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# Selectmen hear pros and cons on SB2 proposal

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL

Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — Residents asked questions during the first two public hearings, but it was the third hearing by the Bristol Board of Selectmen on Feb. 16 that elicited the most discussion. That hearing was on a petitioned warrant article that would replace the traditional town meeting with separate deliberative and voting sessions under the Official Ballot Act, RSA 40:13, commonly known as SB2.

The arguments on both sides are wellknown, after a number of towns and school districts have adopted the provisions of the law, established in 1995 with the backing of then Bris-

tol Representative John hearing the arguments Root. New Hampshire's Live Free or Die Alliance at http://www.lfda. org/issues/sb2 provides a succinct analysis of the pros and cons of the Official Ballot Act:

#### **Pros**:

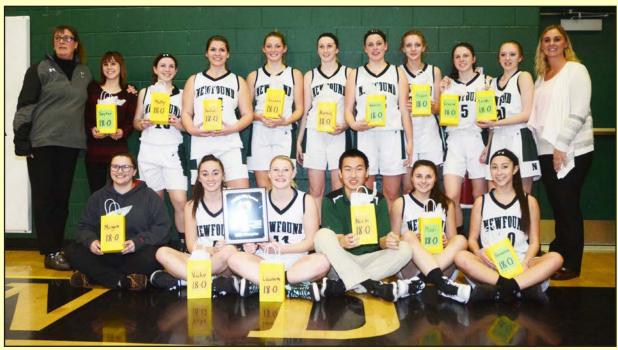
The traditional town meeting approves the town budget and warrant articles at a daylong town meeting where, typically, only a couple hundred votes are cast and there is the potential for a special-interest pushing its own issues and agendas to take control of ballot and budget issues.

With the official ballot, voters have time to think about the issues on the ballot after

at a deliberative session. Under the town meeting format, voters must make an immediate decision without thinking about the consequences of the vote. Additionally, the voting under the Official Ballot Act takes place in the privacy of the voting booth without the pressure of fellow

Official ballot voting at the second session allows more citizens to participate in the democratic process. In order to vote at the tradition-

al town meeting, residents must spend hours or even a whole day. Citizens with young children and elderly citizens find it difficult SEE SB2, PAGE A11



#### **Undefeated**

The Newfound girls' basketball team celebrates its 18-0 regular season after defeating Somersworth in the final game of the season on Thursday, Feb. 16. The undefeated regular season is the first in Newfound history and the Bears earned the top seed in the Division III playoffs, which begin tonight, Feb. 23.

Successful Poker Run supports Hebron

Fire Department Improvement Fund

#### Voters add \$25,000 to proposed Alexandria town budget for road maintenance

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

Town of Alexandria held its First Deliberative Session Saturday morning, Feb. 11, and the sparse crowd on hand voted to move all 12 articles on this year's ballot on to the polls in March, amending only the proposed operating budget in Article 3 that they were presented with that day.

This year's budget originally was set at \$1,536,047 for town expenditures in the coming fiscal year. After hearing from Road Agent Jeff Cantara that his department was in need of more funds for things such as salt and sand for winter road maintenance, there was some debate before the total was amended upward by \$25,000 to help meet that need, bringing the new budget to \$1,561,047.

Should Article 3 fail to meet voter approval, the default budget would be-

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come last year's total of \$1,508,116.

will be presented to voters will be a request from the fire department to enter into a 48-month lease/purchase agreement for 12 self-contained breathing apparatus units. Payment in the first year would be \$28,500, which would impact taxes by an estimated \$0.142 per thousand in property evaluation.

The Alexandria Fire Department, now municipally owned, is also asking voters to establish a Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under RSA 31:19-a for future maintenance and upkeep of the department's vehicles. A request to raise appropriate \$10,000 to start that fund is included in the article.

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drhodes@salmonpress.news HEBRON — A Poker Run drew more than 20 snowmobiles to Hebron Village last Sunday morning, where riders relished the unusually warm temperatures and bright sunshine as they gathered to raise money for the Hebron Fire Department's Fire/Rescue Improvement Fund.

Beginning at 9 a.m., participants pulled their sleds up to the life safety building in Hebron to register for the ride and enjoy a hearty breakfast before heading out on the trails. As every snowmobiler signed up,



Nancy and Fred Brooks were among the more than 20 snowmobilers who took part in last weekend's Poker Run, which benefited the Hebron Fire Department's Fire/Rescue Improvement Fund.

they were also directed to event organizer Lynn SEE **POKER RUN**, PAGE A11

#### **Spreading smiles**

Shawn Adams of Bristol (far right) was pleasantly surprised when his purchase of three tickets for the Webster Lake ice fishing derby tickets from Newfound Trading Post last Thursday afternoon was paid for by the Franklin Savings Bank Smile Squad. While listeners to Mix 94.1FM were advised all week of the Smile Squad's special one-hour visit to various ticket sales locations in the area, Anderson said he had not heard the announcement but was grateful he was in the right place at the right time. Shown paying storeowner Anthony Ledbetter for Adams' tickets are Taylor Laro and Anna Offen of the FSB Smile Squad.

#### Budget battle ahead in Bristol

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL Contributing Writer

BRISTOL — The Bristol Board of Selectmen is poised for a battle at Town Meeting over the Bristol Budget Committee's proposed operating budget of \$5,931,480 for 2017, a figure that is \$249,166 less than what the selectmen were proposing.

Meeting on Feb. 16, the selectmen voted, 1-3, on a motion in support of the budget committee's figure, effectively voting not to recommend it on the town warrant. J.P. Morrison, the selectmen's representative

to the budget committee, was sole vote in favor of the lower number. Selectman Paul Manganiello was out of town and did not vote.

Selectmen been proposing a \$6,180,646 budget, of which \$4,897,391 represented general fund appropriations, with the remaining amount covering debt service, enterprise funds, and special warrant articles. The budget committee had pared the general fund figure back to \$4,648,222 in order to limit the increase in spending from 2016 to 2.5 per-

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# Alexandria PD to host program on active shooter response

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ALEXANDRIA — Alexandria Police Chief Donald Sullivan recently became a certified instructor for the Civilian Response Active Shooter program, and on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m., he will present a public educational program on the topic at the Alex-

andria Town Offices on sure their survival," Sul-Washburn Road, which will explain ways people can protect themselves in the event of such an incident.

"When something like that happens, it's too late to start thinking about how you will react. This program has a lot of useful information on what people can do to most enlivan said.

In addition to that, the public will also get a better understanding of what type of response they might expect to see from police and other safety officials in such an emergency.

"Law enforcement began to look back through the history of active

shooter events since Columbine to see what was learned from each of them, and how responses have changed since then," Sullivan said. "We also realized that it's our obligation as professionals to let people know what they should do if they ever find them-

selves in such a situation,

BRISTOL — A brochure

containing the 2017 cal-

endar of activities in the

Newfound Region is cur-

rently being compiled

by the Town of Bristol,

and now is the time to

get events listed in the

widely distributed pub-

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munity Center is among

those putting together

this year's calendar and

said they are reaching

out to all in the region,

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and what they can expect when we respond."

The program is twohours long, and will include an instructional video and discussion.

It is free and open to residents of all communities, and while it is not required, pre-registration would be appreciated. To do so, please call 744-6651

Events both small- and large-scale

welcome for regional calendar

or via email at apd@metrocast.net.

Sullivan is also available to bring his program to area businesses, churches, schools and other locations that would like to educate their employees, staff or members on what they can do in such an emer-

# Eversource grant funds free NLRA EcoTours for local families

Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) is grateful to have received a generous \$2,500 grant from Eversource Energy.

"The grant will be used to provide free Newfound EcoTours to 100 local families," said NLRA Director Boyd Smith.

"Our goal is to share Newfound's beauty, and a little educational fun, with people that otherwise might not have access to the Lake," Smith added.

Eversource Community Relations Specialist Donna Keeley invited the NLRA to apply for the grant after taking an EcoTour with several colleagues as part of a leadership meeting last summer. According to Keeley, the time shared on the lake at the end of the day was memorable, and suggested an easy way to give back to the local community.

"The NLRA is a perfect partner for this purpose," said Keeley, "and their environmental mis-

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Local partners make Newfound EcoTours more accessible to Newfound community. Pictured left to right: Andrew Veilleux and Karen Bemis (NLRA), Brittany Overton (Minot-Sleeper Library), Donna Keeley (Eversource Energy), and Boyd Smith (NLRA).

sion is important to all of us at Eversource."

Bristol's Minot-Sleeper Library played a critical part in the grant success, and is taking on the role of distributing EcoTour passes to their

Library Director Brittany Overton said "The Library is designed to serve the Newfound Region, and we are thrilled to be working with the NLRA and Eversource to expand our offerings."

NLRA Program Manager Andrew Veilleux noted that the additional funding will build on an existing program with Tapply-Thompson Community Center, Watershed Outdoor Week (WOW!).

Veilleux said "Seeing the kids' faces when they are out on the lake is a real joy - Newfound is awesome!"

For more information about Newfound EcoTours, call NLRA at 744-8689 or go to www. Newfoundlake.org. learn more about your EcoTour tickets, contact the Library at 744-3352, email librarian@townofbristolnh.org, or stop by at 35 Pleasant St., Bristol.

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#### **Use Your Tax Refund Wisely**

It's tax time again - which for many Americans means that a tax refund is on its way. If you're going to get a refund this year, how can you use the money to your best advantage?

Of course, it's always tempting to spend the check from Uncle Sam on something fun. But a tax refund could be sizable - the average amount in 2016 was \$2,857, according to the IRS - so putting this money to work could help boost your progress toward your financial goals.

Here are some possibilities for using your refund:

• Help fund your IRA. If you were to receive a tax refund of \$2,857, you'd have slightly more than half of the \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit for 2017, although, if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000. Consequently, you may find it much easier to fully fund your IRA for the year — and you should do exactly that, because an IRA is a great retirement savings vehicle. If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income, while your earnings can grow tax deferred. (Taxes

are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

diversify your portfolio. If a market downturn hits one asset class, and that's where you keep most of your money, you could take a big hit. Owning an array of investments - such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and so on - can help prepare your portfolio weather the effects of market volatility, By adding new investments, or increasing your holdings of existing investments, you may be able to further diversify your portfolio - and you can use your refund for this purpose. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against

Contribute to a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren

college, consider using your tax refund to help fund a 529 plan. Your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes, and your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals not used for higher education expenses may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty.)

Pay off some debts. You can help improve your financial picture by reducing your debt load - but it may make sense to prioritize these debts. For example, rather than make an extra mortgage payment, you might want to first tackle those debts or loans that carry a high interest rate and that don't allow you to deduct interest payments. After all, your monthly mortgage payment will remain the same even if you make an extra payment, but if you can get rid of some smaller debts, you will free up some cash that you could use to invest for your future.

Think carefully about how to use your tax refund. It whom represents an opportunity you'd like to help send to that you won't want to waste.

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center for information and community no matter how large or small their event may

"A lot of times people aren't aware they can list their event so we're trying to track everyone down and include them this year," she said.

Anything from yard sales sponsored by nonprofit groups to outdoor adventures, educational programming, church activities and other fundraising endeavors are all welcomed, Dion added.

Events for the calen-

dar are not limited to Bristol, but can also encompass surrounding towns, including Alexandria, Bridgewater, Danbury, Hebron, Hill and New Hampton.

"We don't want to miss anyone who has a great event planned for this year," said Dion.

The deadline for submissions is March 30, but the sooner the better, she advised. To have an event listed in the 2017 publication, please send the information to her at BCCfun@metrocast.net.

beginning at 1:30 p.m.

on the day of the event.

Questions presented to

candidates by modera-

tor Paul Fraser will be-

gin promptly at 2 p.m.

# Candidates' Forum returns to Minot-Sleeper Library

this important event.

The Friends of the Mi-

are the sponsor of this

year's forum. Refresh-

ments will be provided

BRIDGEWATER

The Inn on Newfound

Lake in Bridgewater

conducted the annual

"Guess the Number of

Lights" contest this win-

ter. Every year, the Inn

goes beyond and above

all expectations of dec-

orations and lighting

for the holidays. Guests

make a donation for each

guess, and all proceeds of

the contest are donated

to local families in the

Newfound Lake area.

This year's number was

fast with Santa, the Inn

raised more than \$1,500

Along with Break-

52,453.

Library

**Inn on Newfound's Guess** 

the Number of Lights contest

raises more than \$1,500

not-Sleeper

BRISTOL — As part of this year's local election, the Minot-Sleeper Library hosts a candidates' forum on Saturday, March 4 beginning at 2 p.m. The event welcomes the public to hear the motivation and ideas of each person whose name will appear on the 2017 ballot. Last year's candidates' forum drew the community together for an afternoon that informed and gave voters information they could use at the polls on Bristol's election day. This year's election will be held Tuesday, March 14 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

This year, there are open seats on the Select Board, Budget Committee, and School Board. Other positions that will be voted on include Library Trustees, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Trustee of Trust Funds. All candidates who will appear on this year's ballot have been invited to the forum at the library and will have an opportunity to share with the public their interest in the position for which they are running.

The Library as a space is pleased to host 1800's you could board a train in Bristol and spend the day in Boston and then return in the evening? Do you know where the depot was? These and many other questions will be answered by our guest speaker, Ken Cushing on March 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room at the Minot Sleeper Library. Cushing has done extensive research and is the author of the forthcoming book "The Northern Railroad."

Bristol was once a center of manufacturing with mills along the Newfound River. The train was used extensively to transport goods from these factories as

that was donated toward coats, boots, mittens, and gloves, wrapped Christmas gifts for children and teens, as well as Christmas dinners and gas gift cards purchased and distributed by local businesses and the Town of Bridgewater.

A big thank you to all of the Inn's guests who donated, and to Terry, the meat manager at Market Basket in Tilton, St. Vincent DePaul in Gilford, Town of Bridgewater, Holly from Newfound Grocery and Mark Boyd for being the best Santa Claus ever!

#### Bristol Historical Society to host program on local railroad history

BRISTOL — Did you well as for tourists to arknow that in the late rive from the cities for extended visits to local inns and farms. The Town of Bristol is working on a plan to stabilize the bridge across the Newfound River that once took traffic to the depot at the base of the hill. A park will be created in that location and in time the old rail bed will become a path for walking, biking and snowmobiling would take visitors to the Profile Falls Parking Area and connect with the Heritage Trail to

> Franklin. This program is free and open to the public. If you would like to support the work of the society membership is available for \$10.

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# Travel back to the silent film era at Danbury Grange

DANBURY — The silent film era returns to the big screen at the Blazing Star Grange in Danbury for the Third Annual Silent Movie Night. Showtime is Saturday, March 18 at 7 pm.

The evening will begin with a short comedy, "The Haunted House" (1922), starring Buster Keaton. The main feature will be Lon Chaney in "Phantom of the Opera" (1925). All are welcome to this family-friendly event.

The screenings will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a

Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating scores for silent films. He performs on a digital synthesizer to reproduce the texture of the full orchestra and create a traditional "movie score" sound.

"The Phantom of the Opera," starring legendary actor Lon Chaney in the title role, remains a landmark work of the cinematic horror genre. To modern viewers, the passage of time has made this unusual film seem even more strange and otherworldly.

Members of the Blaz-

ing Star Grange decided to present silent films to give the public a chance to experience restored prints of these great films as they were intended: on the big screen, with live music and an audience.

Rapsis says "There's a reason people first fell in love with the movies, and we hope to recreate that experience. Silent films were communal experience very different from today's movies—one in which the presence of a large audience intensifies everyone's reactions."

This proves true, as the silent films are always a popular event.

In the early 1900s, silent films were shown at the Blazing Star Grange Hall. This screening will

pay tribute to that tradition. "The Haunted House" (1922) and "Phantom of the Opera" (1925) will be shown on Satur-

day, March 18 at 7 pm. at the Blazing Star Grange Hall, 15 North Rd., Danbury. The program is open to the public.



#### **New Hampton Garden Club members visit Golden Crest**

New Hampton Garden Club members Eleanor Morrison and Phyllis Schofield were in Franklin at Golden Crest on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Morrison instructed them in the steps involved in the creation of a floral design. There were many artistic arrangements. Putting bows on their containers proved to be a slippery job. While creating their bouquet, some of them began singing old, popular tunes with most everyone joining in. Many laughs were had by all! They also enjoyed a sweet treat or two, along with Valentine cards to give to their favorite visitors or friends. Garden Therapy is a part of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs mission and the Club goes there monthly to share their creative ideas.

# Alexandria police log

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria Police Department responded to 56 calls for service, made six arrests and 65 car stops, and reported one motor vehicle accident during the month of Jan-

Among the crimes reported were one simple assault, two thefts, one possession of a controlled drug, one criminal trespass, one violation of a protective order, and three suspended drivers.

Calls for service in-

cluded nine fire/EMS assists, six other agency assists, four citizen assists, seven pistol permits, three suspicious incidents/vehicles, one attempted suicide, and 26 other miscellaneous calls for service.

# Ski for Heat! cross-country race scheduled for March 11

PLYMOUTH — The second annual Ski for Heat! cross-country freestyle ski race will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Plymouth Regional High School. The race, organized by PRHS junior Sam Ebner, will benefit the Keep the Heat On! fuel assistance fund administered by the Plymouth Area Community

Ski for Heat! is for all ages and abilities, and will feature a five kilometer race and a three kilometer race, as well as a lollipop race. The lollipop race, new to Ski for Heat! this year, will be a fun event for skiers new to competition—and every skier who finishes will win!

The first Ski for Heat! in 2015 brought out a field of enthusiastic competitors and raised over \$1,000 for Keep the Heat On. The event was cancelled in 2016 when the weather failed to deliver the snow conditions the racers needed. This year, the Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department promises to groom the cross-country trails to perfection, so come on out and join the race, or join the fun by cheering for your favorite racer!

The 12th annual Keep the Heat On! dinner and auction in January was a tremendous success, but the need is still great, and this event will help fill that need. The Ski for Heat! race will start at 10:00 am, with registration starting at 9 a.m. Registration fees are \$15 for adults, \$7 for rac-



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ers under the age of 18. please call Sam Ebner at For more information, 536-4964.

### Husson University announces Fall 2016 Dean's List

BANGOR, — Husson University is pleased to share their Fall 2016 Dean's List. Students who earn Dean's List honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.60 to 3.79 during the period. The Fall 2016 Dean's list includes the following students:

Carolyn Miller of Bristol is a sophomore Healthcare Studies / Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Allison Carey of Plymouth is a firstin Husson's Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology-Human Movement Science / Doctor of Physical Therapy pro-

Jessica Toomey of Wentworth is a junior enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

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Maine year student enrolled University has come to represent superior value in higher education. Our Bangor campus and off-campus satellite education centers in Southern Maine, Wells and Northern Maine provide advanced knowledge in business; health and education; pharmacy studies; science and humanities; as well as communication. In addition, Husson University has a robust adult learning program. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

# Applications now being accepted for 2017 NHEC Foundation scholarships

New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2017 scholarships. This year a total of six, \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving Co-op members or their dependents.

Scholarships available to lege-bound high school seniors, students returning to college, non-traditional students. One scholarship will be reserved for a student entering a vocational or technical institution. All applicants must be a

PLYMOUTH — The Co-op member, or a legal dependent of a Co-op member. Complete details and applications are available online under the Community menu at www. nhec.com, or by calling 1-800-698-2007.

The deadline for applying for scholarships is April 21. All mailed applications must be postmarked by this date and mailed to: NHEC Foundation Scholarship, 579 Tenney Mountain High-Plymouth, NH 03264. Applications may also be emailed foundation@nhec. com by 4 p.m., April 21. For more information about the NHEC Foundation Scholarships, please contact Sara Thielbar at 536-8884, or thielbars@nhec.com.

The NHEC Foundation and the Foundation scholarships are funded by the donations of more than 40,000 Co-op members who participate in the Round Up Program. Participating members agree to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar with the proceeds benefitting the Foundation. The NHEC Foundation provides support for non-profit groups that enhance the quality of life in New Hampshire.

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### Therapeutic cannabis in New Hampshire: Laws and responsible use

BY DEB NARO

Contributor

Only July 23, 2013, Gov. Maggie Hassan signed House Bill 573 into law, a measure relative to the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes. Under the law, patients would purchase marijuana form four regional dispensaries, one being located in Plymouth, Sanctuary ATC.

Below are some frequently asked questions about therapeutic cannabis in New Hampshire:

WHO can have therapeutic cannabis? Qualifying patients and designated caregivers who have a valid registry identification card. Selling or giving away therapeutic cannabis is against the law.

HOW much therapeutic cannabis can a qualifying patient have? Maximum amount is two ounces; having more than two ounces at any time is against the law. Criminal penalties and fines may be given for having more than the allowed amount.

WHERE is it illegal to have therapeutic cannabis? In school buildings and/or on school grounds; At public recreation centers/youth centers; At a place of employment without written permission from the employer; The law does not require employers to allow the use of therapeutic cannabis.

WHERE is it illegal to use therapeutic cannabis? It is against the law to smoke or vaporize in public places. Outdoor public places such as: public parks, public beaches, public fields and sidewalks or indoor public places such as: public recreation centers/youth centers, restaurants/bars and common areas of apartment buildings

WHEN is it illegal to be under the influence of therapeutic cannabis? If driving any type of motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, boat or ATV; If operating heavy machinery; If at a place of employment without written permission from the employer; employers may discipline employees under the influence while at work if written permission was not granted.

Tips for Safe and Responsible Use: Do not mix therapeutic cannabis and alcohol. Using alcohol and therapeutic cannabis at the same time is more dangerous than using either one alone.

Be careful if you take medication. There may be drug interactions between therapeutic cannabis and your medication. Do not drive. Cannabis makes driving more dangerous as it slows your reaction time, makes it harder to tell distances, and is illegal to be under the influence while driving. Store it safely. Therapeutic cannabis products can be confused for regular food or candy. Be sure to store all therapeutic cannabis products in a locked container, make sure children cannot see or reach the locked container, and keep therapeutic cannabis in the original child-resistant packaging. Do not use cannabis during pregnancy. If you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant, talk to your doctor first. There is no known safe amount of cannabis use during pregnancy or while breastfeeding, and there may be other safer choices to treat medical conditions during pregnancy or breastfeeding.

It's important to realize that Cannabis is illegal under federal law. For more information on the New Hampshire Therapeutic Cannabis Law (RSA 126-X) and Administrative Rules, visit www.dhhs.nh.gov. To access New Hampshire's 24/7 Addiction Crisis Line, call 1-844-711-HELP (4357).

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# PET of the Week Peter

Peter, handsome black and white feline has travelled a little due to the trials and tribulations of his human owners. Originally an apartment cat, much loved, his first owner was unable to care for him. He arrived at NHHS in 2012. We adopted him a short while later, now three years later, he has return to us again since he wasn't part of the relocation plans of his second owner.

Both homes loved



him, cared for him, and ultimately did the right thing by bringing him to NHHS. OUR deep and abiding hope is he is not now trapped in a kitty version of "Hotel California" he's checked out twice but has yet to really leave.

Could his third home be the final one, committed to him for the rest of his life. Peter is sweet as can loves to tuck himself in under his blankets, enjoys cuddling once he knows you, and this time, please this time, a permanent home. He's declawed, so an indoor home is absolutely a pre-requisite for his next adoption.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

# Tax cap could prevent Newfound students from receiving needed resources

To the Editor:

The Newfound Area School District School Board and Budget Committee have been working under a tax cap when creating budgets to operate our schools since 2012.

What is a tax cap? A tax cap requires that the proposed budget cannot exceed 2 percent of the FY assessment of the previous budget. For the 2018 budget, this means that the assessed value portion of the budget for 2018 is \$12,478,298. The remainder of the budget comes from other revenue, which for this budget is \$8,722,358.

I have submitted a petition (Article 2) that is on the 2017 SAU4 warrant that would rescind this cap. Why would I want to eliminate this cap, you ask?

Let me say that I am a taxpayer in Bristol, and have been for many years, I am a retired teacher from the district, and also a graduate of the district schools. I pay real estate taxes in Bristol, and I am on a fixed income as a retired person. My concern is that this tax cap is preventing our district from moving forward with programs and building maintenance.

Some will say our enrollment is down and we shouldn't need so much money to operate our schools. However, basic costs have risen. I noticed that the district is reducing the teaching staff at NHCS to reflect their decline in enrollment for next year, but that could change in the future, as often does. I also heard at the deliberative session that the school board has eliminated the money set aside to hire a new teacher during the school year in case the need should arise. These are but two examples of how the Board has worked to stay within the tax cap.

We need to have the resources for administrators and teachers to support the students and offer them the best education possible. In this age of technology and social media, we need to make sure our children are well educated and capable of using critical thinking in order to sort out truth from fiction. This tax cap may prevent our elected officials from creating a budget that best reflects the needs of our school district

At the deliberative session (Newfound is a SB2 district), a list was presented of all the programs and projects that were left out of the budget in order to meet the tax cap. Two programs that stood out for me were summer school (for regular education) and a portion of the Bridge Program for incoming high school students. Eliminating programs such as these that provide our students an extra boost and opportunity to be successful in order to meet the requirements of the tax cap is unfortunate but when making the choices of what to cut this is what can happen.

At the deliberative session, a motion was made to fund the replacement of the high school roof, and the motion was approved. The budget number to be voted on reflects this increase. These funds would not have been available under the tax cap without severe cuts to other areas.

I encourage you to vote yes on Articles 2, of the Newfound Area School District Warrant on March 14. If you would like to learn more about the tax cap you can call the SAU4 office.

> Lucille Keegan Bristol

#### **Supporting John Sellers for Bristol Select Board**

To the Editor:

I write this letter to show my support of John Sellers for the Bristol Select Board.

John and his family have lived in Bristol since 2010. He is employed, for more than 16 years, at SAS Institute as a business industry consultant. He and his family have been very involved in our community. Currently, John is a member of the Bristol Budget Committee where he has been a voice of moderation. He has made many cost saving recommendations to our budget and has provided a comprehensive analysis of our ambulance service, which would add essential revenue to the Town of Bristol.

John is a great listener with the temperament nec-

essary to work with various voter groups and individual voter needs. I am confident of his skills to oversee our town's management, and I believe he will compliment the existing Board of Selectmen.

If you would like more information on John Sellers he is holding a Meet and Greet at Kathleen's Cottage (across from the Bristol Fire Department) on Thursday, Feb. 23, starting at 6 p.m. Come meet John and ask questions.

Please join me in voting for John Sellers on March 14 at the Old Town Hall and come out to Town Meeting on March 18 at the Newfound Memorial High School.

Betsy Schneider Bristol

#### Thank you for your support at a difficult time

To the Editor:

Dear Citizens of Senate District 2,

I'm writing to express my deepest gratitude to all who have offered prayers and support since my beloved Christine, was stricken on Jan. 18. For those many who have sent cards, cooked meals for us, cared for our pets, plowed our driveway, helped with groceries, and babysat our home, please know that you have greatly eased the difficulties we faced early on. It is at times like this that you prove time and time again the love, care and concern of neighbor for neighbor here in our great state of New Hampshire.

Our family has been present at Chrissy's bedside all day, every day at DHMC, and we know that she is receiving the finest care possible from the world-renowned teams that have been treating her. While she has made some minor gains, our road to recovery is going to be long and arduous. We accept whatever the future may bring, and remain firm in our faith and undiminished in our resolve.

As your State Senator, please know that I will continue to fulfill my obligation to represent you in Concord. My Senate colleagues, the Senate staff and Gov. Sununu have been superb in working with me to ensure that I am fully engaged, and you are fully represented on the issues important to you and to our state. Just as I continue to honor my oath to love, honor and cherish Christine, I will continue to honor my oath of office in service to you.

I close with gratitude and humility for the prayers, kindness and compassion you continue to visit on Christine and our family. And I ask you to please remember to cherish your loved ones, each and every day of your life.

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> Bob Giuda State Senator NH District 2

# **Choose Your Future, Part I**

# A series to save Newfound Lake

BY BOYD SMITH

Newfound Lake Region Association

Newfound Lake is known for water so clear you can see fish swimming 30 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. Newfound makes memories—playing on the beach as a kid, swimming with friends, boating with family, waking to the calls of loons, or quietly watching the motion and light of the water. Everyone that has been here, once or for a lifetime, remembers.

We wish this source of wonder to always be this way but fear it may not. The water is less clear, the sand less crunchy, and the rocks more slimy than recent memory. Houses crowd the shoreline and climb the hills, some contrasting garishly with their surroundings. The pace has changed: fireworks crash the once quiet evenings all summer long while lights from houses, docks, driveways, and roads blot out the wonders of the night sky.

Data collected by the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) confirms that water clarity is declining, nearly 600 new homes have been built since 2000, and town land-use regulations and compliance are not aligned with the vision and goals of residents. For those who know Newfound, this sad report brings focus to old news.

is more than a title for an article - it is a real, feasible call to action to take control. Simple steps can maintain Newfound's sublime beauty for generations to come: care for your land, take part in your town's plans and decisions, and support land conservation. Together, these three steps will bring the promise of memories for future generations that are as special as your own. There is only one other choice: business as usual, with murkier water, shattered forest views. and a deep sense of loss with little or no way to retrieve what we all cherish.

This article is the first in a six-part series calling to all that love and depend on Newfound to make one of two choices. Either accept "business as usual," which is losing Newfound's purity and peace and watching things get worse within our lifetimes, or decide that you care enough to return Newfound to its earlier glory, creating a lasting legacy to your respect and love for this area. Future articles in this series will clearly identify threats to the Lake and land, and the simple steps you can take to build a proud legacy.

The NLRA's purpose is to motivate landowners, town officials, businesses, and visitors to give a small and highly-rewarding amount of time back to the land and water that support us. Our mission is to protect and preserve Newfound's uniquely pristine environment. We have proven strategies



and programs to achieve our mission but need your hands to help wield the tools. You may own land, you have a voice in your town, and you know the value of Newfound's beauty.

In a time when every last piece of the Newfound watershed means more each day, rejoice in the power that we have to choose the future. Together. Now.

The NLRA was founded in 1971 to protect and preserve the Newfound Lake watershed. Learn more on our website, our Facebook page, or contact us at info@NewfoundLake.org or 744-8689

### **North Country Notebook**

By John Harrigan Columnist

On the day I wrote this, Feb. 15, the snow was coming down hard, alternating between big, dry, puffy flakes and the kind of smaller stuff that drives hard before the wind.

This storm, which was supposed to dump nearly a foot, was coming on the heels of a pretty big storm two days earlier that dropped a foot and a half, with 30-m.p.h. winds to boot.

I couldn't resist calling a friend who lives along the northern foothills of the Whites. I wanted to be sure that she was rushing down to Walmart, as urged by all the media "Winter Storm Alerts," to stock up on bottled water, candles and batteries.

I could picture a stampede, with everyone tuned in to radio or TV heeding the dire warnings all at once and stampeding for Walmart. Police in riot gear, and all that.

I was sure that Dolly's household routinely keeps candles, batteries and bottled water, as well as several working flashlights and maybe even oil lamps all over the place, because guess what? We live about halfway between the Equator and the North Pole, and we have these things called "storms," and the power sometimes goes out.

# Reflections on a snowstorm, from fright to fun to fantasy



JOHN HARRIGAN

In the middle of a pretty good snowstorm, beyond the nearly buried pile of logs, the hush of the deep woods beckons.

Don't most people keep at least some of these basics on hand?

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This is shaping up to be what older people fondly refer to as "an old fashioned winter," like the ones they remember when they were kids, when the snowbanks were way, way over their heads.

Wait a minute---they were kids, as in "little."

Of course, the snowbanks were way over their heads.

But the memories are real, and there was one whale of a lot more snow when I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, no doubt about it. In particular, I remember snowbanks that were above the climbing spikes on utility poles—and that's high. And I remember shoveling out tunnels and walkways in the back yard just to

be able to go out to play, and not being able to see my mother's face in the kitchen window because I couldn't see over the surface of the snow.

As we three siblings reached our teens, we used to set forth on the golf course, sleds in hand, and spend the day sliding and exploring. The last glacier did stupendous things with its melting and outwash around 14,000 years before there was

a Colebrook. One was the formation, on the golf course, of three big potholes, or kettleholes. The glacier left three gigantic, adjacent chunks of ice buried deeply, and when they melted, there remained three great hollows in the earth. Golfers traverse these hollows on the 7th and 9th fairways at the Colebrook Country Club, which is public.

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#### Alberta Myrle Daigneau, 83

HILL — Alberta Myrle (Libby)
Daigneau died peacefully at home in Hill on Saturday Feb 11, 2017, having recently moved back from North Carolina in November of 2016. She was the wife of the late Wallace A. "Curlie"Daigneau, Jr., who passed away in November of 2012.

Nicknamed "Bertie," she was born in Everett, Mass. on May 23, 1933, daughter of the late Marion (Prescott) and Miles N. Libby. She then transplanted to a farm in the Borough of Hill. Schooled in Hill and then at Bristol High School, Alberta went on to be Valedictorian of her Class.

She had lived in Bristol, Franklin and Andover before moving with her husband to Rutherfordton, North Carolina where she worked for Webster Valve. Alberta's passion was raising animals, especially rabbits and chickens and she was never without a dog or two.

She is survived by a step daughter, Patricia Alexander, and her husband Johnny of Forest City, N.C.; a step son, Andrew Daigneau, and his wife Leslie of Moultonborough; three step grandchildren (Allison Greene, Desiree Howell and LeAnn Daigneau) and a step great granddaughter, Ava Clair Howell; two sisters, Marion Grout and her husband Ernie of Alexandria and Virgina Cantara and her husband Fred of Hill; and brother Anson Libby and his wife Barbara of Hill; also,

many nieces and nephews. Alberta is also survived by her dear friend Bunnie Blais of North Carolina.

Alberta was predeceased by a step son, James Daigneau; also, three brothers, Norman, Roland and Prescott Libby; along with two sisters, Elizabeth Cutter and Helen Moyer.

Graveside services at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Hill, will take place at the convenience of the family in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Alberta's memory be made to your local animal shelter or the charity of your choice.

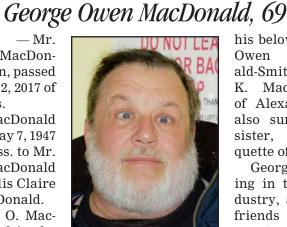
Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol is handling arrangements for the family.

FRANKLIN — Mr. George Owen MacDonald, of Franklin, passed away on Feb. 12, 2017 of natural causes.

George MacDonald was born on May 7, 1947 in Boston, Mass. to Mr. Owen R. MacDonald and Mrs. Phyllis Claire (Nowlin) MacDonald.

Mr. George O. Mac-Donald enlisted in the Navy on Dec. 7, 1965 and served in the Vietnam War onboard the U.S.S. Boston as an electrical mechanic, until he was honorably discharged in October 1969.

George was predeceased by his wife, Mrs.



Beth E. MacDonald, and daughters Miss Molly Jean MacDonald and Miss Jennifer Rose MacDonald.

George is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Sarah P. MacDonald, and her husband Mr. Corey D. Smith, and his beloved grandsons, Owen T. MacDonald-Smith and Arthur K. MacDonald-Smith, of Alexandria. He is also survived by his sister, Patricia Choquette of Florida.

George loved working in the marine industry, and had many friends around the country, from coast to coast. He will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends.

A small service will be held on Feb. 22, 2017. In lieu of flowers, please volunteer or donate to a worthy charity of your choice.

#### Towns

#### Alexandria

Judy Kraemer 744-3532 judy7@metrocast.net

#### February

The snow piles in our driveway remind me of snow banks of yore. Scurrying up to

top, yelling 'I made it'. That the sun has already started melting is a good sign: Room for more!

#### From the town Select board meeting

Select board meeting Feb. 14

Meeting minutes from Jan. 31 were approved. Items Reviewed and Signed

Letter to NH SEC: Local Control of Municipal Roads

Purchase Order: Weatherstrong Overhead Door for repairs to the doors on the highway garage

#### Business

The Selectmen reviewed the NH DOT Inspection of Red Listed Bridges Report. Alexandria currently has three bridges on the report: Knowles Hill Road Bridge over Brock Brook, Cole Hill Road Bridge over Fowler Riverse

and Bailey Road Bridge over Bog Brook. Mr. Tuthill mentioned that there is a warrant article this year to replace the Knowles Hill Road Bridge. There was discussion regarding the process of closing the Cole Hill Road Bridge

and opening up the Class VI portion of Cole Hill Road; that would require a vote of the Town.

Mr. Tuthill was reappointed to the Lakes Region Planning Commission Transportation

Advisory Committee.

There was discussion regarding the Highway Department receiving two loads of salt.

There was discussion regarding a property in town for which the owner is unknown; the Selectmen requested having research done to determine if an owner can be located.

#### **Danbury**

Donna Sprague huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

#### South Danbury Church

The regular Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### Danbury Winter Market

Winter Market
Saturday March 4th
is the Danbury Winter
Farmers Market. Held
from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the
grange hall in Danbury,
the market features locally grown, made and produced items. The theme
of the day is maple. Stop
in for breakfast. The
homemade yeast waffle
sundaes with local maple syrup served in Feb-

ruary are being offered

again by request. Also offered are breakfast sandwiches, juice, coffee, cocoa and a hot soup, hot dogs and crock pot item for lunch. The Cuttings of Springfield have already begun boiling sap this season so drop by to pick up their newest crop or another sweettheir honey. Henry Stevens has been building birdhouses for the spring hatching season while Annette is refilling her baby set supply. Winter weather isn't over yet, so grab a pair of wool socks from Margaret Hoyle to keep your feet toasty warm. Autumn Harvest and Danbury grows still have squash. In soup, as a pasta sauce or a veggie, squash can also be baked in the shell to which makes peeling not necessary. Cooked squash is then scooped form the shell, mashed and sea-

soned to taste.

A cooking matters workshop will be held at the market from 10-11:30 a.m. Participants will receive a market tour, recipes, buying local food hints, a reusable grocery bag and a \$10 voucher to use at the market.

#### Blazing Star Grange

The grange held meet your neighbor night on Feb. 16. The timing for this cabin fever relief program was on target following a couple of weeks of snowy weather.

The program included song, skits, reading and social mixers. Attendees were asked to share their connections to Danbury as well as where else they might be found in the community. These exercise helped put names with faces and establish our common traits among Danbury's diversity. Two nonresidents, both with deep affection and ties to the community, expressed connections that participants felt was unique and "dead on." 1. Danbury is the center of the Universe. 2. Danbury is the cultural hub of the area. Expect to hear more about these revelations in the upcoming months.

Silent Movie

Mark your calendars for the grange's annual silent movie night on Saturday March 18th at 7pm. Live accompaniment is provided by Jeff Rapsis.

#### DCC Turkey Raffle

The turkey raffle at the DCC is this Saturday. Chili cook off begins at 5:30 p.m. Raffle starts at 7 p.m. Call the DCC at 768-3424 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays for more information. Snow date for the event is March 4—same times.

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The Select Board revisited the budget on Tuesday night and corrected a few lines. The and 4195.2). They will revisit the gas line under Highways and Streets (4312.8) next year to combine all the gas used for all Town departments into one budget line for convenient reconciliation at the end of the year.

One Warrant Article was deleted (Article 8 on the original copy), which had to do with the maintenance of Province Road. It was brought to our attention that this road will still be maintained out of the High-

two lines on the Ceme-

tery budget (4195) were

switched (lines 4195.1

8 on the original copy), which had to do with the maintenance of Province Road. It was brought to our attention that this road will still be maintained out of the Highways and Streets budget, but does not require a vote on a Warrant Article to do this. On the Warrant Article 21 concerning the "no spraying of power lines" ordinance, the Select Board is divided on this and does not recommend this 1-2. The change in vote came when they were informed that there will be no way for the persons doing the spraying to determine who wants this done on their property lines and who does not. I am sure there will be more discussion on this during the Town Meeting. The Select Board also signed the agreement with the Rumney Fire and Ems service for this year.

Under Select Board issues it was brought to light that any and all complaints concerning animals in the Town need to be directed to the Police Department/Animal Control. The Select Board has no jurisdiction nor does the Town Clerk. It is best not to circulate via social media since all animal information is considered confidential and no one who is a Town official or employee other than a Town Police Officer will be able to assist in these matters. This is true also for any other complaint of criminal nature. The Police Department needs to hear about what is happening in the Town. The Police Department phone number is 744-3703, and of course, if there is an emergency

please dial 911.

Here is a list of those who are running for Town Offices on the ballot. Many will be here for Candidates Night on March 7 before the Select Board Meeting scheduled for that night also. This would be a good time to meet them and ask questions on Town matters.

Selectman for 3 years Kyle Andrews, Treasurer for 3 years - Darlene Andrews, Town Moderator for 2 years – Tony Albert, Trustee of the Trust Fund for 3 years - Michele Lacroix, Trustee of the Trust Fund for 1 year – Gina Rescigno, Town Auditor for 1 year - Otto Jespersen, Planning Board for 3 years – Deborah Johnson and Russell Carruth (two positions open), Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years - Gina Rescigno, Zoning Board - Helen Martyszyn for 2 years and Elizabeth Jespersen for 3 years, Cemetery Trustee for 3 years -Sharon Nelson, Library Trustee for 3 years, Otto Jespersen.

Samples of the final
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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY STAGE ...



#### Our Patient of the Month!

"I chose Choice Physical Therapy because they are close to my home and I like to keep things local! Everyone is like a friend to me ... they are great to talk to and make my therapy fun. I am very pleased doing my rehab at Choice PT. Everyone is friendly, they seem to really enjoy their jobs, and they do everything to help with my recovery. I would definitely recommend Choice PT to my friends. I cannot say enough

about them ... being there is a bright point in my day!?

Photo: Larry Stage (left) and Nathan Rinaldi, DPT

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# 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 behind the church.

#### **Sundays** -

9 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

followed by coffee/ fellowship in the church dining room

9:25 a.m. - KidZone for K-grade 6

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 -age 5 Before the contemporary service please join us for coffee and healthy snacks.

We are hiring musicians to play in a band at the 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

We are looking to hire:

Vocals Guitars

Keyboard Drums and More

If interested please contact Aaron Stout at 585-478-2443 or email him aaronfuzion@gmail.

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12, Friday's 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 new youth and worship pastor, Aaron Stout along with our volunteer vouth 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.

Small groups/Bible studies

There are numerous small groups that meet during the week. Different topics, different times, different places. Please contact Pastor Ernie Madden for more information.

#### **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, (home phone number) -968-7770 or his cell phone

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at 412-2046. You can also email him at accernie@ hotmail.com or visit the church website ashlandcommunitychurch.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 to 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.

#### **Holy Trinity** (Roman Catholic)

#### **Day Away Program**

Are you caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or Dementia? The Day Away program has openings available and offers a wonderful chance for family members with dementia to experience a day away from home with various activities to do with caring staff and volunteers (with meal included), while also giving the caregiver some much needed time off. Please contact Christine Santom at 786-2283 or come by and visit between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Thursday in Simard Hall underneath Our Lady of Grace Chapel. Day Away is a non-denominational program open to all qualified participants in the Lakes Region.

#### **Campus Ministry**

Manchester archs: Students interested in attending the penultimate home game of the Monarchs' regular hockey season on Saturday, Feb. 25, should contact Spencer White at swhite13@plymouth.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 22. We will be leaving PSU by carpool at 4 p.m.; the game starts at 6 p.m.

Weekly student meetings take place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center, across from Lamson Library, up the street from the shuttle bus stop.

#### **Lenten Adult Faith** Formation program Rediscover Catholicism

As Lent approaches, let's start preparing for this year's parish program. Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism" program takes us

format to read and discuss his book, "A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose." Please consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity for your Lenten journey of faith. For additional information, or to register, call or e-mail Tony Fitzherbert, Elena Worrall or Deacon Mike: Tony: 536-2188 or tonysubway@aol.com Elena: 744-0105 or elena@

back to the small group

#### **Knights Breakfast**

daveelena.com Deacon

Mike: 536-4700 or dea-

conguy1997@gmail.com

To Benefit Haven Pregnancy Center The Knights of Columbus will serve their monthly breakfast on Sunday, March 5. Come and enjoy the best breakfast in town. All proceeds for this month's breakfast will go to the Haven Pregnancy Center.

#### Cornerstone Women's Retreat: Save the date!

This year's Cornerstone retreat will take place at the Silver Fox Inn in Waterville Valley from April 28 to the 30. The theme this year is Prayer, a Divine Exchange. More information coming soon!

#### Ash Wednesday **Schedule** Wednesday, March 1

8 a.m. St. Agnes Noon St .Matthew

Noon Our Lady of Grace (Newfound Area Churches Service and Luncheon)

5 p.m. Our Lady of Grace 7 p.m. St. Matthew

#### **Weekly Meetings**

Thursday, Feb. 23 Day Away, Simard Hall,

Sunday, Feb. 26 No Faith Formation classes, no Confirmation classes

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5-7:30

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

#### **Star King** Unitarian **Universalist Fellowship**

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

It's one thing for a religion to offer you an identity; it's quite another for a religion to celebrate your identi-

ballot and the warrant for the Groton Town Elections will be posted on Feb. 27 at the Town House and at the Transfer Station.

There will be a meeting of the Supervisors of the Checklist on March 4 if you would like to be added to the checklist at that time or would like to changeparty affiliations. The State of New Hampshire now recognizes the Libertarian Party and you may register as a

Libertarian.

Town Elections will be held on March 14. Polls at the Town House, 754 North Groton Rd., will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Town Meeting will be held at the Town House on March 18, beginning at 9 a.m. There will be food. Come and find out what's happening in our Town on that

#### **Upcoming meetings**

Select Board Meetings meets every other week. Upcoming Select Board Meetings will be

held March 7 and March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9 at the Town House, 7 p.m.

Select Board Work Sessions are scheduled Tuesday, March 7 and March 14 - 5 p.m. at the Town House.

Here's an early reminder that dog licenses for 2017 are now available in the Town Clerks office. All dogs in the Town should be licensed before April 31.

ty. At our best, we UU's seek both.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:30 Love Saves Sto-

Speaker: Rev. Paul Sawyer, Minister, First Universalist Society of Hartland, Vermont

Music Director: Sarah Dan Jones

The Rev. Paul Sawyer will share stories from the Old Universalists to the present day, reflecting on the saving power of love many different kinds of love, and many different ideas of what it might mean to be "saved"—in an effort to bring some concrete examples to some ideas we often talk about in the abstract, and to invite you to reflect on the "Love Saves" stories of your own life.

Visitors are invited to attend the service as well as all programs at the church. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers. The children's program is held downstairs concurrently with the service. Join us for coffee and conversation following the service.

#### Children and Youth Religious Education, Meredith Flynn, DRE

A Time and place to help strengthen a child's moral compass.

Due to the school vacation break, we will have a break in our regular RE classes this Sunday. Instead, the kids will be making peace quilt squares. Each child can make a square with fabric markers. The squares will be sewn together to create a peace quilt. There will also be games available for the kids to play. It should be a fun and relaxing morning. All are welcome!

Neighboring Faiths-Our middle school class will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Room. They will be doing an overview of Islam.

Youth Group- The high school Youth Group meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs Youth Room.

Social Justice Community Outreach for February: Pemi Baker Literacy provides opportunities for adults in the Plymouth/Bristol/Lincoln area to improve their literacy skills and meet their goals – from learning to read, to obtaining a driver's license, to going to college. There is no other program less than a forty-five minute drive away.

The organization provides free tutoring and small classes to adults in reading, writing, math, HiSet/ GED preparation (alternative routes to a high school diploma), English as another language and basic computer skills. The program utilizes volunteer tutors to proinstruction to vide students. Each student's learning is tailored to meet their unique goals. Students and tutors meet in quiet, public places at times that are mutually convenient. This is the fifteenth year of the program's operation; more than fifty students are regularly served.

Community et Collection: Canned or dry packaged food items may be placed in the box in the foyer for our local food pantry.

#### Ongoing activities

Choir meets on most Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Lay Pastoral Care Under the guidance of the Rev. Linda Barnes, the Lay Pastoral Care Associates are here for you. When you have

a pastoral care need or know of a need in our Starr King family, please contact Rev. Linda.

Activities for See the week on the Web site at www.starrkingfellowship.org, where you can access the up to date calendar of events.

Second Sunday Hike Depart SKUUF rear lot at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments and dinner following the hike if interested. Contact Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm. org to register and receive updates. Rain cancels.

Wise Women Training regularly meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Open to all women. Contact Betty Ann Trought at batrought@gmail.com or just come and meet with this welcoming group.

Starr King Men's Group meets 6-8 p.m., on the first and third Sundays in classroom #3 downstairs. This is not a closed group so any interested male can attend. Feel free to drop

Gentle Yoga meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5–6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For information, contact Darlene Nadeau at 493-1478.

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

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





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# **New Hampton School performs** "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani

**HAMPTON** On Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m., New Hampton School's theatre program will be showing "Almost Maine," a play by John Cariani, comprising nine short plays that explore love

and loss in a remote, mythical town called Almost, Maine.

Maine," "Almost, an endearing and captivating series of short plays, by John Cariani, takes place in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. In their

drop, characters of the play explore the themes of love and loss, full of humor and human connection. The play will air in New Hampton School's McEvoy Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, at

On a beautiful winter night, under a clear starry sky, Almost's residents find themselves exploring, and falling, in and out of love in the strangest of ways. A comical, romantic, whimsical evening will change the lives of Almost's residents forever.

The production features New Hampton student actors from eight countries and four states, who have been working hard throughout the winter to bring this endearing and captivating play to life in McEvoy Theater. Performances on both Friday and Saturday evenings are open to the public.

Director of Technical Theatre Meredith Brown directs and says she has been thrilled to work with a talented and dedicated group of students on both the theatrical and technical aspects of the production. She has also designed sets and lighting for the play.

Founded in 1821, New Hampton School is an independent, co-educational, college preparatory secondary school of 320 students who come from more than 28 states and 31 countries. An International Baccalaureate school, New Hampton School cultivates lifelong learners who will serve as active global citizens. Students benefit from an average class size of 11 and a student-faculty ratio of five to one. For more information, please visit www.newhampton.org.

## March madness — a variety of classes offered at Artistic Roots this month

Gannett is a multi-medium artist working in watercolors and Zen Doodles and jewelry (making her own flame work beads). She is offering adults a Zen Doodle Class featuring Making Letters on March 28 from 5-7 p.m. Students will learn a variety of designs and how to incorporate them into their letter This class The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. She is also offering a Water Color Class on March 23. Students will study painting sunflowers and come away with an 8X10 painting matted and ready to frame. The cost of the class is \$30 for members and \$35 for non members.

Veggie Girl Art, Stacey Lucas, is offering her Sign Painting Class again this month on March 9th from 5-7 p.m. Cost of the class is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. All supplies and instruction will be provided. Bring a favorite quote, word or idea to incorporate into your design. Think about a St. Patty's Day

Lynn Haust is offering The Glass Fusing Class: Creating Sun Catchers or Night Lights on March 20 from 5-7 p.m. She teaches participants to create beautiful spring inspired fused glass creations to place in a window to catch the light or a nightlight. Students will learn to use stringers, frit and how to cut and place glass. Cost



Photographer Melissa Greenawalt will be giving a Digital Photography class at Artistic Roots on March 7 from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Sign up at Artistictic Roots, 73 Main St., Plymouth.

\$35 for others.

Melissa Greenwalt is offering Digital Photography Basics on March 7 from 5:15-6:45 p.m. Learn to use basic photo settings (ISO speed, shutter speed and aperture). Through hands on experiences, students will learn to take their best shot. Cost of the class is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

\$25 for members and Irene Marocco, fiber artist is offering two courses this month. She will be teaching Crochet a Headband on March 11 from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost of the class is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Make An 8 Pointed Star Ornament on March 18 from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost of the class is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

first Bingo game on

Jan. 19, which benefit-

ed the Circle Program

in Plymouth. The Feb.

16 game was only their

second, but already

the turn out increased

threefold, and hope-

fully will continue to

grow. The game raised

\$435 for the shelter, and

featured wares from

Class is Back! Join other knitters led by Polly Bartlett on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

Become a Supporting Member! The cost is \$25 annually and you receive a discount on all classes offered at the gallery. Artistic Roots is at 73 Main St. in Plymouth. You can register for classes by stopping by the gallery or phoning 536-2750.

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### Pemi Valley DAR to host program on preserving family history

PLYMOUTH — On Saturday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at Pease Library in Plymouth, Pemigewasset Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be hosting a free program for anyone interested in preserving genealogical research. Diane Gravel, Certified GenealogistSM CGSM, will lead a discussion about how to gather, document, organize, and preserve precious family information.

Gravel is a full-time professional genealogist and lecturer. She is a graduate of National Genealogical Society's American Genealogy: A Basic Course, and attended both the Institute of Genealogical and Research (Advanced Methodology and Military Records) at Samford University and the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. She has lectured at state, regional, and national conferences. Diane co-edited Volume I of New Hampshire Families in 1790, and is currently working on Volume II of that project. She is the President of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and has been a trustee of her local library since 2003. She is also a past-president of the New England Chapter of Association of Professional Genealogists.

# Humane Society benefits from Pemi Baker Vendor Bingo February game

PLYMOUTH — There is a new game in town at Plymouth Common Man Inn & Spa – the Pemi Baker Vendor Bingo game, held monthly on the third Thursday. The game is only two months old, with the February game, held on Feb. 16, benefitting the New Hampshire Humane Society, on Meredith Center Road in Laconia.

Debbie King, who sells Origami Owl jewelry, and Becka Morrill, a thirty-one inde- Vendors held their pendent consultant, knew that there was a bingo game in Laconia, but decided that Plymouth was ripe to host its own game.

"Plymouth Common Man is a great location, especially with the food and drink being available," said Becka Morrill.

"We had over 40 people come out, despite the winter storms last week," added Debbie King.

The Pemi Baker

#### **NOTICE** ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall on March 4, 2017 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist, in preparation for the Town Election on March 14, 2017. Change in party registration will be accepted.

> George Whittaker Suzanne Cheney Loretta Brouillard

Eleanor D. Lonske, Member

#### TOWN OF HEBRON

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. This is your last opportunity to register, and/or make corrections to the Hebron Checklist prior to town elections on March 14, 2017. Voting will be downstairs in the Community Center.

> Supervisors of the Checklist Barbara Brooks Sandra Cummings **Audrey Johnson**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Hebron Select Board will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Select Board Office located at 7 School Street. The purpose of the hearing is to expend funds from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Security Alarm" for upgrading the secure key access system at the Public Safety Building.

> Hebron Select Board, Patrick K. Moriarty, Chair John W. Dunklee, Vice-Chair

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

#### Town Address

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

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# Senior nutrition: Foods that can reduce the risk of heart disease

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based

on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agen-

cy sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming

opinions or relying on this information. Additional pub-

licly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

BY MARTHA SWATS

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#### **Heart Health** as We Age

As we age, the risk of heart disease can increase due to a condition known as atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis occurs when the arteries begin to narrow from plaque buildup in the arterial walls, disrupting blood flow throughout the body. If blood flow stops altogether, from a blood clot, the outcome could include a heart attack or stroke.

While unhealthy lifestyle choices, such as lack of physical activity and/or smoking, can trigger atherosclerosis, poor diet can also be a cause. Foods high in salt and fat can result in high blood pressure, high levels of cholesterol, and high blood sugar levels – all of which are factors that can increase the risk of atherosclerosis (and heart disease) significantly.

Seniors who configure their diets to

include healthy foods can make a profound impact on the health of their hearts. In fact, it's been reported that 70% of heart disease can be prevented with correct nutrition. Here are some of the foods that seniors – under proper supervision from a physician and/or dietician can incorporate into their diet to reduce the risk of heart disease.

#### **Foods that Can** Reduce the Risk of **Heart Disease**

Berries: Blueberries, strawberries, cranberries, and raspberries are all beneficial when it comes to your heart, due primarily to their plentiful supply of antioxidants - which reduce damage caused by free radicals in the

Oranges: The potassium found in oranges helps to maintain blood pressure, while the pectin (a high source of water-soluble fiber found in the pith and pulp)

collects the cholesterol from ingested food, reducing absorption. Additionally, recent research indicates that citrus pectin aids in neutralizing galectin-3, a protein that damages heart tissue.

Apples: Comparing apples to oranges may not be such a bad idea after all, as the former also contains pectin. Its fiber content also aids in removing cholesterol. With all of its benefits together, daily apple consumption can reduce LDL cholesterol by 40%.

Nuts: Although nuts have a high level of fat, it is primarily monounsaturated and helps lower LDL (bad) cholesterol and increase HDL (good) cholesterol. Nuts also contain essential vitamins and minerals, such as folic acid, niacin, vitamin B, and vitamin E – all of which aid in helping the heart.

> Avocados: Similar

to nuts, avocados are full of monounsaturated fats that help to reduce LDL cholesterol. The one downside is that avocados contain a high number of calories, so it's best to consume in moderation.

Fish: Omega-3 fatty acids - often found in salmon, trout, and other cold water fish work to simultaneously reduce triglycerides and raise HDL. Sardines, in particular, are said to provide the greatest number of Omega-3 fatty acids, compared to other cold-water fish. Note that the American Heart Association recommends two servings of fish at least twice a week.

Asparagus: Similar to berries and other fruits and vegetables, asparagus is full of free radical-neutralizing antioxidants. It's also a great source of vitamins A, C, E, and K, fiber, and beta-carotene. Just be sure not to overcook or boil it for too long, as this can compromise the nutritional content.

Oatmeal: Unprocessed oatmeal - free of added sugar - can reduce cholesterol due to its beta-glucan content. Try adding fresh berries to your oatmeal for flavor and added benefits.

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# Roche Realty to present at Great Northeast Boat Show

Realty Group, an independent real estate brokerage specializing in waterfront and water-access residenand condominiproperties, nounced recently that they will be appearing for three days at New Hampshire's largest boat show, the Great Northeast Boat Show, on March 24-26 at the Hampshire Dome in Milford.

Representing company will be Jeremy Avery, who in the last two years has sold property on six of the state's most beautiful lakes, including Win-



COURTSEY PHOTO

Jeremy Avery nipesaukee, Winnisquam, and Newfound Lake.

"I am excited to be able to bring our waterfront, water-access, and boat facility listings to the buying public in this way," Avery

only real estate company represented at the boat show; I really think this gives our clients an advantage as we approach the spring selling season."

The Great Northeast Boat Show has grown in popularity every year of its eight-year existence. This year, thousands water enthusiasts will attend the show at the 100,000-squarefoot Hampshire Dome. If you are interested in having your waterfront property included in the Roche Realty Group presentation, call Avery at 481-2657.

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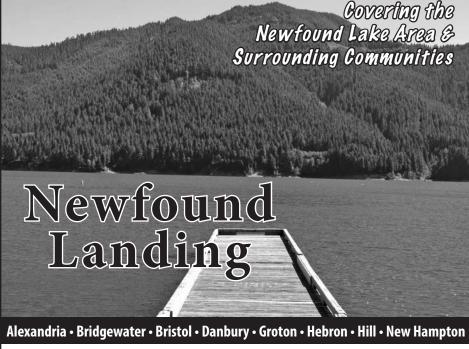
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#### SB2

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to attend town meeting, even when babysitting and transportation are provided.

#### Cons:

Because the votes at the deliberative session are not final, many people don't consider attendance to be important. Data from towns that have adopted RSA 40:13 show a marked reduction in meeting attendance. In many cases, the smaller number of attendees means the quality of the debate is poor and those present tend to go along with the recommendations of the governing body, or of special-interest groups.

People who are interested in controlling their town budget must either vote for the proposed budget that in their view may be too high, or a "default budget" that may be even higher; or the difference between the two may be insignificant.

Final voting action is so far removed from the debate and discussion that took place at the deliberative session that people can lose track of what was discussed at the first meeting. Most voters do not attend the deliberative session at all. The result can be legions of confused and uninformed voters.

Towns must rely on websites, newsletters and other media to get information out to the public prior to the voting session, but some residents do not have internet access or read papers. On some issues, special-interest groups will outspend the town to obtain votes.

Former selectman Janet Cote, one of the petitioners, said she felt it was time for Bristol to make the change, and said it would allow voting by absentee ballot.

"I think there's people that would like to participate and have a voice, and I think this is the time to do this," she said. "It's a better way to govern."

Barbara Greenwood took the opposite view, citing the poor attendance at the Newfound Area School District's deliberative session a few weeks ago.

"I find it's very discouraging at the school, to find a handful of people who come to discuss it," Greenwood commented. "We used to

have a gym full of people. I just feel it would not be the best way for Bristol to go."

Selectman Leslie Dion agreed, stating "I'm absolutely passionate about town meeting. I could go into the meeting with my mind made up, and then hear the back-and-forth discussion, and I can change my mind. I don't find that with SB2."

Budget committee member John Sellers said, "I signed the petition because I wanted folks to have a say on whether they want to do it or not. There are some people who are away in the military, and others go south in the winter. Being able to vote by absentee ballot is a plus. And you get almost 30 days to do research on it and educate other people in town."

Tom Keegan, another budget committee member, said, "Going to town meetings, you learn a lot, and if you just go to the ballot, they don't see the reason why we're spending \$500,000 this year and spent only \$5 last year."

He added, "Democracy is not a convenience. It should be a learning process."

Selectman Rick Alpers said neither form of government operates at the high level it should.

"I've worked at towns with SB2 and, lots of times, you can end up with uninformed voters," he said. "If I had to pick a side, I think that town meeting works for Bristol."

Alpers noted that there is a third option that would give voters more control: adopting a town charter. Such a charter would establish whatever voting rules and procedures residents feel would be desirable for the town, and free the town from the state statutes it currently must follow.

Selectman J.P. Morrison said, "On SB2, I was dead set against it when John Root was pushing for it, but now it's gotten to the point where we're hearing about people not attending town meeting and not attending the deliberative session — it's the same thing. With elections, they have a window of time to stop by the polls. Who says they haven't done their homework? And they don't have to sit through and listen to me and Leslie and Boake [Morrison], and you

sple. get a lot more done in a short period of time. It's a lot more efficient, and that's what government shie should be. I don't think it's any less democratic. The more people you get involved in voting, the

Chair Shaun Lagueux commented, "Town meeting is the best entertainment. It's priceless."

more democratic it is."

The other public hearings concerned a warrant article seeking \$375,000 for dewatering equipment at the wastewater treatment plant and another asking for \$765,000 for water, sewer, and roadway improvements on Central Street. Selectmen and department heads answered questions about the need for the projects.

In other business, selectmen voted against recommending the budget committee's proposal for 2017, which is \$249,166 less than what the selectmen were proposing.

They also took up a request to designate Nyberg Road as an emergency lane, which would require that the town handle maintenance of the private road. Concerned about the implications for all the other private roads in town but wanting to address the safety of the seven disabled residents living on Nyberg Road, they decided to waive the two-bucket limit on sand taken from the highway shed and allow a designated resident to take a pickup-full of sand to keep the road passable during icing and snow buildup.

Selectmen approved the transfer of \$55,917.50 in revenues from police details to the revolving account for that purpose, and then the transfer from the account of \$40,976.04 to reimburse the general fund for officers' payroll and another \$12,515.50 to the general fund, representing 20 percent of revenues as stipulated in the warrant article that created the fund.

#### **Deliberative**

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The Highway Department has several articles contained in the 2017 warrant, two for the second payments due on previous lease agreements for a 2016 dump truck and a backhoe, totaling \$48,301 collectively.

For 2017 the department is seeking additional approval to enter into a six-year lease for a new 19,500-lb. truck at a full-term cost of \$94,000, which would be lowered to \$62,000 through the trade-in value for an older vehicle the town

already owns. The first payment of \$13,500 would impact taxes in the coming year at an estimated 67 cents per thousand.

They are also asking for consideration of \$105,000 for repair and maintenance of town paved roads, and an additional \$140,000 to replace a bridge on Knowles Hill Road. Lastly, voters will decide whether or not to place \$50,000 in the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund for major expenses in the future.

Article 11 is a request from Haynes Library for \$5,000 need-

ed for window repairs and other maintenance items on the building.

The final article will ask voters if they would be in favor of adopting a building permit ordinance for the town, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

A full copy of the warrant can be found on the town's Web site.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 14, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Alexandria Town Hall, which is located at 45 Washburn Road. Residents are reminded that a photo I.D. is required at the polls.

#### **Poker Run**

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Comeau of the Hebron Fire Department's Auxiliary Organization to draw their first playing card for the day.

"They'll be riding 50 miles of trails with three stops along the way. Everyone draws another card at each stop then they come back and draw their last card here when they're done," Comeau explained. "The person with the best poker hand at the end of the day wins the top prize."

Once the riders arrived back at the station they also had the opportunity to buy a sixth "wild card" for an additional \$5 if they felt they needed to better their playing hand.

Among the stops along the way were Ryezak's One Stop store in Rumney, Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club on the Wentworth/Dorchester town line, which also offered lunch for the riders, and Shawnee's Store in Wentworth Village.

"It's about a four hour ride, or maybe less, depending on how you want to drive," one rider said with a smile as he registered for the event.

It was all about the cards, though, and not who finished the course

in the fastest time. People were able to enjoy a leisurely ride on the snow-packed trails as they stopped to select their cards and hoped for a winning hand at the end of the day.

For Nancy and Fred Brooks, owners of Hebron Village Store, it was the first time they were taking part in a Poker Run and the couple was excited about the day.

"We came out to support the fire department and have fun on the trails. It just sounded like a great way to spend the day," said Nancy as she suited up for the ride.

Comeau said people didn't necessarily have to have a snowmobile to join in the fun however. The card draw locations were selected so that people in automobiles could also drive to each designated stop and complete their playing hand for the game and a chance to win.

Besides the rolling poker game, there was a 50/50 along with several other raffles that people could take part in and Comeau congratulated John Koslow of BFD for selling the most raffle tickets in the days leading up to the event.

That evening participants gathered at Bridgewater Inn where the raffles were drawn and the top three winners were announced.

First prize for the day was \$100, while the second best hand paid \$50 and third place received \$20. Assessing each hand at the end of the day was Jessica Gaudette.

Coming in first with an Ace High Straight was Frank Hobart, Jr. of Hebron. The Brooks discovered Lady Luck was on their side that day, too, when Nancy's hand placed second and Fred's came up in third place for their first ever Poker Run.

Comeau declared the day a success and said she hopes it will become an annual fundraising event for HFD that can continue to grow over the years.

For those who missed out on last weekend's fun, Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club will also be hosting a Poker Run this Saturday, Feb. 25. The day will include a pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m., registration from 8-10 a.m., a bake sale, midday cook out, warming fire, vintage snowmobile displays, a sled dog visit and raffles for gas cards.

Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club is located at 197 North Dorchester Rd. in Wentworth. For more information, please visit them on Facebook or call 786-2388.

### Budget FROM PAGE A1

cent, which represents an 8.6 percent increase from what actually was spent in 2016.

The budget committee also did not support all of the warrant articles the selectmen are proposing for 2017. Members voted, 3-6 with one abstention, on support for an article seeking \$765,000 for water, sewer, and roadway improvements on Central Street. They noted that the water and sewer lines, while aging, still have 10-20 years of useful life, so they felt the project could wait for another year.

The budget commit-

tee also voted, 3-6, on support for a \$12,000 appropriation for fireworks over Newfound Lake. One member told the audience at the Feb. 13 budget hearing that they preferred to see private fundraising for the Fourth of July fireworks.

There was some confusion during the budget hearing because the departmental appropriations listed on the revised budget spreadsheet did not add up to the budget committee's preliminary bottom-line figure. As a result, the committee postponed its formal vote on the budget to Feb. 15 to sort out the discrepancies.

When it came time for the vote, member Tom Keegan attempted to offer an amendment to the budget, but Chair William Cote, misinterpreting the law, disallowed it, saying that, if the figure were amended, it would require another budget hearing.

There is a provision of the law that states, should an item not discussed at the public hearing be added to the warrant, there must be another public hearing, but that does not apply to amendments the budget committee makes after hearing from the public. The formal vote after the hearing is supposed to take into

account the comments by the public, so it may differ from any preliminary votes the committee has made.

With the chair not allowing an amendment, the committee forced to vote on its preliminary figure, which Vice-Chair Don Milbrand pointed out would essentially level-fund the amount of money to be raised by taxation. In 2016, the property tax assessment (appropriations minus anticipated revenues) amounted to \$3,944,961. For 2017, the amount to be raised by taxes under the budget committee's recommendation amounts to slightly less: \$3,927,000.

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#### Notebook

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of great wonder and adventure for local kids, especially the biggest and deepest bowl, situated on the ninth fairway, from the bottom of which you can see nothing but the sky--not a tree, not a mountain, nothing but the clouds going by.

Winter's prevailing winds blew snow into a huge curl over the lip of the bowl, and many times I crawled in there,

onto a small shelf, tired from exertions on hill and dale, and decided to take a nap.

I could have died of hypothermia there, but quite happily was too young and dumb to know it, and even more happily, didn't.

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A friend in Webster and I were talking about going into the woods during a heavy snowfall, and the delight of it, but she could say it better than I could, and so:

"There is absolutely no sound. Everything is muted and hushed, muffled. None of the usual little animals are scurrying around, but if you look up into the trees you can find them, and see them huddled up there, riding out the storm.

"It's an entirely different world, and it's all yours, because no one else is going to be out there in that weather, and so it's one of the few times when you can be sure that you have the woods all to yourself."

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#### **Nutrition**

FROM PAGE A10

Red Wine: Resveratrol, an antioxidant-rich compound found in certain berries and grapes, is what makes red wine heart-healthy, but most health professionals advise drinking no more than one glass a day. Anything past that and one's risk of heart and liver damage can increase.

Dark Chocolate: The flavonols found in cocoa – chocolate's plant source – can reduce blood pressure, maintain blood flow, and relax the arteries. To get the most out of dark chocolate, choose a bar that is at least 70% cocoa. Be sure that cocoa is the first list-

ed ingredient, as opposed to sugar.

#### Nutrition Along with a Healthy Lifestyle

One of the added benefits of choosing hearthealthy foods is that they supply other organs in the body with essential nutrients, adding to physical well-being. However, one should not rely solely on a heart-healthy diet in order to prevent heart disease.

In addition to taking steps to establish a daily exercise routine (including at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity – with permission from a doctor or physician), seniors should also monitor their cardiovascular health regularly by vis-

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Courtes

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### **Bingo** FROM PAGE A9

tended the Fe. 16 game, along with her NHHS

Ambassa-dog, Daisy.
"It was a great turn
out, a room full of people," she says.

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Next month's game will be held on Thursday, March 16, with proceeds to benefit the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. Admission is \$10 for 10 bingo cards, \$5 for additional cards. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Common Man Inn; game starts promptly at 6 p.m.





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#### Thursday, February 23, 2017

# What's On Tap

The local high school scene includes more playoffs in the coming week in addition to the continuation of regular season games.

The Division III girls' hoop tournament starts to-day, Feb. 23, and continues on Saturday, Feb. 25, both at the home of the higher seed at 7 p.m. The semifinals are Wednesday, March 1, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Division II girls' hoop tournament begins on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division III boys' hoop tournament also kicks off on Tuesday, Feb. 28, and continues on Thursday, March 2, both at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division III ice hockey tournament begins on Wednesday, March 1, at the home of the higher seed at 6 p.m.

The wrestling Meet of Champions takes place at Nashua North High School on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m.

The Newfound hoop boys will wrap up the regular season with a game at Belmont on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m.

SEE **ON TAP** PAGE B6

# Bears finish off perfect regular season

Newfound hoop girls roll past Somersworth to move to 18-0

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — For the first time in school history, the Newfound hoop girls finished the regular season with an undefeated record.

But the work is not done for coach Karri Peterson's girls.

The Bears pulled away in the second half for a 56-30 win over Somersworth on Thursday, Feb. 16, finishing off the regular season at 18-0.

"You fight to get to 18-0 and get the number one seed," said Peterson. "But that's all it is.

"You never know what can happen in the state tournament," Peterson continued. "I hope they're proud of what they've accomplished but I hope they're not satisfied yet with what they've accomplished."

Alexis Vantil hit a free throw to open the scoring but the 'Toppers answered with a pair of free throws to take the lead. Ashlee Dukette finished off a steal to take the lead back and then Vantil did the same thing. Savanna



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Seniors were honored before the final regular season home game at Newfound last week. Front row (I to r), managers Nick Crosby and Megan Gebhardt. Back row (I to r), Alexis Vantil, Amanda Johnston, Hailie Clark, Lauren Boisvert, Vicky Steele and Molly Schilling.

Bony hit a hoop and then drilled a three-pointer to stretch the lead to 10-2.

Somersworth hit a hoop and a free throw to cut the lead to 10-5 but a Dukette hoop finished off the first quarter scoring and Newfound was up 12-5 after one.

The 'Toppers got the

first points of the second quarter, drilling a three-pointer to cut the lead to 12-8. Dukette drained a three-pointer to push Newfound's lead to seven again but the visitors hit another three to stay in the game.

Dukette drained another three for an 18-

11 lead but again the visitors hit another three-pointer, making it 18-14. Dukette hit another basket for the Bears but Somersworth came back with a hoop and it was a four-point game at the half, with Newfound up 20-16.

Vantil hit the first

hoop of the third quarter and Somersworth answered with a hoop to keep things close.

Bony drained a three-pointer and Molly Schilling followed with a hoop. Bony hit another hoop and Newfound's lead went to SEE HOOPS PAGE B6



# Huge Truck SALE ALL WEEKEND



# Bears come up just short against Franklin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

BRISTOL Newfound boys' basketball team had a good battle with Franklin on Tuesday, Feb. 14, eventually dropping a 67-55 decision to the Golden Tornadoes.

The host Bears got out to a 14-12 lead after the first quarter but they fell behind by a 27-24 score at halftime. Franklin outscored the Bears 11-10 in the third

RC GREENWOOD AJ Muse drives to the basket for two of his 18 points during action against Franklin last week.



quarter and then outscored the Bears 29-21 in the fourth quarter to pull away for the

"Good battle, tight throughout the contest," noted coach Tom Bourdeau.

Jarrod Fairbank led the way on the scoring sheet for Newfound, as he put in 19 points, including a trio of three-pointers.

AJ Muse was next for the Newfound boys with 18 points on the evening and he also pulled down 12 rebounds to complete a double-double.

Mason Dalphonse was also in double figures for the Bears, as he put in 13 points on the night.

Newfound shot 38 percent from the field while the Golden Tornadoes shot 44 percent from the field. The Bears were hurt by their free throw shooting in the second half, as they went just four for 10 in the final 16 minutes after going five for seven in the first half.

The Bears will be wrapping up the regular season with a trip to Belmont today, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m.

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## Plymouth alpine boys win second consecutive Division II title

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

MADISON — For the second year in a row, the Plymouth alpine boys came out on the top of the Division II pile.

The Bobcats did have to wait a while, as the meet, originally scheduled for Wednesday at Crotched Mountain, was postponed to Thursday due to weather and was then postponed again due to weather and had to be moved as well, as Crotched was hosting the Division IV girls on Friday, Feb. 17. So the meet moved to King Pine in Madison.

The Bobcats finished second in the morning giant slalom behind a strong showing from Windham, finishing with 360 points to Windham's 365.5. The Bobcats then won the afternoon slalom with 377 points, well ahead of the Jaguars' 363 points to pick up

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The Plymouth alpine boys celebrate their Division II title. Coaches Dan LeBlanc (left) and Steve Babler pose in front of racers (I to r), Matthew Clark, Michael Ouellette, Thomas Inwood, Connor Magowan, Tucker Boyd and Lucas Johnstone.



Tucker Boyd rips through the King Pine slalom course on Feb. 17.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

the win by 8.5 points. "We don't get to take one from Kennett too often," said coach Dan LeBlanc, referring to the perennial Division in third for the second year in a row. "With all the stuff we went through this week, it was a little much. "But they all pulled

II powers, who finished

through," LeBlanc continued. "They saved it for when it counted."

In the morning giant slalom, the Bobcats were led by Lucas Johnstone, who skied to second place overall with a time of 52.17 seconds for his two runs.

Tucker Boyd was second for Plymouth, finishing in 53.39 seconds for seventh place and Thomas Inwood finished in 54.02 seconds for 12th place overall.

Connor Magowan rounded out the scoring for Plymouth with

a 23rd place finish in a time of 55.66 seconds.

Matthew Clark finished in 56.02 seconds for 25th place and Michael Ouellette finished in 29th place in 56.58 seconds.

Inwood led the way for the Bobcats in the afternoon slalom, as he finished in a time of 1:17.42 for second place overall.

Magowan skied to third overall in a time of 1:18.06 and Boyd was Plymouth's third scorer, finishing in 10th place in 1:21.22.

Johnstone rounded out the scoring for Plymouth in 1:21.8 for 12th place overall.

Ouellette finished in 21st place in 1:25.58 and Clark finished in 49th place in 1:46.76.

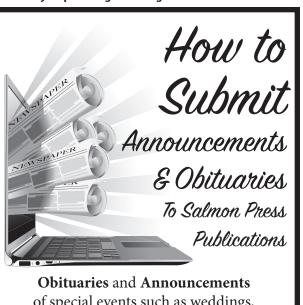
Carter Wilcox also skied for Skimeister points in both races.

"We had trouble with finishing all year, but they all pulled it out today," LeBlanc said. "We had 11 clean runs out of 12.

"And that was the best giant slalom we had all year," LeBlanc continued.

With their top 10 finishes, Inwood, Magowan. Johnstone and Boyd all qualified for the Meet of Champions, which will take place at Cannon Mountain on Thursday, March 2.

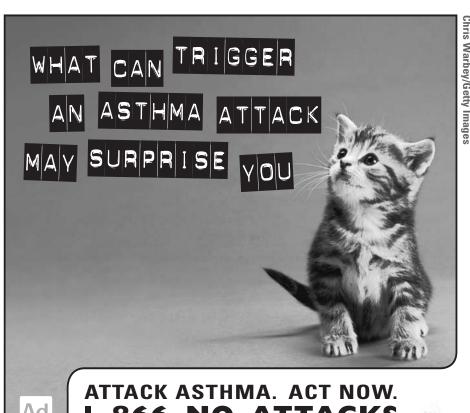
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Garrett Macedonia wrestles Sheldon Farnsworth of Mascoma in the 182-pound finals.

Troy Johnson works toward a pin of Michael Tremblay of Newport in the finals at 195 pounds.

# **Total domination**

# Plymouth wrestlers cruise to Division III title

Sports Editor

TILTON — In about as dominating performance as possible, the Plymouth wrestling team cruised to its second Division III title in three years on the strength of six individual championships.

In fact, the Bobcats had wrestlers in the finals or consolation finals of every single one of the 14 weight classes.

"Six champions, that's pretty good," said coach Randy Cleary. "Eight in the finals, only 14 weight classes."

The Bobcats finished with 247.5 points, which was more than 100 points better than second place Campbell, with Newport in third place and White Mountains in fourth place.

The finals started at 170 pounds and Nolan Farina was pinned by Jared Cape of White Mountains. Farina

reached the finals by beating Ryan Leuteritz of Pelham by pin and then won by major decision over Jack Olson of Bow, 19-5.

At 182 pounds, Garrett Macedonia was the defending champion and the top seed and he defeated Sheldon Farnsworth of Mascoma by a 22-7 decision in the finals. He reached the finals with a pin of Michael Grosman of Pelham and an 11-2 win over Junius Adams of Monadnock.

Troy Johnson picked up the second championship for the Bobcats, pinning Michael Tremblay of Newport in the finals. Johnson defeated Kevin Curnane of White Mountains by pin in his only other match of the day.

At 220 pounds, Drew Hodges picked up the championship with a pin of Jacob Mitchell of John Stark. Hodges defeated Dawson Nedeau of Winnisquam by pin and then beat Riley Odum of Campbell by pin to advance to the finals.

Jared Benoit wrestled his way to the finals at 285 pounds, beating William Zachistal of Bow by pin and Tyler Hall of Newport by pin before being pinned by Tyler Bill of Mascoma in the finals.

Joe Cleary defeated Noah Dutkewych of White Mountains in the finals, earning his second pin of the day. Cleary beat Garrett Harold of Newport in his first match, also by pin.

At 113 pounds, JC Gaumer got a pin of Michael Mitchell of Winnisquam to open the tournament and then picked up a win by pin over Michael York of Bow, who was in the finals last year in his weight class.

"that was a great win for JC," Cleary said.

Gaumer was pinned a pin of Cameron Robby defending champion Jon Austin of White Mounatins in the finals.

Trevor Randlett of Plymouth won his first match at 120 pounds by a 6-0 decision over Kaiden Cunnington of White Mountains. He then was pinned by Ben LaBatt of Campbell before coming back to beat Caleb Palmer of Newport to advance to the consolation finals. He lost to Gabe Benedict of Kearsarge in the finals.

At 126 pounds, Hunter Lessard got a 10-5 win over Mason Benedict in the finals to clinch his state title. In his only other match, Lessard pinned Tristan White of White Mountains.

Brandon Welch lost his first match at 132 pounds to Alex Becker of Pelham but went on to pin Mike Wilkinson of Newport to reach the consolation finals. He earned third place with erts of Winnisquam.

At 138 pounds, Scott Boyd beat Joshua Almstrom of Newport by pin in his first match before falling to Dayton Chandonnet of Campbell. He then beat Gabrielle Isabelle of Winnisquam by a 14-1 decision before falling to Mark Borak of Bow in the consolation finals.

Griffin Smith beat Brady Lombard of Kearsarge by pin in his first match, then fell to Dylan Palmer of Newport. He then beat Ben Bouffard of Bow by pin and then beat Luke Beaulieu of White Mountains and faced off with Palmer again in the consolation finals, where he dropped his final match.

Alex Hamel was the top seed at 152 pounds and beat Gaige Bassett of Pelham by pin in the first match, then pinned Alex Boufford of Bow to reach the finals, where he earned a pin over Robert Ladd of Campbell for the win.

The final match of the day for Plymouth was at 160 pounds, where Austin Appleby earned a third place finish by defeating Nick Carroll of Plymouth by pin. Appleby pinned Carroll in the first match of the day before falling to Marc Boomhower of Campbell. He then defeated Michael Merrihew of Mascoma by pin to reach the consolation finals.

"We've performed pretty well all year," Cleary said. "We weren't going to sneak up on anybody this year. But I feel like we performed well today as the favor-

"And I hope we can continued to the next tournament," Cleary continued.

The Bobcat coach praised the work of his captains.

"I give Austin and Garrett lots of credit for being awesome leaders," Cleary said. "They're the reason why we had the success we did. They really work hard.

"They're working hard and everybody is following," the Bobcat coach added.

Cleary was also honored as the Division III Co-Coach of the Year.

All top three finish-'s qualify to move on to the Meet of Champions, which will be held at Nashua South High School on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m.

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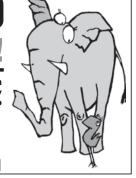
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# Alpine Bears wrap up the season at State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor GILFORD — The Newfound alpine ski team put the bow on the season by competing at the Division III State Meet at Gunstock Moun-

Feb. 14. The meet was originally scheduled to be held a day earlier, but the snowstorm that came through the area forced a postponement.

tain Resort on Tuesday,

For the day, Kearsarge was the top finisher for both boys and girls, as the Cougars won both Division III titles. The Newfound boys finished in 11th place

overall with 488 points. Belmont, Bishop Brady, Bow and Gilford rounded out the top five for the boys. The Bear girls skied to 10th place overall with 526 points, with Bishop Brady, St. Thomas, Belmont and Gilford rounding out the top five.

For the Newfound boys in the morning giant slalom, Reid Wilkins led the way with a 36th place finish in 1:25.39.

Trevor Robie was next for Newfound with a 37th place finish in 1:25.4 and Charles Gould was the third scorer with a time of 1:33.37 for 50th place overall.

Cian Connor round-

ed out the scoring for Newfound with a time of 1:34.93.

Brandon Marcoux also completed both runs of giant slalom, finishing in 55th place in 1:36.56.

In the afternoon slalom, Connor led the way for Newfound with a time of 1:54.11 for 41st place overall.

Ethan Pruett was next for Newfound, finishing in 43rd place in 1:55.22 and Gould was the third Bear scorer, finishing in 1:56.89 for 44th place.

Wilkins was the final scorer for the Bears, finishing in a time of 2:18.36 for 53rd place overall, rounding out the field of Newfound boys who finished both runs of slalom.

For the girls, Victoria Roman led the way in the morning giant slalom with a time of 1:30.17 for 23rd place overall.

Shanley Camara finished in 1:33.63 for 32nd place and Stephanie Norton finished in 1:45.07 for

45th place.

Sophia Pettit was the final scorer for the Newfound girls, finishing in 53rd place in 2:15.98.

Roman again led the way in the afternoon slalom, as she finished in 26th place in a time of 1:55.21.

Camara was second again for Newfound,

finishing in 2:03.96 for 40th place and Norton finished in 49th place in 2:26.57.

Pettit rounded out the scoring for Newfound with a time of 2:49.63 for 53rd place overall.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Bears on the fly

The Newfound cheerleaders perform during halftime of the girls' basketball team's final home game on Thursday, Feb. 16.

# At the end of a crazy week, King Pine to the rescue

weeks of each winter season is the week when skiing State Meets are held. It usually means that I'm out of the office for three days, at least, covering ski meets all over the state.

This year, however, the Nordic season was bumped back a few weeks, meaning that it was just alpine and ski jumping that had State Meets this past week.

Of course, Mother Nature decided that it would bring plenty of snow for the local skiers and in the process, forced the postponement of races across the board on a few different days.

The week was supposed to start on Monday with the Division III State Meet, which was scheduled to be at Gunstock. Since Jeff Lajoie, my reporter in the Meredith office, recently left, I didn't have anyone to cover the event so was hoping to get there myself. Of course, Sunday and Monday of last week brought us one heck of a snowstorm and the decision was made to postpone the race until Tuesday.

As to be expected, that caused problems, as the Division II girls were already slated to have their State Meet that day at Cranmore in North Conway and with three teams in that race, that was where I had to be, meaning I missed out on the Division III meet.

The decision was made that afternoon



to postpone the boys' State Meet, which was supposed to be held on Wednesday at Crotched Mountain in Bennington. The race was moved to Thursday, but again, Mother Nature's good sense of timing brought a bunch of snow on Wednesday and into Thursday and the decision was made on Wednesday afternoon to postpone the meet again.

The problem came in the fact that the Division IV girls were slated to have their State Meet at Crotched on Friday, meaning the Division II boys needed a new place to race. Additionally, the ski jumping State Meet was happening at Kennett on Friday night and many of the boys racing on Friday were also jumping on Friday

Kennett coach Lauren Zengilowski and Kingswood coach Kris Niiler came together and King Pine agreed to host the boys on Friday. Basically, the mountain knew about this event late on Wednesday and did a fantastic job of hosting the many kids and parents that rolled into town on Friday.

From the people running the lifts and selling the tickets, to the King Pine race team personnel who helped to time

the race and set the course, to the King Pine groomers who helped to make the course perfect for the kids, to the parents who volunteered to help out, this was a true collaborative effort on short notice.

Both coaches praised the commitment of King Pine in helping to make this happen. Of course, anyone who knows the King Pine people knows that they are all topnotch. From owner Bob Hoyt down to every employee in the kitchen, ski school, ski patrol, lift operations and everywhere in between, King Pine knows how to treat

And I can't lie, I didn't miss the long drive to Crotched. King Pine was a bit closer, which will never be bad in my book.

Kudos to King Pine and all the volunteers and workers who made Friday happen. You all are awesome.

Finally, have a great day Joyce Wood.

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both at 6:30 p.m.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will finish the regular season at Moultonbough-Inter-Lakes on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1:45 p.m.

#### Hoops FROM PAGE B1

29-18. The 'Toppers hit a three-pointer to keep things alive but Schilling answered with a basket for Newfound.

After Somersworth hit a hoop, Dukette finished off a steal with a basket and then hit two free throws for a 35-23 lead after three quarters.

Newfound the first six points of fourth quarter, with Amanda Johnston hitting a basket and Dukette hitting a pair, pushing the lead to 41-23. After Somersworth hit a hoop, Bony drained a three-pointer, Johnston hit a free throw and Dukette hit a basket, stretching the lead to 47-25 lead. Somersworth hit another hoop to make it

a 20-point game. Dukette hit a pair of free throws for the Bears and then she put back a rebound for a 51-27 lead. Bony hit another three-pointer and after a Somersworth



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Savanna Bony drives to the basket for two points in action against Somersworth last week.

hoop, Bony hit two free throws. The 'Toppers hit a free throw to finish out the scoring for the 56-30 final.

"I'm happy for them," Peterson said of her team. "At the beginning of the season I don't think anyone thought we'd be 18-0.

"I thought Somersworth did a good job with their game plan tonight," the Bear coach continued, noting that the adjustments made in the second half allowed the Bears to move a bit

more freely. "Defensively, I wasn't unhappy with the first half," Peterson said, and noted that continued in the second half. "I can live with that, 14 and 16

points." The Bears were led by Dukette, who finished with 26 points while

Bony finished with 18 points. The Division III tournament is scheduled to

begin today, Feb. 23, at

the home of the higher

seed and continues on Saturday, Feb. 25, also at the home of the higher seed. The Division III semifinals will be held at Southern New Hampshire University on Wednesday, March 1, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

#### JV action

The JV Bears rolled to a 45-14 win over Somersworth. Hayleigh Pabst led the way for the Bears with 13 points and Leah Bunnell added 12 points.

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#### Newfound 56

Bony 6-2-18, Johnston 2-1-3, Schilling 2-0-4, Vantil 2-1-5, Dukette 10-4-26, Totals 22-8-56

#### Somersworth 30

Gould 2-1-7, Croteau 2-0-5, Hamilton 3-1-7, Fauci 1-0-2, Dow 1-2-4, Wall 2-0-5, 11-4-30

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