

Santa's Village brings holiday cheer to Tapply-Thompson Community Center

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BRISTOL — For 63 years, boys and girls have flocked to Santa's Village to see the wonders of the season, then spend some time with the Jolly Old Elf himself, and this year was no different.

Members of the Tapply-Thompson Community Center's Teen Council greeted everyone downstairs, offering face painting and coloring sheets to keep them busy until it was their turn to enter the village.

"It's fun seeing the kids arrive all excited about seeing Santa and just enjoying Christmas," they said.

Moms and dads enjoyed it all too as they took some time to browse the many vendors on the first floor who offered hundreds of gift giving ideas, each crafted locally, and pitched in to support the Teen Council through their raffles and bake sale.

On the top floor though, there was nothing but magic.



Little Lexi from Belmont was awed by her time with Santa and his elves when she visited Santa's Village in Bristol last weekend.

Samantha Austin is the Elf Director and was pleased at how well prepared they were for their jobs last weekend.

"This year we have a wonderful group of elves. They all did their homework and they're ready to go," she said.

The Post Office was another stop bustling with activity as elves processed all the letters from boys and girls. Other stops along the way were the Snowflake Chapel, the popular Sweet Shop and Mrs. Claus's Kitchen where she offered some of her fresh-baked cookies to all. Many also gathered in the center of

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Committee recommends scaled-back building project

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Responding to complaints that the cost of renovating the Bristol Municipal Building into a police station and building a new town hall was too high, the

Bristol Space Needs Committee now recommends a narrower-scope project that would meet basic needs.

Chairman Ned Gordon reported to the Bristol Board of Selectmen on Dec. 7, not far beyond the target date of Dec. 1 for making a recommendation.

Saying the \$3 million figure presented at the second public hearing was not a realistic number to present to the voters in March, Gordon said the committee decided to scale

the project back to reach a cost of about \$2 million. Selectman Don Milbrand, who serves on the town's Capital Improvement Committee, had said a project of up to \$1.5 million

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Town releases final figures chiefs' earnings

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Former fire chief Steve Yannuzzi and former police chief Michael Lewis earned a combined \$159,556 in their final years with the town, according to figures released this week.

Town Administrator Nik Coates took issue with an article characterizing Yannuzzi's final payout as an "agreement" following his being placed on administrative leave for four months in 2016. "He resigned. There was no agreement," Coates said.

Upon request, Coates provided the spreadsheet showing that Yannuzzi had

received \$37,768.51 in regular pay and \$10,041.60 in vacation and bonus pay that was due through the date of his resignation. He had worked three months before being placed on paid administrative leave in early April, and he resigned on July 21, 2016.

Lewis resigned Oct. 4 of this year after being on paid administrative leave for one month. Coates had previously said that Lewis had earned \$58,474.40 in regular pay, \$8,252.53 in overtime pay, and \$1,280 from special-duty assignments as of Sept. 18. Since then, the town paid the remainder of its contractual obligations, bringing his total pay to \$111,746 before deductions.

Coates explained that Lewis' contract included a provision for receiving his regular pay for 90 days beyond his resignation date. That, along with vacation and bonus time, brought his regular earnings to \$101,739.41. Lewis also had earned \$8,252.53 in overtime for grant-funded details such as DWI checkpoints. He received an additional \$2,280 for special details and an employee

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Riverview Artisans LLC in Bristol's Central Square is a truly one of a kind shop offering great selection of artistic items for both home and holiday gift giving.

New shop spotlights work of local artisans

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BRISTOL — Riverview Artisans, LLC is the newest addition to downtown Bristol, bringing the talents of owners Barbara Platts-Comeau and her husband Bill Comeau together with other artisans for a shopping experience like none other in Central Square.

For many years, the couple only sold their artistic creations in a

few select locations, such as Squam Lakes Artisans gallery in Hollderness or special exhibits. Once a year they also opened a small shop at their home in Alexandria for the New Hampshire Open Doors weekend in November, but that was all.

This summer, though, Bill convinced his wife to open a year round shop in Bristol.

"Bill was the driving force behind all of this. He was the motivator

and I finally said, 'Let's do it.' What we have now is a partnership of ours but a collaboration with other artists, too," said Barbara.

A newly renovated building on Central Square, overlooking the Newfound River, was available and they both agreed it was the perfect location for their nature inspired work.

At Riverview Artisans art and fashion are beautifully blended

under one roof, including everything from a few specialty clothing accessories to art and home decor.

The couple creates many of the items found in their shop themselves. Barbara is skilled in pottery, creating beautiful sandcast birdbaths, bowls and decorative items using nature in many of her designs. She also hand dyes silk scarves and other types of ladies

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Bristol considers hiring data analytics firm to boost economic development

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — The wealth of personal information that people knowingly and unknowingly provide through government registrations, credit card transactions, business loyalty programs, online activity, social media quizzes, and other

day-to-day activities is information that businesses find valuable when deciding where to locate or expand. It is the kind of information that propelled the Fort Worth-based data analytics firm Buxton from a concept in 1994 to a national company with 4,000 clients in 2017, and Director

of Sales Chris Gracela wants Bristol to be one of them. Gracela and Senior Vice-President Cody Howell flew here from Texas to make a presentation to the Bristol Board of Selectmen on Dec. 7, at the invitation of Chair Rick Alpers, who serves on the Bristol Economic Development Committee. Gracela described how Buxton's ability to create in-depth customer profiles of residents within a 25-mile radius of Bristol can help identify compatible businesses and let re-

tailers know the town has the customer base to support their presence here. Gracela said knowing a potential customer's age and income has limited value to a retailer, but knowing how many children he has, what automobile he drives, where he likes to shop, and what kind of entertainment he prefers offers great insight into the likelihood of that customer purchasing the store's products. The Buxton Web site describes how the company's "vast data resources and proprietary technol-

ogies" allow it to create those core customer profiles. It makes use of credit card transaction data, license plate captures, cell phone data, and national panel consumer surveys "that span the full range of demographic, psychographic, financial, and healthcare-related attributes that can be ascribed to a household or individual." A recent presentation in Laconia that described how "fake news" is customized for delivery to those who are likely to believe it cited more than

5,000 "data points" that social media companies such as Facebook use to target the news and advertising. Buxton claims, "Over 77,000 propensities and characteristics are inherent in the aggregated databases we use. Additionally, through our unique data partnerships and proprietary methodologies, we have the ability to identify our clients' customers — even if they do not collect any customer data (name, address, email, etc.)." The cost for Bristol SEE **BRISTOL**, PAGE A10

Community rights workshop planned in Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER — New Hampshire host-towns in the path of a 192-mile long electrical transmission line proposed to carry industrial hydro-power from Canada, through the state of New Hampshire known as Northern Pass are educating themselves on why and how such a large project has the authority to override their local opposition to the project and what actions other host-towns have taken to stop harmful activities in their communities.

A strong show of solidarity is building to protect the Granite State from becoming an extension cord for power to other states. Bridgewater is following Ashland residents in educating themselves about their local decision-making authority to protect the place where they live. A community rights workshop will be held from 7 – 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Bridgewater Town Hall, 297 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, NH 03222.

Employment Opportunity

The Campton, NH Police Department is accepting applications for a full-time Police Officer to fill an immediate position. Candidates must pass a physical agility test, oral board, psychological exam, polygraph exam and medical physical, as well as an extensive background investigation. Applicants must be a US citizen, 21 years of age prior to receiving a conditional offer of employment, and must possess a High School diploma or GED equivalent. Military service and/or a college degree is desirable, but not required. The annual base range is \$44,200 to \$50,830 with a benefits package. The starting pay is negotiable based on experience level. The police department is currently comprised of 7 full-time officers.

Interested candidates are to send a cover letter and resume to Campton Police Department, PO Box 127, Campton, NH 03223, Attention: Chief Christopher Warn. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Janet Woolfenden, Secretary to the Chief of Police, or Sgt. Payer at (603) 726-8874 or by e-mail at j.woolfenden@camptonnhpd.org or p.payer@camptonnhpd.org.

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CONCORD — Brandon Gray, 22, of New Hampton was sentenced in federal court on Monday to 70 months in prison, followed by 15 years of supervised release for possession of child pornography and cyberstalking, Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley of the District of New Hampshire announced today. According to court documents and statements made in court, the defendant created a fake online identity pretending to be a teen pop star, and met a 14-year-old child on the Internet. From 2014 to 2016, the child took various sexually explicit pictures and videos of himself and sent them to the defendant. Eventually, the child discovered that the online persona was fake and attempted to stop communicating with the defendant. The defendant responded by sending him harassing texts, emails, and chats over various social media outlets including messages threatening to post pornographic images of the child online. A search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence and he was found to be in possession of various im-

ages and videos constituting child pornography. The defendant admitted to using the alias, to possessing sexually explicit images of the minor victim, and to threatening to post them online. "Keeping the Internet safe for children is one of the highest priorities of my office," said Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley. "I commend the collaboration between the Louisiana State Police and Homeland Security Investigations personnel in New Hampshire in locating

and bringing this individual to justice. Cyber predators cannot hide behind a computer screen. When their actions cause real harm, there will be real consequences." This matter was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations, Manchester, the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Louisiana State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Georgiana L. Konesky. In February 2006, the Department of Justice

introduced Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Newfound Area Churches to hold Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

REGION — Newfound Area Churches (NAC) will be holding their Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the week of Jan. 15 through 19. Each day, there will be a worship service at noon in the particular church,

and will be followed by a light lunch. The church rotation will be as follows: Monday (the 15th) at Union Congregational Church of Hebron, Tuesday (the 16th) at Our Lady Of Grace chapel, Wednesday (the 17th)

at New Hampton Community Church, Thursday (the 18th) at Bristol United Church of Christ, and Friday (the 19th) at Alexandria United Methodist Church. For more information, please call 744-3885.

Got Lunch! Plymouth celebrates donation through initial Hannaford Giving Bag sales

PLYMOUTH — Got Lunch! Plymouth, a non-

profit committed to providing nutritious food for children during the summer months, has at this time raised more than \$125 in direct donations through sales of the Hannaford Fight Hunger bag. The Hannaford Cause Bag program launched in October 2015 and is designed to support local hunger relief organizations through the sale of the reusable Fight Hunger bag with the message "This bag has helped feed someone in need." For every reusable

Fight Hunger bag purchased at the Plymouth Hannaford during the month of December, Got Lunch! Plymouth will receive a 25 cent donation. These bags are yellow with a heart shape filled with various foods. Not only are they reusable shopping bags, but they make great gift bags and are good stocking stuffers. "Fund raising for our program is very important. The cost per student is about \$110. We rely upon our community to SEE **GOT LUNCH!**, PAGE A10



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Alexandria

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It was certainly a winter wonderland out there this morning, and no end soon from the looks. That's fine with me, don't have anywhere to go, so decided to set the soup to simmering for supper tonight.

Town

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Planning Board Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Conservation Commission Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Alexandria United Methodist Church

Sunday services at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. This coming Sunday, Dec. 17, we will have the Children's Christmas Program during worship. The Sunday School Christmas Party will be at 4 p.m. the same day, with caroling at 5 p.m. A busy and joyful day in store for all and everyone is welcome to join us.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 is the NAC Advent Service at Bristol UCC at noon. Lunch will follow worship.

Sunday, Dec. 24 AUMC will have their Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Much as I'd like to sit and think about hugging the wood stove as in days gone by, Mother Nature has gained my attention. Time to get reacquainted with my shovel and start moving the white "wonderstuff" off the steps and walkway. Safe travels to those who must, and thank you to all those who are there to help those in need!

Danbury

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South Danbury Church

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the South Danbury Christian Church will have a Work and Worship gathering. The "work" session will begin at 10 a.m. to prepare and decorate the church for the annual Christmas Pageant. The regular worship service will start at 11 a.m. This will be the third Sunday of Advent - with the lighting of another candle in the Advent wreath, representing Joy.

The church's popular Christmas Pageant will be Thursday, Dec. 21 (snow date Friday, Dec. 22). All are welcome! This year, the Barrett family band - Keith, Sam, Max, and friends - is back with toe-tapping versions of holiday favorites. There'll be a special holiday performance by Helen Wickham and Jesse Schust, and last year's Paper Bag Pageant returns for an encore, with plenty of props (and merriment) for everyone who wants to be part of the tableau. Come at 6:30 p.m. to get your part and your costume. There will also be delicious Yuletide treats, raffle tickets for a quilt

made by Donna Leone and ski tickets donated by Ragged Mountain Resort, and maybe - if we've all been very good - a visit from Santa. Follow "Friends of Danbury" and "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook for more details.

Blazing Star Grange

On Dec. 7, the group met for their monthly business meeting. The community service chairman delivered the proceeds of the donation jars put out at the recent farmers market along with the grange's donation to the Danbury Country Store's collection jar for the couple that recently lost all their belongings in a fire on High Street. The grange voted to make a donation to the Danbury PTO for wrapping supplies needed for their student's family gift shop. Members also plan to help the PTO during the shop by helping the students choose and wrap their gifts.

Because the next meeting is so close to the holidays, the grange voted to cancel the Dec. 21 meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the grange hall.

Groton

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The Select Board meeting this week was well attended. There were several questions concerning the tax rate increase. Money that was set aside for the Orange/Atwell Bridge that was voted on in the last Town and other amounts voted on during Town Meeting will be in the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for these projects. The question was raised concerning increase for the Town portion of the tax rate. Very little of the revenue raised from taxes go toward the Town's operating budget. Much of the increase this year was voted on at Town Meeting in March through Warrant Articles. The next Town Meeting will be March 17, 2018. Elections will be March 13th.

There will be vacancies for several offices and the filing period for all Town Offices open will be Jan. 24 through Feb. 2. We will be posting in the paper the offices that will be open at least 2 weeks in advance of the filing period.

The lion's share of the overall tax increase this year came from the School, County and State. It is suggested that more get involved in the School budget process. There are two positions open on the school ballot for Groton this year; School Board for 3 years and School Budget Committee for three years. There is a Budget Hearing scheduled for January 12th at 6:30pm at the Newfound Regional High School (snow date Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.), and there is a Deliberative Session scheduled at the High School on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. (snow date Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.). Get involved in your local government. Have a say in what happens here.

We are still accepting donations for the Christmas baskets. We are hoping to distribute these on Dec. 16. All donations should be at the Town House by Dec. 15. Money donations should be given to one of the Town Offices or the Police Office. Thank you for all the generosity shown so far. It has been really great to see all those who have participated.

Meetings and Closures Coming Up

Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Town House at 7 p.m.

Select Board Work Session Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town House

The Conservation Commission will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. upstairs in the Town House.

There will be a Citizens Planning Committee Meeting on Dec. 21 at the Town House at 6:30 p.m.

The Planning Board will be meeting at the Town House on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 7 p.m.

The Select Board Of-

fice will be closing early on Dec. 20 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and will be closed Dec. 26 through 29.

All Town Offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for the Holiday.

Warrant Articles for the March 2018 Town Meeting need to be submitted to the Select Board Office no later than Thursday, Jan. 4.

Hebron

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Hebron Area Women's Group News

The Hebron Area Women's Group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14 at Rumney Rocks Bistro at noon. This is our Christmas Party and Yankee Swap event. Please bring some nonperishable food items for the Bristol Food Pantry.

Newfound Area Churches Advent Service Schedule

The Newfound Area Churches are having two more Advent Services at noon followed by a light lunch at the following location: Dec. 20th at the Bristol United Church of Christ.

Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session upstairs in the Selectmen's Office Building on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. This is an opportunity to register to vote, and/or make corrections to the Hebron Checklist.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Brooks
Sandra Cummings
Audrey Johnson

Christmas Carol Singalong Dec. 16 3-6 p.m. (Around the Fire Pit)

Join us for the first... soon to be Annual Christmas Carol Singalong!

Outside (and inside) the Hebron Library

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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 next to and behind the church.

Sundays

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

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

Special Needs Ministry-high school-adults

11 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service

11:15 a.m. - KidZone for K-grade 6

11:15 a.m. - Youth Sunday School

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

KidZone

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

Axyon Youth Ministry, for grades six through 12

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

Mondays

8 p.m. - Alcohol-

ics Anonymous Group meets in the Church dining room.

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

Ashland Episcopal (St. Mark's Church)


Please check the listings and sign up to be a greeter at the Sunday a.m. service, a coffee hour host, or a reader. None of these jobs is difficult and there is always someone to ask for help.

Christmas Eve service will be at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's on Sunday, Dec. 24. The luminaries will be lighted along the entrance walks, familiar carols will be sung, closing with our usual beautiful singing of Silent Night by candlelight. The children will be taking part under the direction of Sunday School leader, Jean Murphy.

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Tips for managing holiday stress

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

The holidays can sometimes be a hectic and stressful time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides the following information to help with coping. Strong emotions like fear, sadness, or other symptoms of depression are normal, if they are temporary, and don't interfere with daily activities. If these emotions last too long or cause other problems, it's a different story altogether.

Sometimes stress can be good. It can help you develop skills needed to manage potentially threatening situations. Stress can be harmful, however, when it is prolonged or severe enough to make you feel overwhelmed and out of control. Physical or emotional tension are often signs of stress. They can be reactions to a situation that cause you to feel threatened or anxious. Stress can be related to positive events (such as planning a wedding) or negative events (such as dealing with the effects of a natural disaster).

Symptoms of Stress: Common reactions to a stressful event may include: Disbelief and shock; Tension and irritability; Fear and anxiety about the future; difficulty making decisions; feeling numb; loss of interest in normal activities; loss of appetite; nightmares and recurring thoughts about the event; anger; sadness and other symptoms of depression; feeling powerless; crying; sleep problems; headaches, back pains, and stomach problems; trouble concentrating; and increased use of alcohol and drugs.

Here are some tips

for self-care: Avoid drugs and alcohol. They may seem to be a temporary fix to feel better, but in the long run drugs and alcohol can create more problems and add to your stress—instead of taking it away. Find support. Seek help from a partner, family member, friend, counselor, doctor, or clergy person. Having someone with a sympathetic, listening ear and sharing about your problems and stress really can lighten the burden. Connect socially. After a stressful event, it is easy isolate yourself. Make sure you are spending time with loved ones. Consider planning fun activities with your partner, children, or friends. Stay active. You can take your mind off your problems with activities like helping a neighbor, volunteering in the community, and taking the dog on a long walk. These can be positive ways to cope with stressful feelings. Take care of yourself: eat a healthy, well-balanced diet; exercise regularly; get plenty of sleep; give yourself a break if you feel stressed out—for example, treat yourself to a therapeutic massage; and maintain as a normal routine as possible.

Everyone at CADY sends our very best wishes to you for a safe, joyous holiday and happy, healthy New Year! For more information about our programs and resources available, visit the CADY website at www.cadyinc.org. If you or someone you know struggles with addiction or substance use, call the New Hampshire Statewide Addiction Crisis Line at 1-844-711-4357.

PET of the Week Jett

A recent study claimed dogs are smarter than cats, based on scientific analysis by the 'white coated ones', but, if affection given without prerequisite is what you crave in your next pet, then our JETT, a long haired black cat, is a perfect choice.

Jet was surrendered to New Hampshire Humane Society in September – his owner, in failing health, could no longer care for him. It is apparent to us that Jett was loved, cuddled, and had a wonderful home. Living at the shelter has been hard for him, he simply wants to snuggle his people;

he'll wrap his front legs around you and let you hold him like a baby actually. Jett feels his main function is to be close to humans.

He hasn't cohabited with dogs, that might be a little more than he can rightly tolerate, and apparently he prefers the company of other male cats, so we know assimilating into a household with another cat shouldn't be too difficult. Adoption staff are more than willing to help with the transition.

It's true we thought we had a terrific adoptive home in November, but that did not pan



out, sadly for Jett who had already packed his suitcase to leave.

His about 10 years old, stands proud with his majesty plume of a tail, is sweet as can be

and very, very affectionate. We do not want to see Jett outside in the cold, a cozy inglenook close to the fire is Jet's wish this holiday season.

Conservation Matters

Think twice Before you de-ice

BY STEVE WHITMAN

Alexandria Conservation Commission

One of the major conservation concerns during the winter months is the pollution of lakes, streams and ground water supplies from run-off. While run-off pollution is problematic year-round, winter concerns are heightened by the presents of deicer compounds used to control ice buildup. The state is doing their part by minimizing the impact road treatment has on the environment without compromising the safety of our highways;

we can help by following their example and taking the time to evaluate our needs and understand the alternatives available to us.

Obviously, to function and remain safe in our homes and businesses, we need to remove ice and snow from our driveways and walks. The most effective method is to keep ahead of a storm and not let the snow accumulate and compress. If possible, plow or shovel your driveways and walks periodically during the storm; try to provide

drainage pathways, which will allow water from melting snow to drain away from traffic areas. In most cases, a light sprinkling of sand will provide the traction and safety needed, and will help avoid having ice build-up that requires application of a deicer product.

If, despite all your efforts, you find it necessary to use a deicer product, take the time to read the label carefully. Research done by numerous study groups throughout the country has concluded;

most deicers have the potential to damage surfaces such as asphalt, concrete, metal, and wood, as well as vegetation, even when applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Heavier than recommended applications will not work any more effectively and may increase the potential for damage. There are numerous products available, including salt free products, each with its pros and cons. Talk to your dealer about the warnings and mixture

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Letters to the Editor

Politics in a small town

To the Editor:

We are Bristol property owners and taxpayers who own a log cabin at the end of Hemlock Brook Road. For years, the 1,200 foot section of that road leading up to our property, which we will refer to as "Hemlock Brook Road Extension," has been shown as a private road on Bristol's tax maps. It was treated as private. That changed in 2015, when the Town did an about face and started treating the road as public. Without getting into details, we believe this is a classic case of "small town politics."

For more than a year, we have been trying to resolve our dispute with the Town in court. In fact, the case was scheduled for a trial this December, with a final decision expected soon afterwards. We were confident in our case and confident the court would declare the road to be private. On the eve of trial, a Bristol selectman filed a petition requesting the town take the disputed road by eminent domain. The case is now on hold as a result.

Hemlock Brook Road Extension is a dead end road; it is the only access to two residences in a quiet corner of town on the Bridgewater line. Instead of awaiting the court's decision on the status of the road, the town has instead started a new, separate legal process that could last years.

Why was the town unwilling to await the court's decision? Why is the town so interested in a road that leads nowhere? How much has the town spent on this matter in legal and expert witness fees? What important town matters are being neglected while the town continues to focus on this? Most importantly, why is the town spending our precious resources to wage a meaningless war that will not benefit the town, its citizens, or its taxpayers in the slightest?

A public hearing on the petition will soon be held. We intend to ask the town these questions, and invite interested citizens to attend and do likewise.

Joseph and Rhoda Fantasia
Bristol

Thanks to all who supported Newfound Festival of Trees

To the Editor:

The Friends of Newfound Drama would like to thank the volunteers and the following community members and local businesses for their support and help to make our second Festival of Trees successful:

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Turkeys, a venison stew, and what might be under the tree

Most of the high country around me now sports a well-established cover of white, and from the lowlands it looks like another world, which it is.

The snow in my yard betrays a steady visitation by turkeys, which I call the Roving Gang of Turkeys, a flock of 15 to 20 that makes the rounds of places where they can scratch for food.

And these are single-minded birds, for sure, spending every waking moment scrabbling for something to eat. They concentrate their efforts around livestock feeding areas and manure piles, and of course in apple orchards all around, and my garden and bird feeders.

The other day, I saw two females in the flock, apparently plum full, stretched out on the grass in the sun. But the big tom on guard duty soon heard a vehicle coming, and by the time the pickup hove over the crest of the hill the whole flock was airborne in full flight, an awesome sight.

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Visitors seeing turkeys from the kitchen window are likely to (a) express surprise that we have them “all the way up here,” and (b) immediately think about ways they might go out and bonk one of them on the head for supper.

Turkeys are in every city and town in the state, and have been for some time, but many people still don’t know it.

There is a brief fall hunting season, but the ways and means of taking turkeys are, to put it mildly, precise. (Idle thought, however: Is there a law against shooting a turkey from your kitchen window? I’ll bet yes.)

Wild turkey meat, I remind guests, is a challenging item to cook, and you have to know what you’re doing or it’ll wind up like garden hose.

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I thought about this the other day when I was

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



boning out a couple of pieces of front shoulder from a deer one of our crew shot on Ancestors’ Field, just up the road from my kitchen.

I trimmed all fat possible from around the bone and in the pockets between muscles, cut the meat into bit-size segments, seasoned them with a bit of Old Bay and other ingredients, and slid them into a sauce consisting mainly of Paul Newman’s old family recipe. There they would repose for several hours, to marinate. “Bonne Appetit,” I thought I could here Paul saying as he blew a kiss from over there at one of their last Sundance Kidd resorts.

A bit later on there were no dissatisfied customers in the house, and absolutely no leftovers.

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Getting a kid outfitted for fishing is often touted as a big expense, but it need not be so. In fact, I could outfit any kid for right around \$100, and challenge anyone from the high-end catalog mindset to do better at a fishing contest--if I didn’t loathe fishing contests to begin with.

Most stores offer basic fishing kits containing rod, reel, line, leader, and a few hooks and flies.

These kits generally come with closed-face spinning reels, which I immediately throw away in favor of a plain old crank reel, out of a desire to avoid entanglements. Put 75 feet of dry line on this and you’re good to go--after a lesson or two, or course, but believe me, casting, like dancing, is not hard to learn.

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I’m not running the usual Christmas Gift Ideas List this year, mainly because I just



COURTESY — NH FISH & GAME

This is the kind of thing I wake up to many a morning--the Roving Gang of Turkeys, making their pecking, strutting rounds between far-flung neighbors, scratching for their three squares a day.

wanted a year off (maybe readers do too).

Still, I can’t help winding this up with three of the most enduring gift items ever.

First, a map and a real, honest to gosh compass--you know, the old-fashioned kind of compass, heavy as a boat-anchor and decked out with all those sight-line and bearing devices and, for all I know, capable of doing trigonometry. And to go along with the compass, a set of USGS maps of the region your Cherished One is most likely to hunt (you know them by heart now, right?).

Second, a good, loud whistle that serves as a waterproof match compartment, too. These are easy to find, and

Obituaries

Linda A. Lapete, 70

BRISTOL — Linda A. Lapete, 70, of Park Street, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017.

She was born and raised in Whitefield, the daughter of Flavys and Edith (Stanford) Lapete, Sr. She moved to Groton and graduated from Bristol High School. She has lived in Bristol since 1977. Prior to her becoming sick, Linda had worked for a time at IPC, later in banking, and most recently as an LNA she worked for various agencies and later as a private duty nurse.

Linda enjoyed doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, playing cribbage and Skip-bo with her family, BINGO, and reading. She was very proud to be a mother and grandmother. She loved to be involved in her families’ lives and was proud of each one of them. She



even made up a game of “sheets” to pass time with her grandson. Her family will remember how she always maintained a positive outlook on everything, no matter how badly it looked in reality. She had a “spitfire” personality and was known for her humor (often off color) and her tenacity. She fought for and through everything, including all of her health issues.

She will be greatly missed by her children, Charles “Rick” Matthews of Haverhill, Kev-

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in Matthews of Tilton, and Tawnya Hobart of Bristol; grandchildren Shania, Kaleb, Sarah, Hanna, Corey, Lacey, Jonna, Tessa, and Angel; great grandchildren Carter, Xylana, and Alayah; siblings Beatrice Dodge, Flavys “Sonny” Lapete, Evelyn Dodge, Kathy Lapete all of Florida; and Electa “Letty” Towne of Bristol.

Memorial calling hours will be held Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm at the Emmons Funeral Home, 115 South Main St., Bristol, NH 03222. Interment will be at a later date at the Whitefield Cemetery in Whitefield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Center, 501 St. Jude place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Plymouth Regional High School 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

DANCE TEAM ADVISOR

Plymouth Regional High School has an immediate opening for an advisor to the school's Dance Team. The advisor would be responsible for coordinating practices, choreographing dance routines for performances during half-time of boys and girls basketball games as well as at other school events.

The position runs from now through the end of basketball season.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Assistant Principal Robert Price Director of Co-Curricular Activities Plymouth Regional High School 86 Old Ward Bridge Road Plymouth, NH 03264 rprice@pemibaker.org

Conservation

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components of the specific product you select.

The following are highlights of four popular product types used in the northeast that you may wish to consider before selecting a deicer product:

• Calcium Chloride based products – fast acting, work in sub-zero temperatures.

• Magnesium Chloride based products – fast acting, environmentally friendly, work in sub 0o F temperatures, safer around pets, but lethal if ingested by pets suffering kidney disease.

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• Sodium Chloride (rock salt) based products – inexpensive, not

effective at temperatures below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, lethal to pets if ingested.

As we head into the winter months, enjoy the season and all it has to offer; however, please keep the environment in mind. Remember, what you put on your walks and driveways will eventually end up in our streams, lakes, and ground water. Nature does her best to filter out harmful elements as the surface water percolates through the soil, but nature can accomplish only so much and needs our help. Use deicers sparingly; substitute untreated sand, kitty litter, or sawdust whenever possible. Provide drainage paths to channel water from melted ice and snow to areas on your property where the soil can absorb the water and filter it naturally. A little extra effort is all it takes to preserve the environment and our natural resources.

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Churches

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“The Four Gospels in four weeks” continues on Thursdays, Dec. 14 and 21, at the Community Life Center, Highland St. Plymouth. Rev. Randy Dales will lead the discussion. Gospels Mark and Matthew have been read and discussed; The remaining gospels Luke and John will end the four-week bible study. It is not too late to attend.

Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic)

Mass Schedule
Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23
4 p.m. St. Matthew Church

Sunday, Dec. 24
9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Grace

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve
Sunday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. St. Matthew Church

5 p.m. St. Agnes Church
6 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Chapel

Christmas Day
Monday, Dec. 25
Midnight St. Matthew Church
10:30 a.m. St. Matthew Church
Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Weekend Masses
Saturday, Dec. 30
4:00 PM St. Matthew Church

Sunday, December 31st
7:30 a.m. St. Matthew Church
9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Grace
11:30 a.m. St. Matthew Church

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018
10:30 a.m. St. Matthew Church Campus Ministry

Reconciliation Service
Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. St. Matthew Church
There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of

Reconciliation on Sunday, Dec. 17 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Grace. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available on Saturday afternoons at 3:15 p.m. at St. Matthew Church.

The Day Away program is in need of volunteers. The program is held on Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Simard Hall below our Lady of Grace Chapel in Bristol. Volunteers work a.m. and/or p.m. shifts but anytime you can give would be greatly appreciated. Day Away provides a day of rest for caregivers of a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimers Disease or related Dementia. Participants enjoy a day consisting of socialization, light exercise and a craft to take home. The program is open to all eligible participants in the Lakes Region. Please contact the program Director Sandra Coleman, RN at sjrhett@roadrunner.com Phone: 536-6304

Campus Ministry
Thank you to Linda Folsom and Elena Worrall for a delicious monthly supper for stu-

dents last weekend.

Picture yourself in the sun: We will be doing a guided meditation on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in HUB 109 to calm you as end-of-semester work increases. This will be the last weekly student meeting of the semester, so don't miss it!

Food For Finals — Student help needed: You'll need a break from studying for finals, so mark two dates on your calendar: Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. to prepare snack packs for Food for Finals at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center, and Monday, Dec. 18, 8-8:15 p.m. to deliver all of the goodies to res. halls and Centre Lodge. Contact Kathy Tardif at kmtardif@plymouth.edu to sign up. Home-baked stress relief: Food for Finals is coming up soon. Parishioners interested in providing batches of cookies or squares should contact Sandy Abbott at 254-3431 or sandy@michaels-school.com with their name, phone number, what they will bake, and the amount. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Reflection & Spiritual Care Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Newfound Area Churches Advent Prayer and Luncheon Series Service starts at noon and is followed by a soup/sandwich luncheon. Wednesday, Dec. 13 New Hampton Community Church Wednesday, December 20th Bristol UCC All are welcome!

Weekly Meetings
Thursday, Dec. 14 Day Away Program, Simard Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Men's Group, North American Martyrs, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout Meeting, St. Matthew Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Webelos Meeting, St. Matthew Meeting Room, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15
RCIA, St. Matthew Rectory, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Faith Formation No Ashland Faith Formation this week Bristol: Simard Hall, 10:30 a.m. - noon Confirmation: Plymouth: St. Matthew Hall, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (including Mass) Bristol: Marian Center, 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. (including Mass) with Brunch and a Movie Boy Scout Court of Order, St. Matthew Hall -5 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Restoration Church, Plymouth

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

Sunday:
10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and third Monday of the Month

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

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

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

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Sunday, Dec. 17
Nursery and Religious Education – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Contact: Jane Clay, DRE

Service 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – “Seeing the Dark”

Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes, Worship Leader

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director and Choir

The growing darkness offers us an invitation to deepen our connections to the natural world, to reflect on our own lives, and renew our hope for the growing light. Join us for a reflective celebration of the Winter Solstice.

Visit our Web site
www.starrkingfellowship.org
536-8908

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m

We are pleased to inform you that, for the full month of December, every time a "Fight Hunger Bag" is purchased at the Hannaford Supermarket in Plymouth, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Got Lunch Plymouth, the program feeding kids in need during summer vacation which has been well supported by folks at Starr King Fellowship. For a picture of the bag involved, please see the December issue of the Fellowship's newsletter.

Child Dedication is often an element of the Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. As a part of this celebration, the community commits to support and honor your precious children and be part of their faith development. If you are interested in this celebration or know of someone in our church community who might be, please speak with Jane Clay, Acting DRE or Reverend Linda Barnes by Dec. 14.

Wise Women meets on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Chapel. Danielle Simon will facilitate. This will be the only meeting in December. Looking for topic for Jan. 10 – any suggestions? Someone wish to volunteer to facilitate?

The Activities Committee encourages you to participate in the abundance of interesting events happening in the area. Breakfast Club, Second Sunday Hike, Dinner and a Show, and more. Please visit the Events Page on our Web site: www.starrkingfellowship.org. for dates and times.

Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Time to Review Your Investment Strategy for the Year

As the year draws to a close, it's a good time to review your progress toward your financial goals. But on what areas should you focus your attention?

Of course, you may immediately think about whether your investments have done well. When evaluating the performance of their investments for a given year, many people mistakenly think their portfolios should have done just as well as a common market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500. But the S&P 500 is essentially a measure of large-company, domestic stocks, and your portfolio probably doesn't look like that – nor should it, because it's important to own an investment mix that aligns with your goals, risk tolerance and return objectives. It's this return objective that you should evaluate over time – not the return of an arbitrary benchmark that isn't personalized to your goals and risk tolerance.

Your return objective will likely evolve. If you are starting out in your career, you may need your portfolio to be oriented primarily toward growth, which means it may need to be more heavily weighted toward stocks. But if you are retiring in a few years, you may need a more balanced allocation between stocks and bonds, which can address your needs for growth and income.

So, assuming you have created a long-term investment strategy that has a target rate of return for each year, you can review your progress accordingly. If you matched or exceeded that rate this past year, you're staying on track, but if your return fell short of your desired target, you may need to make some changes. Before doing so, though, you need to understand just why your

return was lower than anticipated.

For example, if you owned some stocks that underperformed due to unusual circumstances – and even events such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma can affect the stock prices of some companies – you may not need to be overly concerned, especially if the fundamentals of the stocks are still sound. On the other hand, if you own some investments that have underperformed for several years, you may need to consider selling them and using the proceeds to explore new investment opportunities.

Investment performance isn't the only thing you should consider when looking at your financial picture over this past year. What changed in your life? Did you welcome a new child to your family? If so, you may need to respond by increasing your life insurance coverage or opening a college savings account. Did you or your spouse change jobs? You may now have access to a new employer-sponsored retirement account, such as a 401(k), so you'll need to decide how much money to put into the various investments within this plan. And one change certainly happened this past year: You moved one year closer to retirement. By itself, this may cause you to re-evaluate how much risk you're willing to tolerate in your investment portfolio, especially if you are within a few years of your planned retirement.

Whether it is the performance of your portfolio or changes in your life, you will find that you always have some reasons to look back at your investment and financial strategies for one year – and to look ahead at moves you can make for the next.

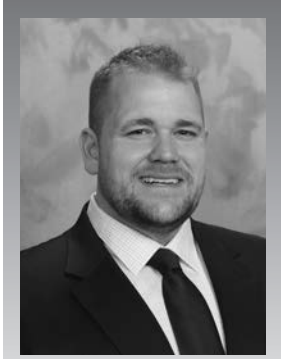
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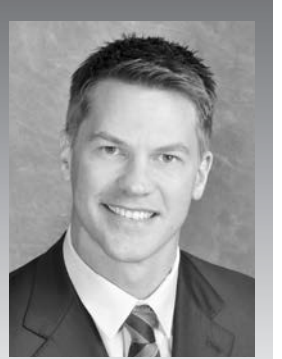
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could be accommodated without increasing the tax rate because of declining payments on existing bonds.

The new plan would eliminate three restrooms in the proposed new town hall, which also would have 1,000 fewer square feet in size, reducing the cost of building that structure by \$128,895. Another \$223,070 would be shaved from the cost by eliminating six parking spaces; the proposed underground storm drain retention chambers would be replaced by a new storm water retention pond; and site work for the new sallyport and main entry for the police department would be eliminated.

Instead of fully renovating the municipal building for police use, the project would allocate \$200,000 for building security and renovations to the booking room.

With the “soft costs” that include architectural and engineering fees and other expenses, the total project cost is now estimated to be

\$2,180,813.

“Now we’ll put a face on this plan so we can give people an opportunity to vote on this,” Gordon said.

Milbrand, who had said he could not support the earlier version of the plan, said, “I can stand behind this plan.”

Selectman J.P. Morrison praised the “incredible amount of work” the committee had done and supported putting the question on the town warrant. Mentioning the number of older people on fixed incomes in the town, Morrison said he would still like to present it for everyone’s consideration, and “Show ’em what we’ve got.”

Other business

Bristol Police Lt. Kris Bean provided an update on department activities, including arrests in two armed robberies at Rite Aid on Summer Street and one armed robbery in Central Square. He said they had obtained two convictions in the most recent drug store robbery and had arrested two in connection with the first. One

of those pleaded guilty and the other case is pending. The Central Square robbery resulted in two arrests with one guilty plea and one pending case.

In dealing with methamphetamine and heroin use, Bean said there were two overdoses where the people were brought back through the use of Narcan.

He also reported on the recent case in which a stolen vehicle from Boston ended up in Bristol. The driver struck a curb in Central Square which disabled the vehicle by the time it got to North Main Street, and police were able to arrest him without incident.

In addition to the criminal activity he reported, Bean noted that police had issued 34 parking tickets this year, most from winter parking violations. In the last two weeks, they had issued 15 warnings to make sure people were aware of the parking bans, and they had just started issuing tickets to those who still ignored the ban.

Selectmen agreed to increase the fees for

parking violations to \$50 for individuals and \$75 for commercial vehicles. Those illegally parking in spaces reserved for the handicapped face a \$150 fine.

Bean also reported on holding active-shooter training at Freudenberg-NOK and he said Mid-State Health wants to set up another active-shooter program with them. Police also are conducting ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate) training at the Minot-Sleeper Library and the schools.

The police department is continuing its discussions regarding dispatch services, looking at Belknap County Dispatch as well as its current provider, Franklin. Bean said Franklin is interested in updating the communications equipment at the Hemp Hill tower to provide coverage of current dead spots.

Bean also reported that they learned that the police radio that had been transferred to the newest cruiser is not communicating properly and they will be looking to purchase a new one. He later learned that the cost of a replacement is about

\$3,500. As a vital piece of equipment, Bean hopes to find money in this year’s budget to purchase it right away.

A resident of the private Nyberg Road asked for permission to continue an arrangement reached with the town last year to allow someone to take truckloads of sand from the town shed to spread on the road, which has several residents in poor health. He originally approached the town about designating the road an emergency lane which would allow the town to maintain it for access by emergency vehicles, but that never occurred.

Selectmen said the Nyberg Road residents have had a full year to find a permanent solution, and voted to deny the request this year.

They also decided to designate no overnight parking on Merrimack Street, due to its narrow width.

Selectmen again awarded the town’s animal welfare contract to Upper Valley Humane Society, which charges a cost per service, rather than a fixed fee. The New Hampshire Humane Society wanted to get the contract back, but it requires an up-front

fee and is not as accommodating as the Upper Valley group has been, according to town officials. Milbrand abstained from the vote.

Selectmen also agreed to hold a workshop on rights-based ordinances in response to a request by Representative Vincent Paul Migliore of Bridgewater. The ordinance gives communities the right to block projects such as Northern Pass that they feel would be detrimental to the health and character of the town.

Migliore said that, although such ordinances “don’t have teeth” right now, he is co-sponsoring a bill that would seek a constitutional amendment to affirm community rights. Being able to say the towns he represents have adopted such ordinances would help him make his case in Concord, he said.

Ashland is holding a workshop on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Common Man Restaurant; Bridgewater is holding a workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Bridgewater Town Hall; and Bristol’s workshop will be on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. in the Bristol Municipal Building.

Santa

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the village where they watched Engineer Doug Williams and his train that wove its way along the polar setting. Cars pulled by the engine represented every year of Santa’s Village since 1988.

One by one children were then brought in to see Santa. Sitting on his lap they posed for photos, told him all their Christmas wishes and received a special ornament for their tree as they wandered back into the village.

A beautiful display of Annalee Dolls captivated all the little girls and, new this year, was the addition of Santa’s Office. Photos of past elves were on display and this year’s elves were busy reviewing children’s letters then adding their names to either the Naughty or Nice lists that hung on the office wall.

“One person actually asked for coal,” Twinkle chuckled as he scribbled more names on the lists.

Tapplly-Thompson Community Center’s Executive Director

Leslie Dion said 37 elves took part in this year’s Santa’s Village and were a big help in bringing holiday joy to the generations of families who have made a trip through the village a tradition.

“Each year we see at least 700-800 children. The highest year ever we had 1,600 people in all come here for the village and the craft fair,” she said.

Dion also thanked all the volunteers who donated funding, goods or their time to make Santa’s Village another huge success.

Earnings

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stipend.

Citing labor laws, the Bristol Board of Selectmen has not ex-



plained why either in chief had been placed on paid administrative leave.

The Grafton County Attorney’s Office has confirmed that it

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Thu., 1/25	Stevens	Home	5:6:30
Thu., 2/1	Hopkinton	Away	5:30/7
Tue., 2/6	Berlin	Away	5:6:30
Fri., 2/9	Inter-Lakes	Home	5:6:30
Tue., 2/13	Franklin	Away	5:30/7
Fri., 2/16	Somersworth	Home	5:6:30
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Fri., 1/5	Gunstock	Away	10am
Tue., 1/9	Ragged (practice)	Home	12:15
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Fri., 2/2	Gunstock (WAR)	Away	10am
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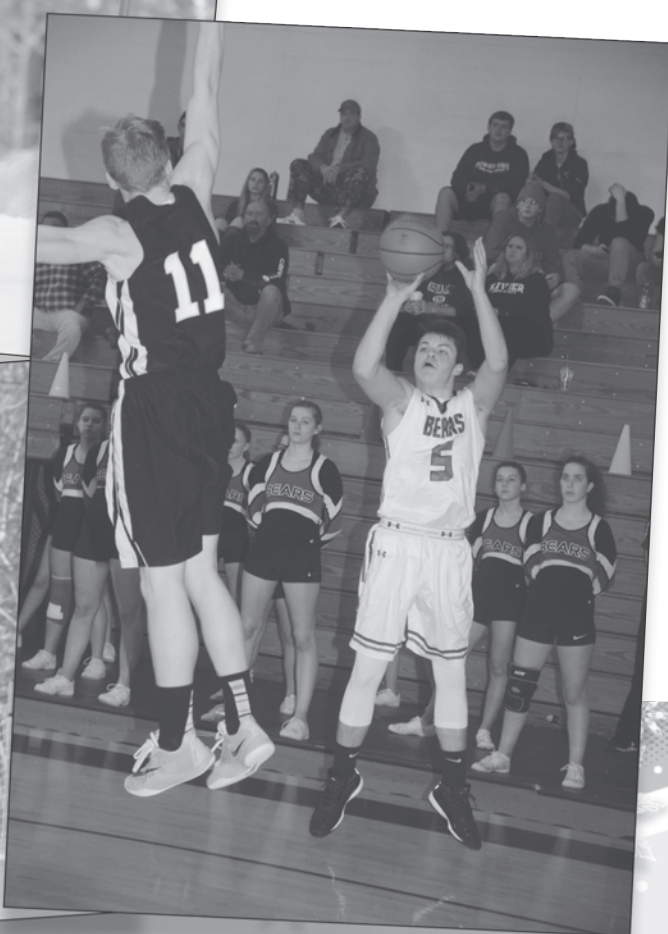
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wear, and with her felt-ing talents she makes not only soft warm mittens from recycled sweaters but stunning felted landscapes as well that are then artfully framed by her husband.

Bill's frames are all handcrafted with attention to details that make each piece one of a kind. Burlled apple, lilac roots and other unusual woods he uses each have gnarls, knots and other features that make each frame a work of art all on its own. He also uses them to craft wooden scarf buttons for his wife's scarves, wood utensils, bowls and other fine wooden items for the home.



DONNA RHODES

Bill Comeau and his wife Barbara Platts-Comeau are the owners of Riverview Artisans, a new shop in downtown Bristol, which features the varied talents of more than 20 artists.

"We both gear toward things that are unique," Barbara said.

With that in mind,

they have gathered a group of more than 20 artists who share their philosophy to create a

shop that is unique as well.

Pottery, stained glass, leather goods, fine silver

jewelry, digital art, watercolors and more fill the room in eye-pleasing displays, making it a relaxing place to browse and shop.

"We wanted to offer things you might not find in other shops and we always try to aim for all ranges of pricing. This is a shop we want everyone to be able to afford to stop by," said Barbara.

They've been very pleased with the recep-

tion they have received already, welcoming visitors from as far away as Canada and parts of Europe.

"I think Bristol's square is becoming a real destination now and it's exciting to be part of it," she said.

Riverview Artisans, LLC is located at 26A Central Square, and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Bristol

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to form a "core partnership" with Buxton is between \$50,000 and \$65,000, but Gracela said the return on investment could be phenomenal — but not overnight. It typically takes 18 months for clients to see results.

While Gracela listed several cities across the United States that have taken advantage of Buxton's services, Alpers asked about small towns like Bristol. Grace said the company is working with Caribou, Maine, which has a population of 8,189, as well as New Hampshire's town of Derry (33,109) and city of Rochester (29,752). Bristol's year-round population is 3,054, but the number swells in the summer when seasonal residents and visitors come to town. Clients who are closer to Bristol's size are

Weldona, Colorado, and Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Gracela said.

In addition to its partnership with towns, Buxton works with businesses to provide analytics that are specific to their needs, Gracela said.

"We're strengthening the entire retail base," he said.

The company's data-driven approach also allows Buxton to look at the siting of businesses in terms of square footage needs, what ingress and egress are available, and other factors a company would need before making a decision to expand into an area.

Buxton does not deal with industrial companies but it does work with medical firms as well as retail businesses.

The selectmen have not made a decision on the proposal but the visit gave them plenty to think about.

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Newfound Landing Sports

Section **B**
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What's On Tap

The local high school sports teams continue with a full slate of action heading toward the holiday break.

At Newfound, the girls' basketball team will be hosting Inter-Lakes on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin for a 7 p.m. game on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Newfound boys' basketball team will be at Inter-Lakes for a 6 p.m. game on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be hosting Raymond at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Newfound alpine team is slated to open the season at Bretton Woods on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.

At Plymouth, the girls' basketball team will be hosting Windham on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m., will be hosting Kearsarge at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, and will be hosting Bow at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Plymouth hoop boys will be at Windham at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be at Kearsarge at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will be opening the season at Moultonborough-Inter-Lakes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, and will be hosting Con-Val-Conant at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Proctor Academy.

The Plymouth ski jumping team is scheduled to open the season at Proctor Academy on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., conditions permitting.

The Plymouth wrestlers will be at Hollis-Brookline on Saturday, Dec. 16, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Bears win early-season showdown with Gilford

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — In the second game of the season on Dec. 5, the battle between Gilford and Newfound had all the drama of a late-season playoff battle.

In the end, the Bears were able to rally and hit four late free throws to secure a 57-54 win over the Golden Eagles.

"When we were pressing, we got off to a quick start," said Newfound coach Karri Peterson, referencing her team's 12-3 lead after one quarter. "But then we got in foul trouble and had to take the press off."

"We're one person short to be able to execute our 2-3 offense," Peterson continued. "We have to give up something somewhere and I haven't really figured out where yet."

The Bears got off to a great start, as Tiffany Doan hit a hoop and then Ashlee Dukette hit a free throw and a hoop for a 5-0 lead before Gilford got on the board. Madison Dalphonse got the final seven points of the quarter for Newfound, hitting a three and two baskets and the Bears had a 12-3 lead after one quarter of action.

The Golden Eagles didn't back away and they came out strong in the second quarter, scoring 10 points in a row to take a 13-12 lead and Newfound didn't get on the board until almost



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jasmine Peterson drives to the basket for two points during her team's win over Gilford last week.

four minutes were gone in the quarter, with Jasmine Peterson hitting two free throws to put the Bears on top by a 14-13 score.

Gilford came back with a three-pointer but Newfound scored the next six points. Dukette hit a hoop to tie the game and then a free throw to put her team in the lead and then Savanna Bony drilled a three-pointer to push the Bears ahead by a 20-16 lead.

The Golden Eagles came back with a three-pointer with 1:10 to go and then hit a free throw with 45 seconds to go in the half to tie the

game at 20.

However, Bony found her mark from downtown in the final minute, hitting a pair of three-pointers to close out the half and the Bears took a 26-20 lead to



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Ashlee Dukette puts up a shot during action against Gilford.

the halftime break.

Peterson hit a three-pointer and a free throw out of the gate to open the second half to open the lead to 30-20. After a Gilford free throw, Dukette hit a hoop to

push the lead to 11 before the Golden Eagles came back and converted a three-pointer play and two hoops to cut the lead to 32-28 with 3:20 to go in the quarter.

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Flying high

The Newfound spirit team entertains the crowd with high-flying routines at the girls' basketball team's home game with Gilford last week.

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Turnovers cost Bears in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NEWPORT — The Newfound hoop boys opened the regular season on Friday night on the road at Newport and dropped a 67-43 decision to the Tigers.

“Opening night in Newport was wild, as the home crowd was pumped up from the tip,” said coach Tom Bourdeau. “You would have thought it was a playoff game.”

Bourdeau noted that the Tigers featured an almost entirely new lineup from last year and was taller, faster and stronger.

“This team will surprise many teams in D3,” Bourdeau stated.

The first quarter saw each team dominate for stretches, with the Tigers jumping out to a 7-0 lead but Newfound came charging back and took a

15-14 lead after one quarter of play, with Mason Dalphonse leading the way with 10 points in the frame.

The Bears struggled in the second quarter, turning the ball over nine times and scoring just eight points in the frame. The hosts scored 23 in the second and while things were close in the middle of the frame with the Tigers up 25-20, but the hosts closed on a 12-3 run for 37-23 lead at halftime.

The Bears went ice cold in the second half, shooting only 10 percent from the floor after shooting 42 percent in the first half.

“Newport’s rough style of play allowed (us) to go to the free throw line 25 times in the second half, making 16,” Bourdeau said.

Newfound scored just seven points in the third quarter and Newport

scored 16. The fourth quarter was relatively even, with the Tigers outscoring the Bears 14-13.

Dalphonse had a huge game for the Bears, finishing with 24 points on

the day, the only Bear in double figures. He also came down with seven rebounds.

“We must improve on defense,” Bourdeau stated. “We will not win any games giving up

67 points, we just don’t have the offensive firepower to compete in a shootout.”

Newfound will be back in action on Friday, Dec. 15, as they visit Inter-Lakes for a 6 p.m.

game. On Thursday, Dec. 21, they will host Raymond at 6:30 p.m.

Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
PLYMOUTH’S JORDAN LEVESQUE challenges Kennett’s Maggie Bennett at the hoop during action on Dec. 8.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Amanda Daugherty drives base line in action at Kennett on Dec. 8.

“Let’s Go Fishing” program seeks volunteer instructors

REGION — Are you an ice angler who is looking to give back to your community? Do you want to share your love of fishing on the ice? New Hampshire Fish and Game’s “Let’s Go Fishing” Program is currently seeking new volunteer instructors to take part in ice fishing programs around the state. All levels of fishing experience are welcomed.

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Applications must be received by Friday, Jan. 5, to reserve your spot in the trainings.

The Let’s Go Fishing Program will hold the one-day training for new instructors on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at N.H. Fish and Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord. All materials and lunch will be provided.

The training will cover teaching techniques and presentation skills, along with ice safety, ethics, fish identification, ecology, fishing regulations and more. Once instructors have completed the training, there will be an opportunity to take part in programs and join an existing team of volunteer fishing instructors. These programs are offered in partnership with schools, camps, scout groups, and community centers all over the state.

“Becoming an instructor is extremely rewarding and is a fun way to get people involved in fishing,” said Let’s Go Fishing Program Coordinator Kyle Glencross.

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Eagles roll past Bobcats in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — While both teams got off to a slow start in the season opener on Dec. 8, the Kennett hoop girls were able to pick things up and the Plymouth Bobcats could not respond, leaving the Eagles with a strong 51-12 win to kick off the new season.

“We’ve said that our success is going to start on the defensive side of the ball they played as well defensively as I’ve seen in a while,” said Kennett coach Larry Meader. “Aggressiveness and tenacity on defense led to offense.”

“We have to remember we’re young, we’re trying to run a new offense, but clearly we need some more work,” said Plymouth coach Kristin Brule. “We made some young, rookie mistakes that we should know better than to make.”

Izzy Wroblewski got Kennett the first four points of the game before Leia Brunt hit a free throw for the Bobcats for their first point (and her first varsity point) with less than two minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Eagles got their offense moving a bit faster in the second quarter, scoring the first 17 points of the frame and keeping the Bobcats off the board until the final minute of the first half.

Liz Cote got things started with a basket, then Cassidy Chick worked inside for a hoop and then converted a three-point play to push the lead to 15-2.

Kenny came back with a three-pointer and then Wroblewski hit a hoop and a free throw to stretch the Kennett lead to 21-2. Stewart had another free throw and then Kenny added three from the line on back-to-back trips to the stripe, pushing Kennett’s lead to 25-2.

Brunt was able to get Plymouth on the board in the final seconds of the half with the Bobcats’ first field goal of the game and the score stood at 25-4 at the half-time break.

The Kennett attack continued in the second half, as Chick put back a rebound to get the scoring started and again the Eagles held the Bobcats off the board for most of the quarter. Wroblewski had a basket and then Kelsey Bush hit a free throw.

Bush followed that up with a three-point play and then Chick finished off her own streak with a basket. Cote drained a three-pointer to make it 38-4 and then Lexi Wiggin netted her first hoop of the season and Shannon added a free throw for a 41-4 lead.

As time ticked off in the quarter, Plymouth’s Gwen Merrifield got her first varsity points with a baseline jumper to make it 41-6 heading to the fourth quarter.

Bush hit two free throws to get the fourth quarter started and then Maggie Bennett added a hoop for the Eagles. Kenny put in another basket before Brunt came up with two from the free throw line to get Plymouth back on the board. Jordan Levesque and Hailey Rousseau each had baskets for the Bobcats in the frame but Stewart put back two rebounds in the final few minutes to close out the scoring for the 51-12 win for the Eagles.

“Overall we played very well, we rebounded very well,” Meader said, noting that rebounding and defensive pressure were things the team wanted to be strong with in the opener. “And we checked both of them off at half-time and at the end.

“And we got out and ran and did it well,” the Eagle coach continued. “We have some kids who can score and if we get out and run, it’s going to happen.”

He also noted the defense was on point to kick off the new year.

“Any time you can hold a team to 12 points, I think you’re playing good defense,” he said.

“Hopefully we should be able to clean up (the mistakes) quickly,” Brule said. “We have to focus on the small things and trying to get

little victories that will lead to bigger things.”

She noted that with a week until the team’s next game, there was some time to figure things out.

“There’s time to clean up some things,” she stated. “We’re at home next time, so hopefully that will give us a little more confidence and we’ll feel more at ease.”

Kenny led all scorers with 10 points on the night, while both Chick and Wroblewski added nine for the Eagles. Brunt led the Bobcats with six.

The Eagles will be hosting Lebanon on 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be at Goffstown on Thursday, Dec. 21, t 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth will be hosting Windham on Friday, Dec. 15, and Kearsarge on Monday, Dec. 18, both at 6 p.m. and will be hosting Bow at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

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Kennett
Bush 1-4-6, Stewart 2-4-8, Kenny 3-3-10, Bennett 1-0-2, Wiggin 1-0-2, Cote 2-0-5, Wroblewski 4-1-9, Chick 4-1-9, Totals 18-13-51

Plymouth
Levesque 1-0-2, Rousseau 1-0-2, Brunt 1-4-6, Merrifield 1-0-2, Totals 4-4-12

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Clinics will be held in the Laconia High School gym. All girls and boys in grades one through four will take the floor from 6 to 7 p.m. Boys in grades five through eight will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Some equipment will be available to borrow, but all players need mouth guards to participate.

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Alex Hamel opened the match for Plymouth last Wednesday with a pin.

JOSHUA SPAULDING



Troy Johnson works for a pin during his match with John Stark last week.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Champs roll in opening match

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth wrestling team picked up where it left off at last year’s Division III championship, rolling to a 76-6 win over John Stark on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Of the nine contest-

ed matches, Plymouth earned wins by pin in seven of them, while John Stark also forfeited five matches.

“John Stark has improved a lot since last year,” said Bobcat coach Randy Cleary. “And good work by our kids too.”

He noted that the Generals were able to cover nine of the 14 weight classes, which was an improvement over the team from a year earlier.

“They showed a lot of grit and a lot of fight,” Cleary said. “We thought going in we were going to have the

upper hand.”

Out of the gate, Plymouth earned pins in the first two matches of the evening. Alex Hamel earned a pin at 160 pounds and Nolan Farina came through with a pin at 170 pounds to put the Bobcats up 12-0. Nate Borger earned a forfeit

win at 182 pounds to push the lead to 18-0.

Troy Johnson picked up a pin win at 195 pounds to make it a 24-0 lead for the Bobcats before Tracy Cristano was pinned at 220 pounds to make it 24-6. Ethan MacDonald earned a forfeit win at heavyweight to make it 30-6 in favor of the Bobcats.

At 106 pounds, Charlie Comeau wrestled to a pin to make it 36-6. The next three matches were forfeits, with Jason McAllister at 113 pounds, Trevor Randlett at 120 pounds and Joe Cleary at 126 pounds all were credited with wins.

JC Gaumer wrestled at 132 pounds and got a pin for a 60-6 lead for the Bobcats and then Hunt-

er Lessard won by a pin in just 25 seconds at 138 pounds. Griffin Smith got a win by pin at 45 pounds for a 72-6 lead and then Eric Hogan got a 12-2 win at 152 pounds to round out the day and the 76-6 win for the Bobcats.

“The 76-6 score, there was a little more fight than the score showed,” Cleary stated. “For Stark to battle is a good thing.”

The Bobcats will be at Hollis-Brookline on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8:30 a.m. and at Newport on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m.

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Bobcats return plenty of hardwood experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — With just one graduation loss and a plethora of seniors, coach Mike Sullivan has high hopes for the Plymouth boys’ basketball team this winter.

“We pretty much have the entire team back,” Sullivan said. “We have a lot of experience coming back, guys that have played a lot of minutes.”

“We talked about how we’re going to use that experience to play hard and compete every night,” the Bobcat coach continued. “Our goal is to get a little better every day.”

With so many players returning to the fold, Sullivan was spending a lot of time getting in scrimmages to get the guys playing time as opposed to just practice.

“There’s only a little bit of learning, the majority is just fine tuning,” Sullivan stated. “We can start to add some things to the game plan and I think it’s a group that’s excited to get started.”

“They’re ready for their junior and senior years and want to be successful on the basketball court,” the Bobcat mentor continued. “We got a lot of reps last week and we jumped right into things.”

With scrimmages against Division IV powers Pittsfield and Littleton in the books, as well as a few others, Sullivan said the kids were ready to get on the court and play some basketball.

“They (scrimmages) get us up to speed, so we can look at film and see what we need to do,” he stated.

The Bobcats will be led by seven seniors, all of whom saw significant time on the court last year.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Danny Carey is one of seven seniors on the Plymouth boys’ basketball team this winter.

Danny Carey, Charlie Carpenter, Jordan Docen, Jake Lamb, Wes Lambert, Colby Moore and Mike Hogan are all back for their senior seasons and Sullivan expects good things from them.

“It’s a good group of athletes,” the Bobcat coach said. “We’re trying to tell the guys to go out and play a fun style.”

Juniors Owen Brickley, Patrick Malm, Jackson Palombo and Nick Qualey also saw time on the varsity court last year and Sullivan expects them to chip in a good deal as well.

“We had a good (first) week of practice,” he

stated. “We’re competing with each other and the attitudes are good.”

“We just want to create as much competition as possible,” Sullivan added.

The roster will be rounded out by juniors Shiv Patel and Zach McGlone along with swing players Samson Deruvo and Robert Oliver.

Sullivan will once again be joined by JV coach Ben Cronin and assistant coach Scott Miller on the bench.

The schedule for the Bobcats will feature two game each with traditional rivals Kingswood and Kennett, as well as two games with

Merrimack Valley. The Bobcats will play single games with Windham, Kearsarge, Goffstown, Laconia, Lebanon, John Stark, Coe-Brown, Pembroke, Bishop Brady, Hanover, Con-Val and Bow.

The season gets under way for the Bobcats with a pair of road games prior to the holiday break, as the team travels to Windham on Friday, Dec. 15, and then to Kearsarge on Wednesday, Dec. 20, both for 6:30 p.m. contests.

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Two months and counting until the big trip

Last Friday was a bit of a landmark day in the journey toward the trip to Korea for the Winter Olympics. Dec. 8 marked exactly two months until I will be on a plane headed for Seoul.

I have to admit that the recent political climate certainly doesn't have me feeling great about the way things are shaping up for this trip. Back in 2014, when I was heading to Russia for the last Winter Olympics, there was a lot of questions about the political climate in Russia but as it turned out, everything was okay on the Olympic end of things. I am certainly hoping that this runs the same way.

However, last week brought a great headline that certainly didn't make me feel at ease, as the headline on the front page of the Union Leader was a warning from a Washington official to get all dependents out of South Korea, due to its proximity to North Korea and all that's going on there. Didn't exactly stir my confidence in making this trip.

While there's been a lot of questions about Pyeongchang and the entire Korean peninsula, I've never really doubted that I was going to go, since I've put a lot of money into this trip. Of course, saying I put a lot of money into the show is a bit of a misnomer, since I've got a lot of help in paying for this trip. The only thing I've paid for myself at this point is

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

the flight, which in and of itself is an interesting bit.

After looking around for the best deal, I found a flight on Air Canada that takes me from Boston to Toronto on Feb. 8 and then after a short layover, I will fly over the North Pole on a flight that will take more than 13 hours into Seoul, arriving late in the afternoon on Feb. 9. The return flight is even more interesting, as I leave Seoul at 5 p.m. in the afternoon on Sunday, Feb. 25, and fly through Toronto again, landing in Boston at 7 p.m. So in essence, the flights will take a whopping two hours although I'll be on the planes for well more than 14 hours.

There are plenty of questions about Korea and the state of the Olympics moving forward, but as of right now, the plan is to be in Korea on Feb. 9 and stay through Feb. 25. My hope, like in 2014, is to see a little bit of everything during my time there and report on it through blog posts and articles in the newspaper each week. I will also try to see all the local people and those who have local connections. If you know of people with local connections that I might not know about, feel free to let me know so

that I can try and catch up with them while in Pyeongchang. Olympic qualifiers are coming up in the next month or so, at which point I'll have a better idea about what

local athletes will be in attendance.

Finally, have a great day Ken and Deb Jones.

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Hoops

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Peterson hit a basket to stretch the lead to six but Gilford came back and finished the quarter with eight straight points, including six from the foul line and the visitors had a 36-34 lead after three quarters of action.

Gilford opened the lead up to five points with a three-pointer to start the fourth quarter but then Peterson hit a hoop and Bony drilled a three-pointer with 1:10 gone in the fourth quarter. However, just moments later, the senior guard fouled out of the game, forcing Peterson to go a bit deeper on her bench.

The visitors hit two free throws and two hoops and they had their biggest lead of the game at 46-39 before Newfound came fighting back. Peterson drilled a three-pointer and then hit a free throw to cut the lead to 46-43. Gilford hit a hoop to go up by five but Mackenzie Bohlmann drilled a three-pointer

from the top of the key to cut the lead to 48-46 with 3:44 to go. Gilford hit two more hoops and the lead to 52-46 with three minutes to go.

Dalphonse came back with a three-pointer and then Dukette hit a hoop with 2:19 to go to cut the lead to one. Gilford hit a free throw to push the lead to two but Peterson went coast-to-coast for two more points, tying the game at 53 with 1:35 to go.

A Gilford free throw with 1:14 to go gave the Golden Eagles the lead, but Dukette came down with a defensive rebound on a Gilford free throw chance with 34 seconds to go and was fouled. She came back to the other end and hit two free throws to put her team in the lead and then Peterson came up with a big steal and calmly drained two free throws with 20 seconds to go to seal the 57-54 win for the Bears.

"It hurts when Savanna was out in the second half," Peterson said. "That hurt us.

"They really need to

understand the game, you have to adjust your play to what they are calling," she continued.

The Bear coach noted that Dalphonse, Bony and Peterson will be key when teams focus on Dukette, the reigning Division III Player of the Year.

"Ashlee was getting hit a little inside and (with four fouls) she was worried about getting a call," Peterson said. "She's still learning to fill in the middle."

It's also a matter of getting a couple of the younger girls into the defensive style that is needed at the high school level. Freshmen Doan, Peterson and Bailey Fairbank all played significant minutes and were on the court in the final minutes of the game.

"I'm trying to get some of the kids to buy into how to play defense," Peterson stated. "They didn't really have to play defense for two years at middle school and they could get away with it.

"It's hard when you're trying to get them to ex-

ecute what you want when they're not used to it," she added.

Peterson led the way for the Bears with 18 points, while Dukette and Bony each put in 12 points and Dalphonse added 10.

The Bears will be hosting Inter-Lakes at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be at Franklin for a 7 p.m. game on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the final game before the holiday break.

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Newfound

Peterson 5-5-18, Dalphonse 4-0-10, Bony 4-0-12, Doan 1-0-2, Bohlmann 1-0-3, Dukette 4-4-12, Totals 19-9-57

Gilford

Beaudet 4-2-13, Cole 3-6-13, Harris 1-1-3, Trinidad 1-2-4, Dean 0-1-1, Perkins 3-3-9, O'Connor 5-1-11, Totals 17-16-54

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