polizzi. The class will be held from 9am-noon. For a fee of \$7, you will go home with 3 cards made by you and all you need to add is the stamp. If your New Years resolution was to tie up some loose ends in your life, come listen to Marion Hafner as she leads a discussion on funeral and burial arrangements. Registrations for both events are required by emailing Blazingstargrange71@gmail.com or by calling 768-5579.

Looking ahead, the Feb. 17 pickup market will feature a Thrifty Yankee Ragbag while the March 17 market will be a local business meet and greet. For more information, check out blazingstargrange.org.

Hebron

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Hebron Area Women's Group

The Hebron Area Women's Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18. The meeting takes place at the Union Congregational Church Hall in Hebron at noon. All area residents are welcome to attend . We welcome our guest speaker Marylee Gorham, New Hampshire Humane Society Director. Our hostesses are Barbara Stevens, Sue Hunt and Marion Weber. Please bring non perishable items for the Bristol Community Service or if you feel so inclined the Humane Society would be grateful for donations from their wish list which includes laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, stamps and hand soap dispensers. Further information can be found at nhhumane.org.

Supervisors of the Checklist in Session - Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to register to vote, and/or make corrections to the Hebron Checklist.

Supervisors of the Checklist  
Barbara Brooks  
Sandra Cummings  
Audrey Johnson

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.

Sundays

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

9:25 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade six

Special Needs Ministry-high school-adults

11 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. — KidZone for K-grade 6

11:15 a.m. — Youth Sunday School

“Toddler Zone” is available at both services for infants to age five. Before the contemporary service, please join us for coffee and healthy snacks.

KidZone

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

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12

Frdiays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mill #3 (39 Winter St.), just around the corner from the church. This youth ministry will be meeting every week, and is led by our youth and worship pastor, Aaron Stout, along with our volunteer youth leader staff. This youth group ministry is open to youth not only from Ashland, but surrounding towns as well. Spread the word and bring your friends.

Mondays

8 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in the Church dining room.

It is our desire to help you understand God's incredible grace and love. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ernie Madden at (office phone number) 968-9463. You can also e-mail him at accernie@hotmail.com or visit the church Web site, ashlandcommunity-church.com.

We believe that you will love it at 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-churched people will love to attend. Our mission is to lead people to live and love like Jesus, and to help others do the same.

Real church. Real people. Real simple.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. And remember, just come as you are! No perfect people allowed!

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.

During the week of Jan. 15- Jan.19, the Newfound Area Churches celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by holding a short noon service followed by a light lunch every day at a different church. On Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Day, the service is at our church in Hebron, on Jan. 16 at Our Lady of Grace in Bristol, Jan. 17 at New Hampton Community Church, Jan. 18 at Bristol UCC, and on Jan. 19 at Alexandria United Methodist Church. In case of inclement weather, if the local schools are cancelled, then the service  
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| <b>MARTIN SEXTON - Fri, Feb 16</b><br>Critically Acclaimed Soul & Roots  | <b>TAB BENNETT'S WHISKEY BAYOU RECORD REVIEW</b><br>Sat, Mar 10  |
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# Artistic Roots Souper Bowl is Feb. 10

PLYMOUTH — This is Artistic Roots’ 14th Annual Souper Bowl! The popular event is scheduled on February 10th from 2-5 pm at Plymouth’s Senior

Center on Depot Street in Plymouth. Bowls are currently on sale now at Artistic Roots, Main Street, Plymouth. The Souper Bowl will feature 20 soups

and chowders from many local restaurants. Attendees vote on their favorites and the winners receive a plaque. The event serves breads and

homemade desserts. Both member and local potters create bowls for the event. Cost of a bowl, including a ticket to the event is \$25. If you are lucky enough



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These beautiful bowls are just some of the bowls on sale at Artistic Roots in Plymouth for our Annual Souper Bowl. The cost of the bowls with a ticket to the event is \$25. Cost of a ticket without a bowl is \$15. The Souper Bowl will be held on Feb. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at the Plymouth Senior Center. Join the fun!

## Churches

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vice will be cancelled. If schools are delayed, the services will take place.

Save the date – on Jan. 27, there will be a fundraising lasagna dinner by our Church & the Hebron Village Store - more details coming soon.

Our church is located in the center of historic Hebron village at the intersections of North Shore Road and West Shore Road. Our church secretary’s office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and our phone number is 744-5883. Our address is 16 Church Lane, PO Box 67, Hebron, NH 03241. The secretary’s email address is [staff@hebronchurchnh.org](mailto:staff@hebronchurchnh.org). To find out more about our church, please visit the church website at [www.hebronchurchnh.org](http://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 Church Secretary, Linda Kriss using the contact information in this paragraph.

## Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Newfound Area Churches Week Of Christian Unity Service Schedule Services are daily (Monday through Friday), beginning at noon and followed by a light lunch. Monday: Hebron Tuesday: Our Lady of Grace Wednesday New Hampton Community Church Thursday: Bristol UCC Friday: Alexandria If Newfound schools are cancelled, the NAC service will be cancelled as well.

Looking Ahead: Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m., Our Lady of Grace Chapel, noon: St. Matthew Church, noon: Our Lady of Grace (NAC Service With Ashes) 7 p.m.: St. Matthew Church

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1 to 6 p.m., Simard Hall At Our Lady of Grace. Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment, or log on to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Central NH VNA and Hospice Bereavement Support Groups There are currently five different kinds of bereavement and support groups offered at no cost in Laconia and Wolfeboro locations through Central VNA and Hospice. The groups being offered right now are: First Step Group is for those seeking support for grief over the recent loss of a loved one. Living With Grief is a seven week program to learn about the unique and personal process of grief and coping with loss. Child and Family Expressive Arts Group offers children, teens and family members an op-

portunity to remember a loved one through art or music. Please call Dan Kusch, bereavement coordinator, for additional information at 524-8444 x2390, or email [dkusch@centralvna.org](mailto:dkusch@centralvna.org)

**Weekly Meetings Thursday, Jan. 18**  
Day Away Program, Simard Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 6 p.m.  
Parish Council Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 19**  
RCIA, St. Matthew Rectory, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Greeters Workshop, St. Matthew Church 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
Faith Formation: Ashland, St. Agnes Hall, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Bristol, Simard Hall, 10:30 a.m. - noon Confirmation: Bristol, Marian Center, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (including Mass) Plymouth, St. Matthew Hall, 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (including Mass) St. Agnes Prayer Service and Brunch, St. Agnes Hall, 1 p.m.

~AA meeting Monday– Saturday St. Matthew Hall 11 a.m.

## Restoration Church, Plymouth (Assemblies of God)

Happy New Year and 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](mailto:hello@restorationchurch.cc). Our church phone number is still the same, 1-603-536-1966. 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 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.

**Upcoming Events**  
Sunday, Jan. 14: Espresso Sunday: we will have Free catered espresso beverages in the lobby of the church.  
Sunday, Jan. 21: Baptism Sunday: deciding to follow Jesus is exciting and we want to celebrate with you. For more information inquire at the Welcome center in the church lobby.

**Our Mission Statement: Just One More!**  
Everyone is welcome to all of our services. The church is handicap accessible on the east entrance.

## 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.

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
Nursery and Religious Education – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Contact: Jane Clay, DRE

Service 9:30 – 10: 30 a.m. – Mindful Intention and Attention  
Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes, Worship Leader  
Emily Jaworski and Will Gunn, Musicians

Our intentions, secret or otherwise, move us in the direction of our soul’s longing. This Sunday, we’ll explore intention and attention and the possibility of using them to grow those things that bring us joy and wisdom, and diminish those things that cause our suffering.

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The Next Meeting of the Wise Women in Training is to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Activities Committee encourages you to participate in the abundance of interesting events happening in the area. Please take a look at the Activities board outside the Fellowship Hall, pick up the latest copy of our monthly newsletter in the foyer, or visit the Events Page on our website: [www.starrkingfellowship.org](http://www.starrkingfellowship.org). Contact Mitch Manseau for further details.



## 2018 Pemi-Baker Beekeepers’ Assn. Beginner Bee School Info:

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# Landscape painter Margery Thomas-Mueller to display work in Edwards Art Gallery

HOLDERNESS — “Landscape is a metaphor for life inside and out,” explains Margery Thomas-Mueller in the opening of her artist statement for the Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery. “It is where we walk, view, embrace our daily experiences of existence...The complexity that confronts our world daily, trying to uncover the dream beyond, that is the thicket I work at on paper.”

Thomas-Mueller’s large-scale paintings—some as big as 100 by 50 inches—will be on display in the Edwards Art Gallery at Holderness School in January and February. “The Metaphorical Landscape: Drawings of Margery Thomas-Mueller” opened with an artist talk and reception on Friday, Jan. 12.

Thomas-Mueller’s abstract landscapes are created with graphite and India ink on YUPO, a synthetic paper that has no tooth to hold the ink.

“YUPO has amazing texture and is flexible,” Thomas-Mueller explained in an interview with The Take Magazine. “You can work on it with any medium and wipe it clean. It’s not permanent and, to me, that’s a statement. It’s like our constantly evol-



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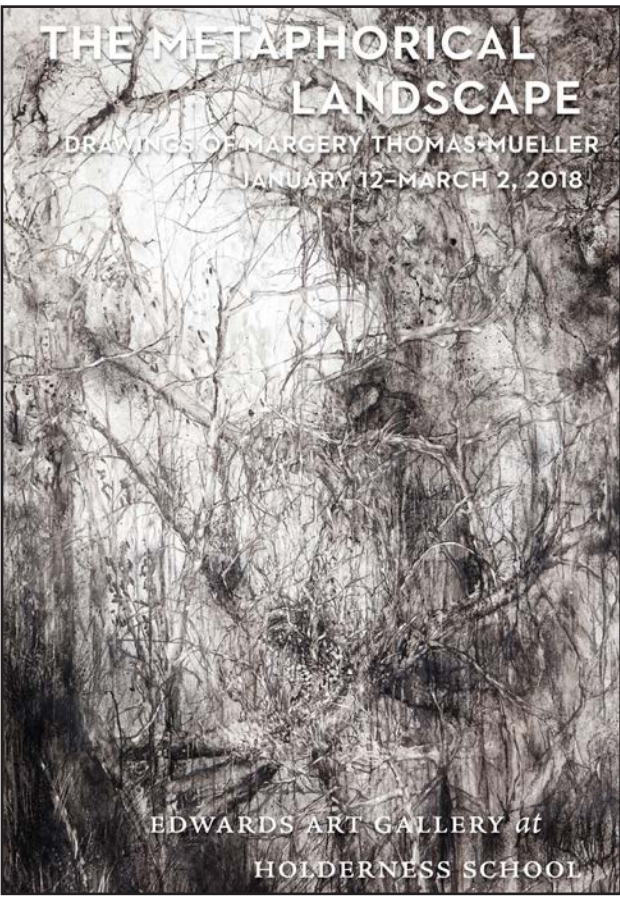
ing landscape and the lack of permanence in the world today.”

Working from a rolling ladder so she can reach all corners of her massive canvases, Thomas-Mueller paints spindly branches, delicate flowers, and gnarled trunks that drip down the paper and form thick webs of impenetrable living plants.

“There are thickets and entanglements of landscape to wade through, and, in some, the reward of light awaits in the distance,” observes Director of the Edwards Art Gallery Franz Nicolay.

“While the reference to actual landscape is present in the detailing, Mueller also creates a magical, interior landscape linked to our emotions, thus fusing the two worlds we experience daily.”

Thomas-Mueller discovered her gift and passion for art in high school and went on to major in painting at Carnegie Mellon University, and later studied painting at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Italy. Her first career, however, was in residential and commercial interior design. For 40 years, she built a success-



ful business in New York City, eventually opening Margery Thomas and Associates. It wasn’t until 2012, that she moved to New Hampshire and pursued painting full time. Since then she’s had several solo shows, been accepted into national and international juried shows, and sold her work to private clients.

Thomas-Mueller shares some of her own emotions and experiences, the ones that have shaped her work, at the end of her artist statement for the Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery: “I read about prisons in America that hold innocents, black men beaten by society, issues facing women all over the world, attacks on Planned Parenthood, anti-semitism, migrant Europe...I draw the thickets.”

The exhibit will end on Friday, March 2, and will also be closed during the school’s vacation from Feb. 4-6.

Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Franz Nicolay at 630-2238 or [fnicolay@holderness.org](mailto:fnicolay@holderness.org).



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# Common eye problems in aging adults & risk reduction tips

BY MARTHA SWATS

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Like all of our primary senses, we tend to take our vision for granted. It helps us navigate everyday life, from the moment we wake up to the time we go to sleep – and yet, how often do we really stop to think about the biological processes involved, or even the possibility that our eyes might fail us? For

many aging adults, the concern of failing eyesight is quite real.

Past the age of 60, a number of eye diseases can begin to develop, a majority of which have the potential to permanently damage one's vision. What's more, the symptoms associated with these diseases often do not manifest until later in the development cycle. So, while one's vision may seem complete-

ly normal, there may be problems brewing. Here are the four eye diseases seniors should be aware of:

**Glaucoma:** Technically a group of eye diseases, glaucoma is the result of pressure build-up inside the eye, which ultimately damages the eye's optic nerve. As glaucoma progresses, one may experience his or her peripheral vision to weaken. Prior to

that, however, there are no initial symptoms. In fact, it's estimated that nearly 1 million people have glaucoma but are unaware.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD): Although it rarely results in blindness, AMD deteriorates one's central vision because of damage to part of the retina called the macula. With this central or "straight ahead" vision affected,

activities such as driving or reading become challenging.

**Cataracts:** Defined as the clumping of proteins within the lens of the eye, a cataract causes cloudy or opaque vision. Those who have had vision affected by cataracts must have surgery to remove the cloudy lens and replace it with a new one.

**Diabetic retinopathy:** This is a complication of diabetes, wherein blood vessels in the eyes burst and bleed, eventually detaching the retina. Those with diabetic retinopathy experience shadows or dark objects that float within their field of vision. While there is no cure, laser treatment is often effective in preventing blindness before the retina becomes too damaged.

matically if you smoke.

Exercise regularly and follow a healthy diet (with physician's approval), with foods high in antioxidants, omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins A and C, and magnesium. Pay close attention to sugar intake especially, as studies indicate sugar has a significant impact on eye disease formation. Always check with your physician before making any dietary changes.

Notify your optometrist immediately if you notice any changes in vision.

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## About

### Comfort Keepers

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# Common Man contributes funds and food to assist neighbors in New Hampshire

ASHLAND — The Common Man hospitality family in New Hampshire closed out 2017 with a cash donation and the collection of hundreds of pounds of food for The New Hampshire Food Bank.

A donation of \$8,000 was made by The Common Man Vice President Diane Downing and Chief Executive Officer Vincent Vella as a result of funds raised at the Common Man Invitational golf tournament held in the fall.

The Common Man also participated in The Spirit of Giving Food Drive held in December in partnership with WMUR-TV, Dead River Company, Hannaford Supermarkets, Shaw's Supermarkets and The New Hampshire Food Bank, inviting guests to bring non-perishable food items to select Common Man locations throughout the state.

"The Common Man collected 891 pounds of food during the Spirit of Giving Food Drive, providing 743 meals to our neighbors in need," said Nancy Mellitt, director of development for the New Hampshire Food Bank.

"With cash donations, we can provide two meals for every \$1 donated. Between the golf tournament funds and cash donations made by guests during the food drive, plus an anonymous matching grant that doubled those donations, The Common Man helped to raise \$16,170,



COURTESY

The Common Man Vice President Diane Downing and Chief Executive Officer Vincent Vella (right) present Eileen Liponis, executive director of the New Hampshire Food Bank, with a donation from the proceeds of The Common Man Invitational golf tournament.

which totals 32,340 meals," said Mellitt.

The New Hampshire Food Bank is also the beneficiary of "Do Good" coupon books that The Common Man family sells during the holiday season. Proceeds are donated to the Food Bank once all books are sold and sales are tallied.

The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, has been working to relieve hunger in the Granite State since 1984. The New Hampshire Food Bank receives no federal or state funding for food distribution. In 2016, as the state's only Food Bank, the New Hampshire Food Bank efficiently procured and distributed nearly 13 million pounds of food to people in need through more than 425 non-profit registered agencies. Agencies include food pantries, neighborhood centers, low-income

housing sites, senior nutrition centers, family crisis centers, hospices, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after school programs, and day care centers. For more information about the New Hampshire Food Bank, please visit [www.nhfoodbank.org](http://www.nhfoodbank.org) and find them on Facebook and Twitter.

Founded in 1971, the Common Man family in New Hampshire is made up of 16 restaurants, two Inns, a Spa and Salon, Company Store and The Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center. Common Man locations include Common Man restaurants in Lincoln, Ashland, Concord, Claremont, Merrimack and Windham; The Common Man Inn & Spa, Foster's Boiler Room, Italian Farmhouse and The Flying Monkey in Plymouth; The Common Man Inn & Restaurant in Claremont; Lakehouse Grille, Camp, Lago and

Town Docks in Meredith; Route 104 Diner in New Hampton; Tilt'n Diner in Tilton; Airport Diner in Manchester; and the Common Man Company Store in Ashland. The Common Man also offers Common Man-made food at the Hi-Way Diner and The Common Man Roadside food court at the Hooksett Welcome Centers on Interstate 93 north and south in Hooksett.

The hospitality family's newest project is the revitalization of an antique barn, which was moved from Canterbury to Plymouth, and is taking on a new life as a wedding and event venue called The Barn on the Pemi, opening this spring. For more information about The Common Man, visit [thecman.com](http://thecman.com) or become a fan on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thecmannh](http://www.facebook.com/thecmannh) and find them on Twitter and Instagram @thecmannh.

## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BRISTOL FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN ELECTIONS

Anyone wishing to file for any of the following openings in the Town of Bristol must sign up with the Town Clerk at 230 Lake St. Bristol starting January 24, 2018-February 2, 2018 by 5:00 PM.

- 1 Selectmen for 3 years
- 1 Moderator for 2 years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust funds for 3 years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- 4 Budget Committee members for 3 years
- 3 Library Trustees for 3 years

Regular Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm  
Wednesday 8:00am-7:00pm.  
The office will be open until 5:00 pm on February 2, 2018.  
Warrant articles must be in by February 6, 2018.

Raymah Simpson  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Town of Alexandria First Day to File for Candidacy January 24, 2018

Positions to be filled this year:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| • Selectman                | 3-year term |
| • Town Clerk/Tax Collector | 3-year term |
| • Cemetery Trustee         | 3-year term |
| • Trustee of Trust Funds   | 3-year term |
| • Planning Board           | 3-year term |
| • Planning Board           | 3-year term |
| • Town Moderator           | 2-year term |
| • Supervisor of Checklist  | 6-year term |
| • Road Agent               | 3-year term |
| • Budget Committee         | 3-year term |
| • Budget Committee         | 3-year term |
| • Budget Committee         | 2-year term |
| • Budget Committee         | 2-year term |

## Last Day to File for Candidacy February 2, 2018

Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3 to 5 pm on Friday, February 2, 2018

## TOWN OF HEBRON

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session downstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to register to vote, and/or make corrections to the Hebron Checklist.

### Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Brooks  
Sandra Cummings  
Audrey Johnson

## NOTICE ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall on January 23, 2018 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist, in preparation for the Deliberative Session of the Newfound Area School District on February 3, 2018 at Newfound Regional High School

The Supervisors will also be in session on January 27, 2018, from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. in preparation for the Deliberative Session of the Town of Alexandria on February 10, 2018 at the Alexandria Town Hall.

George Whittaker  
Loretta Brouillard  
Suzanne Cheney



MARK ON THE MARKETS



BY MARK PATTERSON

More times than not, assessing a potential new client portfolio, I see a mix of mutual and

Incomplete risk assessments

exchange traded funds. Some of these are managed mutual funds that carry a high expense and some low-cost exchange traded funds, typically to cover the bond allocation. The question to my potential new client is rhetorical in the sense that I kind of know the answer before I ask. I ask them if they answered

a risk questionnaire. They often say yes, and tell me they were a 6 or 7 out of ten. The S and P 500 risk is about 7, on that scale. When I drill down further with questions that identify how much of their portfolio they could potentially lose via market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and sequence of returns risk, the profile

changes dramatically. Then we may discuss the purpose of the portfolio that is not at all addressed in a risk assessment. You must understand that the retail financial advisor community is directed by the broker-dealer that in my opinion, uses risk profiles to cover their brokers, but does not go far enough into risk, other than market risk and certainly doesn't address the real purpose of those assets being profiled.

Most of us understand market risk, especially with the equity markets having been on a tear over the last year. But many of the portfolios I see have bond funds or bond ETF's. These funds are perpetual, in other words, have no maturity date. If interest rates go up, bond values go down and you lose money. As

an asset manager I use individual bonds that pay a coupon rate that is steady and sustainable, as well as predictable, so we can manage the income needs of the client while immunizing the portfolio against interest rate risk. We can manage credit risk by using only investment grade bonds. We can assess a real risk tolerance and manage the market risk by using some conservative option strategies. Sequence of returns risk is then managed because we have managed or mitigated the other risks we already discussed!

We at MHP Asset Management use a software program that can give us a good first blush at our client's true risk profile. From that point on we can determine the purpose of the assets in the portfolio.

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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.

Franklin Savings Bank announces promotions

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank announced today the recent promotions of Sarah E.M. Stanley to Community Relations & CRA Officer, Ulrike Smith to Quality Control & HMDA Manager, Dawn Phelps to AVP, Retail Lending Officer & Team Leader, and Kimberly Bliss to Commercial Lending Assistant.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Sarah, Ulrike, Dawn and Kim to advance further within their respective roles at the bank," said Ron Magoon, President & CEO. "As we continue to expand our lending capabilities it became apparent that we needed to add additional support for home mortgage disclosure act reporting, commercial credit analysis, along with expanded oversight of data collection for community re-investment act compliance."

In her new role, Stanley will continue her community relations efforts as well as administering all aspects of the bank's Community Reinvestment Act Compliance Program. She joined FSB in 1998 in the marketing department where she advanced into a few positions until she transitioned into the role of Community Relations Officer in 2015.

Smith will assume the responsibilities of Qual-

ity Control and HMDA Manager where she will have oversight of the administration and management of all commercial and residential lending quality control compliance, along with the administration and management of all Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) compliance. She joined FSB in 2014 as Loan Operations Manager, then transitioned to Residential/Consumer Project Manager in 2017.

In her role as AVP, Retail Lending Officer & Team Leader, Phelps will oversee the strategic and new business development responsibilities for the residential lending department and will manage the residential lenders. Phelps started with FSB in 2003 as a Mortgage Loan Originator. In 2004, she was promoted to Mortgage Loan Officer, then to AVP, Retail Lending Officer in 2013. She will report to Jim Dubois, SVP, Senior Loan Officer.

Bliss joined FSB in January 2017 as a Commercial Lending Assistant in the commercial lending department. As the bank continues to experience growth in its commercial lending division, Bliss will develop and enhance her skills in credit analysis under the tutelage of Debbie Clapp, AVP, Senior Credit Analyst.

Established in 1869,

Franklin Savings Bank is an independent, mutually-owned community bank, offering a full array of commercial lending, personal banking and investment services throughout the Central Lakes Region and southern New Hampshire. Headquartered in Franklin, the Bank offices in Bristol, Boscawen, Tilton, Gilford and Merrimack, as well as an office in Bedford for business lending. Franklin Savings Bank also offers investment, insurance and financial planning services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Independence Financial Advisors, from offices in Franklin, Bedford, Gilford, Nashua, Rochester and Merrimack, New Hampshire. As a recognized leader in providing the latest in financial services technology, Franklin Savings Bank remains committed to serving the needs of businesses, families and the communities it serves, through a dedicated team of employees, a diverse line of financial products and services, and continued investment in emerging technology.

You can learn more about Franklin Savings Bank by calling 1-800-372-4445, or visiting www.fsbnh.bank, or following the bank on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

FSB raises more than \$16,000 for Granite United Way

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank announced this week that it raised more than \$16,900 for its Granite United Way Pacesetter Campaign. From this total, the bank provided a dollar for dollar matching contribution of more than \$8,400. As a Pacesetter organization, the bank's annual fundraising campaign takes place prior to the launch of GUV's general campaign.

"I am truly proud of the amount we were able to raise for our annual Pacesetter campaign for Granite United Way," said Ron Magoon, President & CEO. "This was the first time our Board approved a dollar for dollar match from employee contributions to the campaign which far exceeded our initial goal. This is just another example of our commitment to caring

for and contributing to the communities we serve."

The funds raised for Granite United Way will be used to support three community impact areas, including education, income and health across New Hampshire.

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When Do You Need a Financial Advisor?

If you could accomplish all your financial goals just by putting your paycheck into the bank every couple of weeks, you wouldn't need the services of a financial advisor. But life isn't that simple – and so, at some point, you may realize you need some professional assistance. But when?

Actually, you might benefit from the services of a financial advisor during many life events, including the following:

**Starting your career** – When you're starting out in your career, you may encounter several questions related to your benefits package. Should you

contribute to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan? If so, how much, and where should you invest your money? Are the life and disability insurance policies offered by your employer sufficient for your needs? A financial advisor can help you answer these and other questions you may have.

**Getting married** – When you get married, you'll have to decide if, and how, you want to combine your finances. Also, you and your spouse may have different attitudes about investing and different tolerances for

risk. A financial professional can help you find common ground.

**Changing jobs** – When you switch jobs, what should you do with your old employer's retirement plan? And how should you invest in the plan offered by your new employer? As was the case when you first began your career, you may find that a financial professional can help you make the right choices.

**Facing a layoff or buyout** – You may never go through a layoff, or take a buyout offer from an employer – but if either of these events happen,

you will face some financial decisions. And during such a potentially stressful period, you may be tempted to make some financial moves that won't be beneficial. A financial advisor can suggest some strategies that may help you keep your investment situation relatively intact until you land your next job.

**Saving for college** – If you have children whom you'd like to send to college someday, you'll probably want to start putting money away as early as possible. A financial professional can show you the various college-savings vehicles, and help you choose

the ones that are most appropriate for your needs.

**Getting divorced** – If you are fortunate, you won't ever experience a divorce, but, if it does happen, you'll want to get the professional assistance necessary to ensure fair outcomes for everyone. You'll obviously need to work with an attorney, but you may find that, in the area of investments, a financial advisor also can be useful.

**Entering retirement** – As you near retirement, your key questions will switch – but not entirely – from putting money in to taking money out. How much can you with-

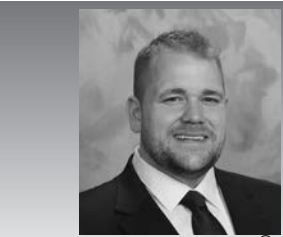
draw each year from your 401(k) and IRA without running the risk of outliving your resources? When should you start taking Social Security? If you were to work a couple of years longer than you had originally intended, how would it affect your withdrawal strategies? Again, a financial advisor can help you with these issues.

As you can see, most important life events will carry some financial concerns. But you don't have to face these challenges alone – and by getting the help you need, when you need it, you can ease the transition from one stage of life to another.

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Flooding

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urday while Alexandria saw the Patten Brook flow over Bog Road when ice and melting snow sent the water well over the banking.

Danbury, however, saw many more road closures when the Smith River clogged with ice. North Road remained closed until Tuesday when the waters finally receded enough to allow highway crews to clear the road of ice that was tossed onto the road or formed as the flood waters froze.

“I’ve been working for this department for a long time, and I’ve never

seen flooding like this at this time of year before,” said one worker as he struggled to clear the road on Monday morning. “Every time I push the ice out of the way, the river just keeps swirling up around the blade.”

On Saturday, one car was even caught up in the floodwaters and ice on North Road and finally towed to higher ground on Sunday. Fortunately, there were no injuries in that incident.

Danbury Police Chief David Suckling also reported that over the weekend portions of School Pond, Spa, Eastern District and Taylor Hill Roads were also underwater and closed

to traffic, along with Jack Wells and Zaccaria Roads.

Through Tuesday morning officials kept a close eye on portions of Rte. 104, too, where the Smith River experienced several additional ice jams and water threatened to crest over the highway. Many woodlands and fields had water rise across them but the road remained untouched.

As of Tuesday afternoon, most roads in Danbury were re-opened to traffic again but officials remind everyone to use caution when traveling low-lying roadways where icy conditions may still exist.

Dance

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becca Dillon, Leah Deuso, Paige Fischer, Molly Lu McKellar, Kevin Dyer, Jeffrey Huckins, Colby Rose, Myles Perry and Colby Runnels. The

Plays

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ya Jollie. Through their humorous presentation, the audience will discover there is more to art than meets the eye when paintings and sculptures come to life.

Directed by Ms. Lori DeVost, the junior class this year will take on the one-act play, “To Date or Not to Date,” where

eighth grade candidates are Sabrina Alan, Alexia Bassett, Hayse Broome, Mariana Esposito, Abby Springer, Timothy Cantwell, Ryder Downes, Malaki Ingram, Ryan LeBrun and Bodhi Smith. The winners are announced

at 7:30 pm that evening and are awarded plaques. There will be a dance following for the enjoyment of all seventh and eighth graders. The public is welcome to attend for the announcement of the winners.

Birdie

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The audition schedule for Jan. 30 (with a snow date of Jan. 31) is as follows:

3:30-4:30 p.m. – Elementary school students (those students participating in the ski program may attend either the middle school

or high school audition times); 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Middle school students; 6-8 p.m. – High school students and community members.

Wiencek asks that everyone arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time to complete the audition sheet and registration forms. She also asks that all participants

wear comfortable clothes and appropriate shoes for the dance portion of the audition (bare feet and stocking feet are not permitted).

Those who would like to audition for a role that would include solo performances should prepare a song of their own choosing, preferably something from a

Broadway musical that is no more than 30 to 60 seconds in length. Those not seeking a solo-performance role will only be required to sing in a pre-determined group try-out.

Questions about the audition process may be directed to Wiencek by email at [swiencek@sau4.org](mailto:swiencek@sau4.org).

Approval

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WMNF in a minimally impactful way when considering all available alternatives.”

The Northern Pass is a 192-mile electric transmission line project that will bring to New England 1,090 megawatts of clean hydropower. This reliable and affordable source of power will also bring a wide range of benefits to the region, including millions of dollars in energy cost savings and a significant reduction in carbon emissions. To learn more about Northern Pass, go to [www.northernpass.us](http://www.northernpass.us).

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Jamboree

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when scores didn’t matter but spirit did.

Participants in the 2018 tournament came from Belmont, Berlin, Gilford, Interlakes/Moultonborough, Newfound, Winnisquam and White Mountain. While other schools had hoped to attend, scheduling and other complications kept a few of them away this year.

New rules in Unified Sports this year state that school athletes cannot score the points, only help to move the ball down the court. It is the Special Olympians who must make the baskets and that only added to the excitement.

Josh from Belmont’s team was excited to be an important member of his team by putting numbers on the board throughout the day, while Megan was pleased she also played a scoring role for the Winnisquam team. In the long run, each was just happy to take part in the competition.

“I’ve been playing for three years now and the support we receive from all the athletes is great,” Megan said.

Newfound Regional High School joined the jamboree for the first time this year with their

new Unified Sports Basketball Team. Athletic Director Peter Cofran was among those in attendance who were happy to cheer them all on.

“I think this is great. If we want to talk about mainstreaming in schools, actions like this speak louder than words,” Cofran said.

He added that the beauty of Unified Sports is bringing mainstream student athletes, who might not have time to commit to a rigorous team practice schedule, together with others who just want to experience the thrill of competition. As a result, they participate on a team and get to know each other better.

“It’s great to see them high-fiving each other as they go from class to class. They (the mainstream students) realize they’re giving something back by playing Unified Sports,” Cofran said.

White Mountain High School was another team experiencing their first ever tournament play.

“It was a long ride but we’re very happy to be here. This sounds like it will be a lot of fun,” said Ken Mayer.

Athletes from White Mountain were also excited as they prepared to take on Newfound for their first match-up.

To move things along, each game had two eight-minute halves and after every four games, music blared, athletes danced and Huck-A-Bag raffle winners were announced. Other raffles for numerous gifts and gift cards from local businesses, along with a \$400 Inner Circle membership to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion’s Summer Concert Series, were awarded at the end of the day.

Over the course of the tournament, athletes from Winnisquam and Gilford met students from Newfound, Belmont and Interlakes/Moultonborough in a local challenge. They then went on to face off against teams from Berlin and White Mountain in a series of abbreviated play. To wrap up the day at 2:55 p.m., the Belmont team went head-to-head against Berlin for a final full regulation game, which had everyone cheering, no matter which team they represented.

Contigiani’s close friend, Special Olympian Laura Davies, was a big part of her inspiration to organize the initial jamboree in 2015. As always Laura contributed to the preparations for this year’s event and even obtained raffle items from

Fratello’s Restaurant where she now works. Due to her age, this was Davies’s last year to participate on the Belmont team, but she’s not walking away from the tournament she helped inspire.


“I love it. This is a really wonderful thing and I’m looking forward to helping Cassie out in the future,” she said.

Davies was recognized by Contigiani with a full page tribute in the jamboree’s program this year. Friends since they were young girls, and young athletes, Contigiani said she was grateful for their friendship and all that has transpired as a result.

“Laura and I had the chance to be ambassadors at the 2015 Special Olympic World Games where we made friends with athletes all around the world,” she wrote.


That friendship now brings even more people together in the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

All proceeds from the Fourth Annual Unified Basketball Jamboree will help Belmont athletes take part in the New Hampshire Special Olympics Winni Dip in March, ultimately giving back to the nonprofit organization that supports it all.



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To be held at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018** at the **Hebron Community Hall** located at 16 Church Lane.

Copies of the budget and warrant articles will be available at the Hebron Select Board Office.

Per Hebron Select Board,

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Notebook

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As supper approached, guests began converging on the main camp, and various characters recounted things that a kid with big ears--that was me, all right--never forgot.

One of these stories involved a pair of martens a guest had seen that day, at which an old hunter piped up "Yup, pine marten, the only animal that can catch a red squirrel in a tree."

The "pine" was parochial vernacular, and it has long been just plain "marten" in

learned circles. As for quickness, the marten's next-up cousin the mink is almost as fast, but not quite.

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One sunny October Sunday afternoon I had a few hours off, and went bird hunting over the ridge behind Clarksville Pond and then down around the old Scott Opening--"bird" meaning partridge. As I approached an old road that would take me back toward home, a huge bird came swooping down through the woods, doing a dipsy-do while emitting musical yelps

and cries.

"Yup," said an old-timer sagging in the couch when I brought the story back to camp, "Cock of the Woods." It was the old name for the pileated woodpecker, rare back then, but like so many wild creatures, back in healthy numbers today.

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Conservation

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walk, a paddle or simply sitting quietly. It is easy to forget how Nature provides for us, and as fewer children experience the outdoors, more grow to adulthood without a sense of its role in our wellbeing. It seems many have forgotten what our grandparents knew; how to care for each other, and our land, with a committed and active community.

Our message of hope, and call to action, is that a little time spent outdoors will reward you with sounds, sights and smells often buried



Young hiker on Little Sugarloaf, New Year's Day 2018.



Snow Angel on Goose Pond, New Year's Day 2018.

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## Bears bounce back, knock off Berlin, White Mountains

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound hoop girls re-

### What's On Tap

January continues with a full slate of high school games on the docket for the local squads.

At Newfound, the hoop boys will be hosting White Mountains on Friday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Prospect Mountain at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23. They return home to host Stevens at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25.

The Newfound girls' basketball team will be visiting White Mountains on Friday, Jan. 19, and hosting Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 23, both at 6:30 p.m. and will travel to Stevens for a 7 p.m. game on Thursday, Jan. 25.

The Newfound unified basketball team will be at Belmont for a 3:30 p.m. game on Monday, Jan. 22.

The alpine Bears will be  
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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Savanna Bony scored in double figures in both of her team's games last week.

bounded from the first regular season loss with a pair of wins last week.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the Bears traveled north to take on Berlin and

came away with a 49-39 win over the Mountaineers.

The Bears jumped out to a quick lead on the road, getting an 11-2 advantage early on and took a 17-10 lead after one. Ashlee Dukette (six), Savanna Bony (six) and Jasmine Peterson (five) accounted for all of Newfound's points in the frame.

The Bears seemed to slow down a bit on the

offensive side in the second half, edging Berlin by a 12-10 score for a 29-20 lead at the halftime break.

The second half was a fairly even battle, with Newfound edging Berlin 10-9 in the third and the two teams played to a 10-10 tie in the fourth quarter.

"Our offense got very stagnant in the second half and didn't run the floor well," said coach

Karri Peterson. "It's always tough taking the long bus ride north but they started out strong."

"We just can't allow ourselves to become complacent and stagnant, as it affects our play," the veteran coach added.

Bony led the way with 18 points, while Peterson had 15 points, nine rebounds, six steals, three assists and two blocks. Dukette finished with 15

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## Northern teams trip up Bear boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Berlin boys' basketball team was predicted to be one of the top teams in Division III this year and the Mountaineers showed a bit of why that is so when they traveled to Bristol on Tuesday, Jan. 9.



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AJ Palumbo-Muse drives toward the basket during Newfound's game with Berlin last week.

The visitors jumped out to a 27-7 lead after one quarter and led 49-14 at halftime on the way to an 86-45 win over the Newfound Bears.

"No match for the preseason number one team," said Newfound coach Tom Bourdeau. "We did battle hard in the third quarter and won the frame."

The Bears knocked down five three-pointers in that third quarter, outscoring the Mountaineers 20-15. This was an improvement from the first half, when the team missed all five three-pointers it attempted. They also got three threes in the fourth quarter from Tyler Boulanger to finish at 53 percent on the day beyond the arc, though shot just 35 percent overall. Berlin shot 64 percent.

Boulanger led the way for the Bears with 14 points on the night and he also pulled down four rebounds to lead the team on the boards. AJ Palumbo-Muse added 13 points and Mason Dalphonse had eight.

Newfound traveled to White Mountains on Friday and came through with a huge third quarter and eventually forced overtime before dropping a 61-59 decision.

The Bears fell behind with another slow start, trailing 18-9 after one and White Mountains opened the lead to 30-13 midway through the second but Newfound closed out the quarter on a 9-2 run and it was 32-22 at the halftime break.

Newfound opened the

third quarter on a 9-2 run to cut the lead to three and Palumbo-Muse and Dalphonse combined to score all 17 of Newfound's hoops in the frame.

The Bears took the lead at 45-44 midway through the fourth quarter on a James Shokal three-pointer and with a couple of minutes to go, the Bears led 52-49. They had a couple of good defensive stops and had chances to extend the lead, but they missed a field goal and had a couple of turnovers, keeping the score the same. The Spartans got an offensive rebound and Newfound fouled with 7.8 seconds to go. After they hit one free throw, they got the offensive rebound on the second and put it back to tie the game at 52 heading to overtime.

Newfound got out to a 59-56 lead in the extra frame and took the ball out of bounds with 38 seconds to go, but a costly turnover and Spartan three tied the game and another offensive rebound led to the winning hoop.

"Very pleased with how my players battled back from the early deficit, but not pleased with the early deficit," Bourdeau stated. "I think this game really showed our inexperience of playing in tight games."

"Many mistakes were made towards the end because these kids have not been in this situation," the Newfound coach continued. "During timeouts and up three points

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# Bobcats roll past Laconia, fall to Lebanon

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth boys' basketball team picked up an easy win to kick off last week and then dropped a tough decision to close out the week.

The Bobcats opened the week by hosting Laconia on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and jumped out to a 40-15 lead at halftime and then backed off in the second half on the way to the 64-49 win.

"We were pretty spread out with the scoring," said coach Mike Sullivan. "And we were excited about the win."

The Bobcats had three players in double figures, with Danny Carey leading the way with 12 points and Jordan Docen and Colby Moore each putting in 10 points. Jake Lamb added nine and

Owen Brickley put in eight points in the win.

"We were excited about going into Friday night against Lebanon," Sullivan said. "We thought we could beat them."

However, the Lebanon team that showed up in Plymouth on Friday, Jan. 12, was much different than what Sullivan had scouted earlier in the season.

The Raiders drained 10 three-pointers on the way to the 61-48 win over the Bobcats.

"That was not the same team I scouted," Sullivan pointed out. "They hadn't made more than five threes in a game the entire season."

The Bobcat coach was quick to note that his team just could not hit the shots when they



Jordan Docen drives to the hoop during action against Lebanon last week. RC GREENWOOD

needed to. Plymouth was three-for-19 from beyond the arc and were only seven-for-20 from the free throw line.

"You can't win games not executing," Sullivan said. "We played hard for 32 minutes but we just couldn't match what they were doing on the offensive end."

"It was a tough loss, but we're 3-3, playing hard and hanging in games," the Bobcat coach said. "We're fired up for Tuesday at home against John Stark."

Docen and Lamb led the way for the Bobcats with 10 points each.

The Bobcats were hosting John Stark after deadline and will be at Kennett for a 6:30 p.m. game on Friday, Jan. 19, before hosting Coe-Brown at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22.

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## Lakes Region Lacrosse registration is open

REGION — Registration for Lakes Region Lacrosse is open now through Feb. 28 for all interested athletes. Girls' and boys' teams for grades seventh/eighth, fifth/sixth, third/fourth and first/second are planned, offering a fast-paced spring sport. New players are welcomed and encouraged to sign up. Last year, more than 150 youth athletes began or continued the development of their skills, sportsmanship and knowledge of the culture and tactics of lacrosse. Registration can be completed at [Irlacrosse.org](http://Irlacrosse.org). If you have questions about the Lakes Region Lacrosse Club or registration, e-mail [Irlcreg@gmail.com](mailto:Irlcreg@gmail.com). Winter skills clinics will be offered, watch the web site for details. Scholarships available upon request.

The Lakes Region Lacrosse Club is open to girls and boys of all abilities who reside in the Lakes Region of NH's surrounding towns that do not currently have a youth lacrosse program. Participants include residents of Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Gilmanton, Belmont, Meredith, Moultonborough, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse Association ([www.nhyla.org](http://www.nhyla.org)). The club's home field is the Meadows Complex in Gilford.

Practices typically begin in late March, with weather/field conditions being the primary factor. Practices are held 2-3 times per week. Seven regularly scheduled league games occur on Sundays and an occasional Saturday, beginning April 8 through mid-June. Approximately one half of the games are held locally and one half require travel to host towns in New Hampshire.

## Nangle's hat trick leads Cats to first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

NASHUA — The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team picked up its first win of the season on Wednesday, Jan. 10, traveling to Nashua's Conway Arena and dispatching Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield by a 6-4 score.

The hosts scored the first goal of the game, slipping the puck past Sam Johnson with 9:08 to go in the first period, but the Cats were able to bounce back.

With 3:04 to go in the first, Nate St. Pierre scored on assists from Alex Nangle and Garrett Sprenger to tie the game at one.

The hosts were able to score in the final minute



Alex Nangle had a hat trick in Kearsarge-Plymouth's first win of the season last week. JOSHUA SPAULDING

of the first period, however, taking a 2-10 lead to the first intermission.

Kearsarge-Plymouth did not let that momentum continue very long, however, as the Cats scored just less than two and a half minutes into the second period, with

Nangle finishing off an assist from Josh Johnston to tie the game at two.

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## Weather, wildlife and the problems they cause

Following the holiday break, the winter sports season is back in full swing as we roll through the middle of January.

Of course, weather always plays a role in the winter sports world and this year has been no exception. The first Nordic meet of the season that was originally scheduled for Jan. 4 at Great Glen Trails, had to be postponed due to the snowstorm that blew through the area that day. The alpine meet scheduled the next day at Gunstock was cancelled due to the storm and the impending frigid temperatures. I was bummed to miss out on the alpine meet because it was the only one this season where all five of the schools that I cover were going to be in attendance. Plus, chances to go skiing on a regular basis are always good. And just for good measure, last week's alpine meet at Cranmore was postponed due to rain.

The weather was perfect for the first alpine meet of the season, which was held before Christmas at King Pine

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ski Area. It wasn't too cold and the conditions were perfect. I spent the morning taking pictures of the race and then spent the afternoon skiing with a friend before heading out to go to a hockey game that evening.

Weather also caused a problem early in the season when I was scheduled to attend a Kingswood girls' basketball game and I couldn't make the rescheduled date, meaning the first time I saw the Knights was in the holiday tournament.

The weather hasn't been a huge problem otherwise, but I did have another issue right before the holiday break that caused problems. The Wednesday before Christmas was one of our early deadline days, so after attending the ski meet at King Pine, a hockey game in Conway

and a hockey game in Wolfeboro, I came back to the office in Meredith to put together the North Country papers.

It was a long night, as I expected it to be and I headed out for home at about 1 a.m. Shortly after I passed Skelley's Market on Route 109 in Moultonborough, my headlights picked up a pair of deer darting across the road from the right. I slammed on the brakes and turned to the left and missed them but a third deer came bouncing out of the woods and right into the front right portion of my car. I pulled over just down the road and when I got out of the car, I watched the deer run off into the woods and went around to check the front of my car. The headlight was still working but the casing was cracked, the bumper was cracked and it was obvious there was more damage that I couldn't see in the dark. However, the car was still driveable, so I went home and went to bed.


After looking in the morning, I noticed a big

dent in the hood and the fender. I called my insurance agency and put the process in place. The headlight eventually went out, but surprisingly, I was only stopped by the cops once in the few weeks I drove like that. This past week, my car was in Eckhoff's Garage in Ossipee and I got to drive an SUV around for a while until it was fixed.

The weather and games also have kept me from making the trek north to take down the Christmas lights. Hopefully I can get that done before Korea.


Finally, have a great day Steve Eckhoff.

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Troy Johnson works his way to a win on his way to winning his weight class at the Winnisquam Winter Classic.



Cole Johnston wrestles in action at the Winnisquam Winter Classic on Saturday.

# Bobcats take second at Winnisquam Winter Classic

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Plymouth wrestling team was a bit shorthanded on Saturday for the Winnisquam Winter Classic and ended up finishing second to perennial Division I power Timberlane on the day.

“There were a couple of matchups that could’ve gone either way,” said coach Randy Cleary. “If one goes the other way, we would’ve outscored them.”

The Bobcats were playing without Alex Hamel, Nolan Farina and Tracy Christiano, who Cleary said all could’ve helped add a few points along the way.

The Bobcats came away with two championships, with Joe Cleary winning at 126 pounds and Troy Johnson winning at 195 pounds. Second place finishes went to Charlie Comeau at 106 pounds, Hunter Lessard at 138 pounds and JC Gaumer at 132 pounds.

Jason MacAllister added a third place at 113 pounds, Griffin Smith was fourth at 145 pounds and Ethan MacDonald was fourth at heavyweight. Joe Collette at 132 pounds and Cole Johnston at 160 pounds both finished fifth and Nate Borger at 170 pounds and Trevor Randlett at 120 pounds both finished in sixth place.

Cleary earned a bye in the first round, then pinned Kenzie Bourgeois of Winnisquam to reach the finals, where

he pinned Adam Marquis of Timberlane.

Johnson won a 15-0 decision over Christian Kuechler of Pinkerton, then pinned Tristan Sharich of Concord to reach the finals, where he pinned Tom MacDonald of Pinkerton to get the win.

Comeau got a 13- win over Mark Harrington of Pinkerton, then won 21-10 over Michael Mitchell

of Winnisquam to reach the finals. He lost to Jake Rousseau of Timberlane in the finals.

Gaumer opened with a pin of Tommy Sargent of Concord, then beat Collette to advance to the finals, where he was pinned by Brent Seavey of Timberlane.

Lessard pinned James Bonnell of Concord and Tyler Denton of Goffstown before falling

to Nick Pallaria of Timberlane in the finals.

MacAllister dropped his opening match to Ella Davidson of Keene 9-3, but rallied through the loser’s bracket to beat Bryan Lowell of Mascoma in the third place match by an 11-1 score.

Smith pinned Wilton Geissenhainer of Goffstown and Cortland Miller of Concord before

falling to Joey Wilson of Keene by a 3-0 score. He lost in the third place match to Joe Friel of Timberlane by a 12-10 score.

MacDonald pinned Ronnie Mills of Winnisquam in 15 seconds then was pinned by Tyler Bill of Mascoma to move to the consolation bracket. He beat Matt Dalton of Goffstown with a pin but was pinned by Cam Mac-

ro of Pinkerton in the third place match.

Collette beat Sam Theriault of Souhegan in his first match before falling to Gaumer. In the consolation round, he beat Mason Benedict of Kearsarge in the fifth place match.

Johnston lost his first match to Alex Galatis of Concord but came back and beat Anthony Rosales of Concord by pin before falling to Sam Lantz of Concord by a 9-2 score. He got a forfeit over Tyler Langill of Winnisquam in the fifth place match.

Randlett lost to Rovanee Nickson of Concord 7-1 in his first match and then came back and defeated Corrine Croto of Kearsarge before eventually losing to Nickson again in the fifth place match 3-1.

Borger pinned Hunter Krol of Pinkerton and Rooster Smith of Goffstown before falling to RJ Higgins of Keene to move into the consolation round, where he finished sixth.

The Bobcats opened the week with a win over Mascoma, winning all matches except at 170, 182 and heavyweight.

The Bobcats will be at the Timberlane Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 9 a.m. and will be hosting Kearsarge on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

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The Pemi Highlanders won the fall adult hockey league title. Back row (l to r), Brett Silva, Scott Shedd, David Chapman, Clifford Mask, Bob Amberg and Karl Houghton. Front row (l to r), Brendan Mathieu, Jeremy Bonan, Tommy Dowell and Braden Smith. Missing from photo is Steve Dabrieo.

## Adult hockey league champions crowned

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University adult hockey league recently wrapped up fall league play and the Pemi Highlanders captured the championship.

Teams are a mix of collegiate and community members facing off at the PSU ice arena on Sundays and Tuesdays.

The spring season of adult hockey league

(18+) will be gearing up to begin play on Feb. 4. New teams are welcome to join and can register online at [plymouth.edu/arena](http://plymouth.edu/arena).

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### XC Ski

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follow the Settlement Trail. Additional parking will be available at the Castle in the Clouds lot past the gate.

This event is open and free to the public. Participation for the guided portion of this event is required and space is limited. Those interested in attending the guided trip can find trip details and can register at lrct.org.

### Hockey

FROM PAGE B2

The back and forth action continued just less than five minutes later when the hosts scored their third goal of the game but again, the Cats wouldn't let H-B-D get any momentum, as they picked up their third goal just more than three minutes later, with Nangle lighting the lamp with 4:26 to go to tie things at three.

Just like they did in the first period, the hosts got on the board in the final minute of the second, putting a puck in the net with 25 seconds to go in the frame to take a 4-3 lead to the second intermission.

The majority of the third period went on the board with nobody scoring but K-P came charging back in the final five minutes.

The goal spurt started with 4:16 to go, as Cody Bannon scored on an assist from Tony Velez to tie the score at four.

With 2:48 to go, Nangle netted his third of the game on an assist from Johnston and the Cats had their first lead of the game at 5-4.

They added a goal with 1:08 to play, with Johnston getting the tally to close out the 6-4 win.

Coach Dave McKenney praised the work of Velez and Johnston on defense in addition to Nangle's work putting the puck in the net.

He also noted that Marissa Pickman, Brecken Bates, Bannon, Sprenger and St. Pierre all had good games in the win and Johnson got a good win in the nets.

The Cats will be taking on reigning Division III champion Kennett on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. at Ham Arena in Conway.

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### Girls

FROM PAGE B1

rebounds to go with her eight points on the evening.

The Bears hosted White Mountains Regional on Friday and came away with a 58-39 win.

The Spartans kept the game pretty close in the early going with strong free throw shooting, as they got six of their nine points in the first quarter from the line and Newfound led 11-9 at the end of the first.

The Bears put the foot on the gas at both ends of the court in the second, holding White Mountains to just six points and scoring 20 of their own to go up by a 31-15 score at the half-time break. Leah Bunnell came off the bench to score six points in the quarter and Dukette also had six in the frame.

The Spartans took 11 free throws in the third quarter but only connected on three of them and the two teams played evenly at 11-11 in the third for a 42-26 Newfound lead after three.

The Bears outscored the Spartans 16-13 in the fourth quarter, with Bony going 10 of 12 from the free throw line in the frame.

Dukette finished with 19 points and 22 rebounds, while Bony added 16 points. Bunnell finished with 10 points and Bailey Fairbank came off the bench with seven points. Peterson had eight rebounds and seven assists.

The Bears will be in action again on Friday, Jan. 19, at White Mountains at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosting Prospect Mountain at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23. On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Bears will be at Stevens at 7 p.m.

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### Boys

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late, we instructed the players that we don't need to take another shot, just protect the ball and let them foul you.

"Hopefully this was a good learning situation should we be in another tight game," Bourdeau added.

Dalphonse led the way with 24 points and 13 rebounds, while Palumbo-Muse added 15 points and 14 rebounds. Boulanger chipped in with 11 points.

The Bears will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 19, hosting White Mountains Regional at 6:30 p.m. They will visit Prospect Mountain, Bourdeau's former team, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m.

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### On Tap

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hitting the slopes at Gunstock on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m.

At Plymouth, the girls' basketball team will be playing host to Kennett on Friday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. and will visit Coe-Brown for a 7 p.m. game on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Bobcat hoop boys will be at Kennett for a 6:30 p.m. game on Friday, Jan. 19, before returning home to host Coe-Brown on Monday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The unified Bobcats will be hosting Winnisquam on Monday, Jan. 22, at 3:30 p.m.

The Plymouth ski jumping team will be at Kennett for a 6 p.m. meet on Friday, Jan. 19, before heading home to host a meet on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth wrestlers will be at Timberlane for a 9 a.m. meet on Saturday, Jan. 20, before hosting Kearsarge for a 6 p.m. meet on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will be at Kennett for a 4 p.m. game on Saturday, Jan. 20.

## What's Happening at Plymouth State University





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## Thursday, January 25

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