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COMPLIMENTARY

NMMS students bring a "Big Bad" show to the stage

BY DONNA RHODES

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BRISTOL - A talented and enthusiastic group of students at Newfound Memorial Middle School invite the community to join them for their performance of "Big Bad," a hilarious play which is filled with characters from classic fairy tales and asks the audience to decide how it will all end.

"Big Bad" is centered around a trial for the notorious fairy tale bad guy, the Big Bad Wolf, who has been charged with numerous crimes. Among them are 17 counts of lurking, two counts of attempting "murder by ingestion," four counts of sheep abduction and many more.

The role of the Big Bad Wolf is being portrayed by Savannah Muzzey, who said she enjoys playing a male character in this play, expressing different emotions then she has in past productions.

"It's nice to have an experience where you're not always happy and smiling. The biggest challenge is to not just look annoyed the time though. I've gotten to explore a lot more of the character in this role," Muzzey said. "It's good to have challenges!"

Defending the wolf is his attorney, the Evil Stepmother from "Cinderella," played by





The Bailiff (Mika Austin) swears in the Big Bad Wolf (Savannah Muzzey) as he goes on trial for numerous crimes in Newfound Memorial Middle School's production of the play "Big Bad." Looking on is the Judge (Abby Carlson) and Wolf's attorney, the Evil Stepmother (Isabel Braley) from the story "Cinderella."

DONNA RHODES (Left) The cast and crew of the Newfound Memorial Middle School's theater production of "Big Bad" invite the community to join them for a show filled with laughs and some familiar fairy tale characters on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the school office.

Isabel Braley. Braley said her challenge is to look for the good side of her defendant and convince everyone he really is a good guy.

Working against her is Chloe Jennings, who is the Fairy Godmother from "Cinderella" and serves as the prosecutor for the trial. She is determined to hold the wolf accountable for his numerous crimes.

Overseeing the trial is the judge, played by Abby Carlson. Carlson is enjoying her role as well, stating it's fun to portray what turns out to be a silly character. That, she said, helps take the pressure off the fact that she will be standing in front of a large audience when the curtain rises.

Another key character is the "Enchanted Forest News" court reporter Sydney Grimm, who is covering the trial. Mika Austin portrays the reporter who speaks directly to the audience, which will serve as the jury, as the case unfolds.

"Fair and balanced," she promised with a smile, "although, I may be on the side of the SEE **BIG BAD**, PAGE A9

Hebron couple face impact of Australian wildfires

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HEBRON – John and Becky Blair of Hebron typically spend their winters relaxing at their second home, situated five-and-a-half hours south of Sydney, Aus-

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tralia on the beautiful South Coast. This year, however, their annual three-month return to SEE **BLAIR**, PAGE A9

No discussion at Newfound budget bearing

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BRISTOL — Less than a dozen people attended the Jan. 10 hearing on the Newfound Area School District Budget Committee's proposed \$24,596,576 budget for 2020-21, and because there were no questions, mere 20 minutes.

Vice-Chair Kim Bliss of Alexandria stepped in on short notice to conduct the meeting when she learned that Chair Ruby Hill of Danbury was ill. Also missing was Groton budget committee member Steve

had recently resigned.

Bliss outlined the increases from the current budget, noting that the proposed operating budget of \$22,797,689 is \$512,439 higher than the current-year budget of \$22,285,250, amounting to 2.3 percent. The total

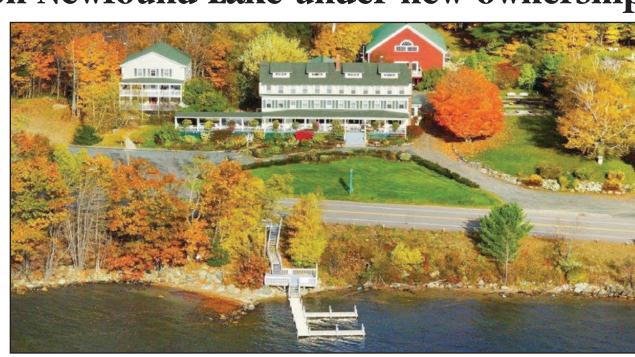
the meeting lasted a "Slim" Spafford, who budget, which includes food services and federal grant programs, represents a 4.5 percent increase, she said.

> Bliss said the district is proposing five staff positions: a district-level social worker at \$90,319, which SEE **BUDGET**, PAGE A10

The Inn on Newfound Lake under new ownership

BRIDGEWATER The Inn on Newfound Lake in Bridgewater is under new ownership. This 29-room venue with premier barn wedding and event space sits graciously on the shore on Newfound Lake with 250 feet of private shorefront. For more

25 years, the inn has been owned and operated by Larry DeLangis & Phelps Boyce II. They have overseen a successful renovation of much of the property, and most recently the Cot-SEE **INN**, PAGE A10



PSU's Educational Theatre Collaborative brings "Annie" to Life

PLYMOUTH — The Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETC) at Plymouth State University (PSU) will present the heartwarming musical, "Annie," from Jan. 22 to 26 at the Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth.

"The hope and optimism found in the story of Annie is still so relevant and important today," said Trish Lindberg, Artistic Director, Educational Theatre Collaborative. "This incredible cast of more than 120 community members has embraced that positivity and brought it to each and every rehearsal. I feel honored to work with such a stellar cast and crew."

Set in the Great Depression, "Annie" tells the story of an exceptional 11-year-old who uses her poise, personality and positive attitude to escape her "hard-knock" life at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. After leaving the orphanage to stay with billionaire Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks one Christmas, Annie wins his heart and they set out on an epic mission to find her parents. Based on the popular Harold Gray comic strip, the Broadway musical features music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Mar-



The Educational Theatre Collaborative at Plymouth State University will present the heartwarming musical, Annie, from Jan. 22 to 26 at the Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth. The production features more than 120 community members from 15 New Hampshire towns. Pictured above (L-R), Irene Schultz as Lily St. Regis, Fran Page of Plymouth as Rooster Hannigan, and Carolyn Dorff as Miss Hannigan dance to a song from the production.

tin Charnin and book members help younger by Thomas Meehan. The Broadway production of "Annie" won Awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book.

More than 120 community members of all ages from 15 towns across New Hampshire will participate in the production as cast and crew. The company is memorizing lines, choreographing musical numbers, creating costumes and preparing for opening night over just 19 days. This is possible because older cast

cast members develop the skills and confidence they need to shine on stage. Many cast members prepare for their roles extensively before the first rehearsal.

The show's leading lady is 11-year-old Irene PletcherfromHanover: "Annie" also brings many familiar faces back to the Silver Center stage, including Amy Weston of Meredith as Grace, Fran Page of Plymouth as "Rooster" Hannigan, and Joe Casey of Plymouth as Drake. Michael Smyth of Orford, an ETC newcomer, will play Oliver "Daddv" Warbucks. The company also welcomes 10-yearold Sunny, a former rescue dog, who starred as Annie's precious mutt, Sandy, in the 2014 Broadway revival.

Founded in 1994, the Educational Theatre Collaborative, a joint venture between Plymouth State University and Plymouth Elementary School, has been recognized for bringing people together in a caring and nurturing environment to create the magic of musical theatre for all ages. The Collaborative received the Moss Hart Award from the New England Theatre Conference, honoring its musical theatre education for the local community.

"Annie" will run Jan. 22 to 26, 2020. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday

through Saturday; matinee performances will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For information about "Annie" and purchase tickets, contact the Silver Center for the Arts box office at 535-2787 or (800) 779-3869 or visit www.plymouth.edu/ silver-center/tickets/.

NHTI Fall Dean's List

CONCORD—The following students have been named to the Dean's List at NHTI, Concord's Community College in recognition of their academic achievement the Fall 2019 term. In order to qualify for Dean's List a student must be considered full time (registered for 12 credits or more) and have a term GPA of 3.3 or higher.

> Alexandria Samantha Akerman

> > Alton

Shannon Armstrong, Emma Hardie, Alexandra McKenzie, Thomas Simpson, Lucas Therrien, Ethan

Alton Bay

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NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning providing accessible, rigorous education, serving businesses students, and the community by creating pathways for lifelong learning, caadvancement and civic engagement NHTI-Concord's Community College offers more than 90 academic programs to more than 4,600 students annually. Graduates can transfer to 4-year colleges and universities, or enter directly into the workforce. NHTI is a member of the Community College System New Hampshire, and has been accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, a nongovernmental, nationally recognized accrediting agency, since 1969.

Create nature comics with the SLA

HOLDERNESS — Can comics be tools for conservation? Join the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) tween 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to create nature-based comic strips! An important part of conservation is communication. Comic strips can be a fun way to share interesting parts of the natural world with others. We will have art supplies set up in the SLA's Great Room (located at 534 US Route-3 in Holderness) and Lakes Region Conservation Corps (LRCC) members will be there to teach

participants about the Squam Lake area. Participants can come at any time and stay for howevon Sunday, Jan. 19 be- er long they desire. Reg- away with a better un- tion, or to sign up for istration is not required,

but is appreciated. We will discuss lake ice formation, leaf color change, fungus/tree relationships, winter life, ongoing conservation efforts in the Squam Watershed area, and anything else that sparks your interest! Participants can drink hot cocoa, recline by the fire, and create nature-inspired comic strips. We can also take short walks around the SLA campus to gain further inspiration for our

Participants will walk derstanding of lake life, an appreciation of the arts as tools for conservation, and of course, their unique comic creation! The SLA will provide basic art supplies. Participants should bring warm winter clothes if they want to get outside, water, a snack, special art supplies, and binoculars if desired. Any walk we take will be around the SLA and will be on flat

terrain. Participants of

all ages are welcome! This will be a very kid-friendly

For more informathis Adventure Ecology program, go to the SLA website (squamlakes.org) or call the SLA directly at 968-7336. The SLA offers a variety of programs throughout the winter covering different aspects of lake and forest ecology and local conservation efforts. These programs are led by the Lakes Region Conservation Corps Americorps members and are free and open to the public.

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Learn to ice fish on Free Fishing Day

HOLDERNESS —New Hampshire has more than 1,000 lakes ponds scattered across the state adding up to 277 square miles of water. Everyone knows that lakes are fun to explore in the warm days of summer but they can be just as much fun in the wintertime. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will take you out onto the ice to learn about and try your hand at ice fishing.

Beneath the snow and ice is a wondrous world of peril: oxygen starts to deplete, food is scarce, and water temperature is barely above 37 degrees Fahrenheit. Join Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in search of fish that remain active under these conditions.



Learning the basics of ice fishing with a jig rod.

adaptations by observ-Try to entice fish to the

ing fish colors, fins, and mouthparts. Whether fishing for food, as a social gathering, or to be out in the elements, ice fishing is a great activity to foster a love for nature.

Ice Fishing for Families is for adults and families with children ages nine and up. It runs from 7 to 10:30 a.m. All fishing instruction and equipment are provided at no extra cost. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear insulated snow boots with non-cotton socks. Wear many, many layers of clothing including non-cotton insulating base layers, a wind-proof outer layer, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and gloves. Bring an extra pair of gloves, snacks, a thermos with a hot beverage, and a camp chair.

Jan. 18 is New Hampshire's Free Fishing Day so there is no charge for this event and fishing licenses are not required but pre-registration is required by calling the Science Center at 968-7194,

Would be burglars sentenced for armed robbery

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

past fall.

HAVERHILL – A man and woman who broke into an Alexandria home last spring were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison this week after they were found guilty of Class A felony charges for Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery this

On April 4, 2019 Randy and Chris Rhude awoke to find a man and woman inside their Lynn Ave. home where the male was threatening them with a gun as he demanded access to their safe. Matthew Gedney, age 38, of Goffstown, and his co-conspirator, Jessica Evans, no age or residency given, were taken into custody later that day however and found guilty early last fall on the felony charges. On Mon., Jan. 6, the two were brought before a judge in the Grafton County Court House where Gedney received a

sentence of six-and-onehalf to 15 years in the N.H. State Prison while Evans was sentenced to five to 15 years in the New Hampshire State Women's Prison.

Hornick said Evans pled guilty to her charges in October, while evidence in Gedney's Sept. 27, 2019 trial showed that after entering the Rhude home in the early morning hours last April, he threatened to shoot Mr. Rhude with what appeared to be a 9mm handgun. That threat gained them access to the Rhude's safe where the two removed a large sum of money and fled the residence.

both terrified by the ordeal," Hornick said in her press release. "This was a planned robbery. Accounts from neighbors who testified at trial revealed that a blue car matching Gedney's was seen in the days prior to

Auditions planned for Newfound school & community musical

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School will be producing "Mamma Mia" as our annual school and community musical on April 17 and 18. The show promises to be a high energy, entertaining endeavor featuring music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of ABBA. This large-cast show requires many actors, singers and dancers. Specifically, there are six female soloists, six male soloists, and a large chorus consisting of islanders, resort workers and wedding guests.

Auditions are open to both students and community members

on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students and adults. We will meet elementary students on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. and begin call backs at 5 p.m. Please have appropriate footwear for dancing and wear comfortable clothing that allows for mobility.

Anyone who is interested, regardless of experience, is encouraged to audition. This is a warm and welcoming group that enjoys working on the stage or behind the scenes. After all, as asked by Benny and Bjorn, "without a song or a dance, what are we?"

the robbery."

While the pair did manage to leave the home with the cash, they did not get far. During their attempt to leave the scene, Gedney crashed his car further down the road and the pair then had to flee on foot. Evans soon gave herself up to police but Gedney remained hidden in a nearby abandoned barn. N.H. State Police K9 Casper soon tracked him to the location and law enforcement officers were eventually able to take Gedney into custody. During the course of the arrest, police also recovered the stolen cash, some of which had been buried in the dirt floor of the barn.

Assisting search and arrests that day were members of not only NHSP, but Alexandria and Bristol police departments and Deputy County Attorney Paul. V. Fitzgerald handled the prosecution of the case.

"We are grateful for the hard work, dedication and cooperation among the different agencies," Hornick said. "In light of the ongoing opioid epidemic, these types of crimes are unfortunately common. I encourage the public to look out for their neighbors and themselves. Please contact your local police department to report any concerns."

NLRA to bost Nature Storytime at library

BRISTOL — Join the Newfound Lake Region Association and the Minot Sleeper library for a nature-inspired storytime and craft on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 10:45 a.m. at the Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol. Featuring "Over and Under the Snow" by Kate Messner, the storytime will explore the hidden world beneath the snow. Children will discover how animals spend the winter, and then create their own secret animal kingdom.

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and jigging techniques

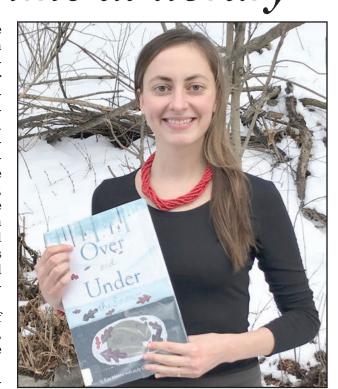
that mimic their natural

food. Learn about fish

NLRA's newest staff member, Audrey West, will lead the storytime for children of all ages. Born and raised in Alaska, Audrey moved to New Hampshire in 2013. She first came to Newfound Lake on a chance country drive, and the abundant natural scenery, paired with the local towns' ample New England charm, immediately felt like

home. West says, "I love that I can go for a hike or kayak and feel like I'm the only person in the world, and in the next five minutes be having ice cream at a lively country store. That is a special balance that we can only maintain if we work to protect it."

As the Membership



Kate Messner

Manager for NLRA, Audrey hopes to continue to develop the organization's relationships with local people and businesses to help protect the special characteristics of Newfound Lake, while also staying in touch with her other passion—kids!

"NLRA wants to keep Newfound a beautiful place for the future, and Newfound's youngest residents are that future," says West. "My goal is to make sure they are included in the conversation."

NLRA is dedicated to protecting Newfound Lake and its water-The Association shed. through education, programs and collaboration—promotes conservation and preservation of the region's natural, social, and economic resources. You can learn more about the important work of the NLRA, such as water quality initiatives, invasive species prevention, and land conservation, and find upcoming events at www. newfoundlake.org.



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Women and alcohol

Research shows that alcohol use and misuse increasing among women. While hol misuse by anyone presents serious public health concerns, women who drink have a higher risk of certain alcohol-related problems compared to men. Why do women face higher risks?

Studies show that women start to have alcohol-related problems sooner and at lower drinking levels than men for several reasons. On average, women weigh less than men. Also, alcohol resides predominantly in body water, and pound for pound, women have less water in their bodies than men. This means that after a woman and a man of the same weight drink the same amount of alcohol, the woman's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) will tend to be higher, putting her at greater risk for harm. Other biological differences may contrib-

ute as well. What are the longterm health risks? Women who regularly misuse alcohol are more likely than men who drink the same amount to develop alcoholic hepatitis, a potentially fatal alcohol-related liver condition. This pattern of drinking can also lead to cirrhosis (permanent liver scarring). Long-term alcohol misuse is also a leading cause of heart disease. Women are more susceptible to alcohol-related heart disease than men. even though they may consume less alcohol over their lifetime than men. There also is an association between drinking alcohol and developing breast cancer. Studies demonstrate that women who consume about 1 drink per day have a 5 to 9 percent higher chance of developing breast cancer than women who do not drink. When considering these risks, it's also important to know your family history.

Research suggests that alcohol misuse produces brain damage more quickly in women than in men. In addition, a growing body of evidence shows that alcohol can disrupt normal brain development during the adolescent years, and there may be differences in the impact of alcohol on the brains of teen girls and boys who drink. Women also may be more susceptible than men to alcohol-related blackouts, which are gaps in a person's memory for events that occurred while they were intoxicated. These gaps happen when a person drinks enough alcohol to temporarily block the transfer of memories from short-term to longterm storage known as memory consolidation in a brain area called the

hippocampus. Any drinking during pregnancy can be harmful and it is recommended that women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant do not consume alcohol. Alcohol can disrupt fetal development at any stage during a pregnancy—including at the as made by (a) some inearliest stages before a woman even knows she is pregnant. Prenatal alcohol exposure can cause physical, cognitive, and behavioral problems in children, any of which can be components of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).

For more information, visit our website at cadyinc.org. If you, or someone you know, struggles with substance misuse or addiction, please call 2-1-1 or the Doorway at LRGHealthcare (934-8905) for help.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN

The rationale of feeding birds, and the vagaries of the language

The bears are denned up, although an extended thaw might draw the odd bear out, and the tilt and orbit of Mother Earth tell us we're unofficially into winter. People who feed birds, meanwhile, have waited for neither. This includes me at the kitchen sink, with Peterson's and binoculars at hand.

Although most people seem to time their first serious bird-feeding within a few seconds of the first snowflake, some people feed year-round. Paul Doherty, for instance, enjoyed feeding raptors, crows and ravens at his Gorham Hill home, and had an ingenious tree-high pulley and platform for same.

Over the years, readers have sent in photos of some unbelievable bird-feeding stations, which always leave me wondering about the snow. Unless inventive raising systems are employed, you can't drive a plow-truck under a bunch of bird-feeders. A snow-blower is a possibility, assuming creative and quick direction of throw. But most of it inevitably comes down to scoop and shovel.

Some people have feeders right on their windowsills, or as an extension of same. These strike me credibly talented people, or (b) people with way too much time on their hands, or (c) both. But even the most inventive jobs involve some sort of outside slog to fill the feeders and, according to schedule or need, clean the perches and pecking



This photo encapsulates my fond mental image of a raven, which comes from a good deal of reading, lots of watching from my deck, and more than one inquisitive squinty-eyed gurgling "squ-ark!" from treetop level.

places.

Or in the case of blue jays, slewing places. Just now, I have a pair of these hanging around, on the dole, picking their teeth in adjacent softwoods until the next foray, in which they glide down, pick out a preferred perch, and proceed to fecklessly slew their beaks back and forth in search of sunflower seeds, while all else plummets to the

The chickadees come along then and forage for what has fallen, all the while bobbing their little heads up and down, on the lookout for predators. With them come the red squirrels; ditto for their heads.

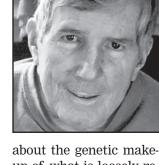
Well, between the drama of doing dishes and the beauty of bird-watching, I just can't help noticing the little things of everyday life, especially when someone decides to change them, willv-nillv.

For instance, a new way to explain breathless television coverage of the latest storm is to point out how many millions of people it might "impact." (Flag down at the ten-yard line! Use of "impact" as a verb!)

Anyway, we're now told that a storm rolling across the High Plains could "impact" a few million people around Denver, and a few million more around St. Louis and Chicago, and suddenly we've got a storm that could, maybe, just might, once in a blue moon, never on Sunday, affect 20 million people. This explains all the hoopla.

The very latest weather-hyping gimmick, however, is to report not what the temperature actually is, but what it "feels like." This is a way to educate us all about "wind chill." Therefore, we're told, in dire tones, that it "feels like" 10 degrees in New York and "feels like" zero in Boston. (At this point, the viewer "feels like" a good book.)

In a recent column



about the genetic makeup of what is loosely referred to as the Eastern coyote, I left out the actual figures on the genetic makeup of the Eastern coyote. Duh.

There are a lot of variants at play here, and something out of sight and mind might have gone on between your old beagle over there asleep on the rug and a coyote with a wink in its eye, but still, in general:

---60 to 84 percent of the wolfish-looking animals out there trying to make a living in the wild, eating anything they can get, are indeed coyotes. It's just that they're pretty big coyotes---bigger than a breadbox, bigger than those coyotes who elect, for reasons known only to the coyotes, to stick to the region known vaguely as "west of the Mississippi." Whether this is the result of some big secret coyote conference a long time ago I don't know.

---8 to 25 percent of the definitely wolf-like creatures we see cavorting around out there are carrying "significant amounts" of wolf genes. If it tries to do a bentgo-to-Grandmother's-house routine, it's probably leaning more toward Wolfdom.

---8 to 11 percent of the dog-coyote-wolf-like animals out there just panting to snatch cooling pies off windowsills

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Strategies for Living

The case of the vanishing church

BY LARRY SCOTT

The city of Cusco had shut down for the day in the quiet of a normal Andean night. It was 1949 and, at 11,000 feet in elevation, the nights were bitterly cold and the streets were empty.

Cusco, a city of some 60,000 residents, was still years away from achieving its world-renowned status. All around the city, reminders of the Cusco's Inca heritage and subsequent occupation by the Spanish could still be found. High on a mountain overlooking the city, the ruins of Sacsayhuaman could be seen, standing like a sentinel over this ancient capital of the Inca Empire. I should have been impressed, but to this 10-year-old, it was just home.

I refer to the city, for there was one night during the two years we lived there that I shall never forget. I recall awakening with a start, disturbed by a loud,

rumbling sound outside our home. As it came closer, the noise slowly increasing in intensity and left me pondering its meaning. I listened as it passed us by and then slowly faded into the distance. And then ... silence.

I am not sure what prompted the thought, but suddenly I sat up in bed in a cold sweat. One horrifying thought overwhelmed me: "Jesus has come, and I have just heard the departure of all God's people. I have been left behind!"

It never happened, obviously, and it will not. I am charting the next ten years of my life. My plans notwithstanding, I live each day well aware that this may be the day of my departure. I am ready... and excited... about the prospect. My death – and new life – is but a few years away. Soon, I plan to hear my Savior say, "Welcome home, Larry. The battle's

over!"

It is difficult for me to visualize the nightmare that will be faced by those who awaken on that fateful morning to discover the Christian community has disappeared. In a matter of moments, the world will have changed; nothing will ever be the same again.

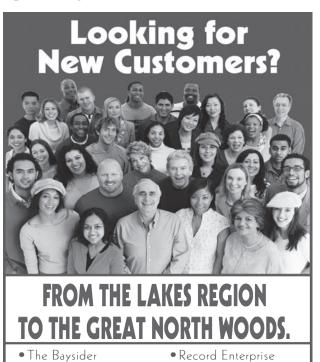
Millions of men and women, absent from their posts, will tie up business, travel, and marketing throughout our world. It is difficult to imagine the impact this will have on our society. Hospitals without doctors... automobiles without drivers... students without teachers ... airplanes without pilots. All activity comes to a standstill. TV stations go silent, Congress adjourns, gas stations close, highways stopped gridlock. Panic sweeps the nation, lawlessness goes unchecked.

As a new reality sets in, one man emerges out of the chaos, promising

order and recovery. A brilliant mastermind. the man with all the answers, smooth, and articulate, he is an aristocrat. Perfectly placed with the power to bring order out of the chaos, a grateful world quickly falls into line. He's the man of the hour, an astute political strategist, a deeply religious gentleman, a humble "servant of the people." Although there are those who voice caution, no one is listening. Order is established, new laws are enacted, harsh measures are implemented.

After some months of painstaking readjustments, a new normal emerges. Banking, commerce, and transportation function again. The architect of recovery is hailed as the hero of the hour, the man to whom all are indebted. Indeed, the Antichrist has come, but no one knows it.

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.



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Trump received hundreds of millions of dollars from his father and left a trail of bankruptcies in his wake. I built a business from scratch and grew it into a multi-billion dollar company. As a self-made investor, I learned how to grow prosperity — but I also saw how big corporations used their power to influence politics and enrich themselves. Unlike Trump, who has rigged the economy for the wealthy, I have a track record of taking on the big corporations and pushing economic power back to the people. This election will be won or lost on the economy.

Join our campaign to beat Trump in 2020



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Catherine Elizabeth Barrett

ALEXANDRIA Catherine "Kate" Elizabeth Barrett of Alexandria left the good earth on Jan. 6, 2020.

Kate was born and raised in Winsted, Conn., and for over 40 years, lived in Orange, Conn. Kate graduated with an RN degree from The Hospital of St. Raphael School of Nursing and graduated with a BS, cum laude, from Southern Connecticut State University. For many years Kate worked at The Hospital of St. Raphael and Yale University School of Medicine before her retirement to Alexandria.

Kate is survived by her dear children, Nan-Elizabeth, Thomas and Mark Rohlfs and her special grandchildren, Nadia, Deming and Harrison Rohlfs, Baby Kate Elizabeth Wessinger-Rohlfs, Anna and Joseph Wessinger, William and Elizabeth Barrett Kennedy, and Lauren, Holly and Charlotte Rohlfs. Kate is also survived by her sisters, Lucinda Boone and Mary Barrett, and by her



brothers, William, John and James Barrett. She is predeceased by her sister Eileen. Kate leaves a large extended family and many friends, including her faithful border collie companions, Theo and imp Gem.

Retiring to the Newfound Lake area allowed Kate to renew her interest in conservation, especially clean water. Following service in several capacities on the Alexandria Conservation Commission, the Town of Alexandria honored Kate by naming a town park Alexandria Barrett Park. Kate also served on the Newfound and Conservation Partnership Board and on the Newfound Area Nursing Association Board.

When an opportunity arose to purchase and preserve an ecologically important parcel of land in the Newfound Lake watershed, Kate worked with the Natural Reserve Conservation Service to renew the land and ensure that the brook waters run clean.

Relatives and friends are invited to A Mass of Christian burial which will be held on Saturday April 4, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 31 Oak St., Winsted, Conn. followed by burial at the Forest View Cemetery, Winsted, Conn. in the Deming Family plot with a reception to follow after all services. There are no calling hours. Assisting the family with the arrangements is the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St. (Route 62), Danvers. Donations may be made to the Newfound Lake Region Association. Bristol, NH for land and water conservation. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.

Maria S. Caizzi, 79

BRISTOL — Maria S. "Ria" Caizzi, 79, of 42 Central Square, died Tuesday, Jan.uary 7, 2019 at Mt. Ridge Health Care Center after a brief illness.

She was born in Boston, Mass., the only child of Thomas and Mildred (Pesce) Caizzi. The family lived in Revere, Mass. until moving to Bristol in 1979. Ria enjoyed watching birds and was always on the lookout for her

favorites, the cardinals. To say that Ria was a Red Sox fan would be an understatement. She was devoted to her team and followed them on tv. and in Boston and Florida when she had the opportunity.

Family members include cousins Susan Dearborn, Linda Nicholas, and Richard Pollard and their extended families.

Services-A Mass of

Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Chapel of Holy Trinity Parish, 2 West Shore Rd., Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Holy Trinity Parish, 11 School St., Plymouth, NH 03264. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol.

Heidi Dennis, 48

BRISTOL — Heidi Dennis, 48, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Speare Memorial Hospital, after a brief period of declining health. She was the daughter of Bernard Joyce and Kathlyn Rice, and had lived most of her life in Bristol. Heidi had worked most recently at Mae's Place as a caregiver. She was an avid reader and will always be remembered for her love of literature.



Family members include a brother. Dean Hobart of Bristol; nieces and nephews Andr'e Roy of Effingham, Robert

Spaulding of Belmont, Crystal Baker of Groton, Jessica Spaulding of Gilford, and Joey Baker of North Carolina.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, William Hobart, and sister Terrie Spaulding.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Bunker Hill Cemetery in Hill. Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol is assisting with arrangements.

F. Ruth Sylvain, 82

ALEXANDRIA - F.Ruth Sylvain, 82, died Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Speare Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Tewksbury, Mass., the daughter of Joseph and Angelina (Famularo) Grasso. Ruth lived most of her life in Lawrence, Mass. before moving to Alexandria in 1985. She was a graduate of Lawrence High School and earned a Bachelor's degree from Southern

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New Hampshire University. Ruth was a group home director and cared for patients in her home.

Family members include a son, Roy Sylvain of Tamworth; a sister, Agnes "Bunny" Aliberti of Methuen, Mass.; a brother, Frank David Grasso of Florida; many grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

was predeceased by her husband, George Sylvain.

Calling hours will be Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 from 3-5 p.m. at the Emmons Funeral Home, 115 South Main St., Bristol, NH 03222. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Dept, 158 Washburn Rd., Alexandria, NH 03222.

C. Mizner, 79, died Dec. 16, 2019 at Speare Memorial Hospital after a period of declining health.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., one of twin boys of Cassius and Geraldine (Kane) Mizner. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted and served in the US Air Force. Ronald and his family moved to Meredith in 1978 and then to Bristol in 1998.

BRISTOL — Ronald

Before he retired Ron worked for over 20 years at Lakes Region Community Services Council as a case manager.

Ron's free time was filled with reading, motorcycling, hunting and cooking.

Family members include his wife, Judith (Gahring) Mizner of Bristol; his twin brother, Donald (Gail) Mizner of Pennsylvania; and brother Cassius Mizner

Ronald C. Mizner, 79 of Wyoming.

> He was predeceased by his daughter, Kimberly Mizner, in 2007.

> Services will be held at a later date. Those wishing may make donations in his memory to the Bristol Fire Company, 85 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222. Arrangements are under the direction of Emmons Funeral Home of Bris-

Stephen Sleeper, 71

Stephen Sleeper, 71, passed away Dec. 29, 2019 at Genesis-Mtn. Ridge in Franklin.

his father, Warren Sleeper, and mother Vera Tenney Sleeper, and a sister, Martha June Sleeper.

Stephen is survived by his sister, Stephanie Sleeper MacDonald, and her husband and her children, Marc E. Coffin and

BRIDGEWATER his wife Nancy and their two daughters, Makayla and Cassie, and her son and his wife Chris and Toni, his daughter ni's daughters Jenna and Becca Wilson and her husband's daughters, Vicki Sweat and her two children, Tiffany and Brandon, and their children, and Anna Perkins and her family.

Stephen worked for

many years at the IPC/ Freudenberg NOC in Bristol, and then at Hannaford in Bristol until his retirement in 2013. He Shannon Coffin and To-loved fishing and hunting and dirt car racing and "old" Western movies.

> There will be no calling hours or services. Burial will be at the Homeland Cemetery in the family lot at a later





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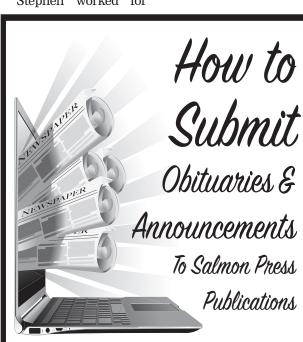
Town of Groton 754 North Groton Road, Groton, N.H. 03241 (603) 744-8849

Any resident of the Town of Groton who wishes to file a Declaration of Candidacy for any of the following Town Offices may do so between January 22 - January 31, 2020 at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am -4pm, Tuesday 12pm - 7pm The office will be open January 31, 2020 from noon to 5:00pm.

The following positions are available:

SELECT BOARD MEMBER 3 year term TREASURER 3 year term PLANNING BOARD 3 year term PLANNING BOARD 3 year term **CEMETERY TRUSTEE** 1 year term LOCAL/TOWN AUDITOR 1 year term MODERATOR 2 year term TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND 3 year term TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND 3 year term LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 year term LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 year term **ZONING BOARD** 3 year term **ZONING BOARD** 3 year term **ZONING BOARD** 3 year term SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST 6 year term

Submitted by Ruth Millett, Town Clerk



of special events such as weddings, engagements, and anniversaries are published FREE OF CHARGE in any/all Salmon Press newspapers. **Obituaries** can be sent to: obituaries@salmonpress.com Wedding, engagement, and anniversary **announcements** are welcome at: weddings@salmonpress.com

Obituaries and **Announcements**

Photos are also welcome, but must be submitted in jpeg format.

Please contact Executive Editor Brendan Berube at (603) 279-4516, ext. 111 with any questions regarding the submission process.



Towns

Bristol

Al Blakeley adblakeley0@gmail.com

Well, the 'January thaw' has come and gone and we are back in the frigid zone once again! At least we can enjoy longer and longer days of sunlight with the hope that warmer days will soon be back to stay. It was nice while it lasted, though. I love to see the folks out walking around with shorts and T-shirts that the latter days of Fall would not reveal such bravado!

Anyone wishing to file for any of the following openings in the Town of Bristol must sign up with the Town clerk at 5 School Street, Bristol, starting January 22, 2020 until January 31, 2020 by 5:00pm:

2 Select Board members for 3 years, 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years, 1 Moderator for 3 years, 1 Treasurer for 3 years, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years, I Supervisor of the Checklist for 4 years, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years, 1 Cemetery trustee for 3 years, 2 Budget Committee members for 3 years, 3 Library Trustees for 3 years.

Regular Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. The office will be open until 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. Petition Warrant Articles must be in by Feb. 4. The office will be open until 5 p.m.

Before and Beyond the Lifts: Sketches of Backcountry Skiing. Jeff Leich of the New England Ski Museum will make a presentation which revisits the origins, equipment, legends and lore of human-powered skiing on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Minot-Sleeper Library.

Remember the weekly groups that meet regularly at MSL: Storytime on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45am, Tech Help on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. and Community Groups: Mah Jong on Mondays from noon – 2 p.m. and Knot Only Knitters on Mondays from 2:30 - 4:30

Please check out the Library Book Groups and the Library Movie Group as well.

Please be aware of all the hazards the bad weather can bring and be careful when out in the elements so you can be as safe as possible. Lend a helping hand to others in need and take care of one another.

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Donna Sprague huntoonfarm@myfairpoint.net

South Danbury

Sunday services at the South Danbury Church on Jan. 19 will be Table Worship at 11 a.m., with refreshments and conversation afterward. All are welcome!

Winter Market

The February Farmers Market will feature their annual ice cream for breakfast celebration along with a friendly group of vendors and committed customers.

Join the experience at the grange hall, on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buy local and fresh directly from the makers and growers. It quality that you can taste made and grown by people you can count on.

Silent Movie

The Grange's annual silent movie night brought to you by Jeff Rapsis has been set for Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Save the date and plan to enjoy the silent film on a large screen where films were shown as they were in the '40's.

Groton

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

A Public Hearing was held on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. to make the Town's people aware that the Town has applied for a USDA grant to help with the purchase of a new plow vehicle to replace the Dodge truck which is now facing yet another major repair of approximately \$14,000. The Select Board has requested a grant of \$50K and the new truck we are looking at with a dump body, plow, wing, and sander will cost approximately \$130,000. There is \$18,000 in the capital reserve and there will be a warrant presented at the Town Meeting in March. We probably will not know yet if we will receive the grant by the March Meeting, but there will be more discussion at that time. It is not a given that we will receive the full \$50,000 requested either, but whatever we do receive will be used for this purpose.

Select Board received an update from the attorney on the property to make additions and at 1214 N. Groton Rd. All parties have been served with papers and no one has yet come forward. If no one appears there will be a default served. If there is no response to that order there will be a "Contempt of Court" allowing for the Town to go onto the property and commence with the clean-up. The Select Board is still working through the legal matters and are hoping to have this resolved soon. DES has been contacted and we have not heard anything back from that department yet.

Groton Police Chief Bagan is looking into the alternatives for Prosecutor services. There seems to be no documents signed by the Select Board concerning these services and the Chief is looking to reduce some costs by going in a different direction to receive these services.

Select Board member John Rescigno had reached out again to the Governor's Office to see how things are progressing with the Atwell Brook issues. The Governor suggest that the Town reach out again to the DES and NH Fish and Game to see if they have further discussed this problem. NLRA has also been contacted and we will keep this issue before all parties concerned to see what can be done and

what is available for help.

It was brought up again that vehicles need to be 4 feet off the roadway as stated in the Town Parking Ordinance especially this time of year to allow for snow removal. If the Highway Department observes vehicle in the roadway, these vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. This is a safety issue and impedes the ability for the Road Crew to keep the roadway clear and safe for all drivers. Thank you for your cooperation.

January 22nd through January 31st is the filing period for candidates wishing to serve the Town of Groton in any of the following positions:

Select Board Member- 3 years; Treasurer- 3 years; Planning Board - two 3 year terms; Cemetery Trustee - 1 year; Local/Town Auditor – 1 year; Moderator – 2 year; Trustee of the Trust Fund – two 3 year terms; Library Trustee – two 3 year terms; Zoning Board Member - three 3 year terms; Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term. The Clerk's Office will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 to accommodate any late-comers. The Newfound Area School District is looking for a representative from the Town of Groton to serve on the School Budget Committee this year. If you are interested in taking on this challenge, please come into the office between Jan. 22 and 31 and sign up and have your name on the school ballot. There is a nomination form in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Groton Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. corrections to the check-Registered voters may not change their party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary. New voters may continue to register until election day, as permitted by law. The session will be held at the Groton Town House, 754 North Groton Rd., Groton.

The Groton Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 budget and warrant articles on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Groton Town House located at 754 North Groton Rd. All residents are encouraged to attend. The Select Board meeting will commence immediately following the hearing on Feb. 4. Snow date is Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the same time and location.

Newfound Area School District Budget Hearing will be Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newfound Regional High School; Snow Date Jan. 11 at 10

Deliberative Session Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. at NRHS, snow date Feb. 3 at 6:30

Scheduled Meetings and Closures for the Town of Groton:

Select Board Work Sessions -Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 and 18 – 5 p.m. at the Town House.

Select Board Meetings - Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 and 18 – 7 p.m. at the Town House

Building Committee Meeting – Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Town House

Planning Board Meeting - Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Town House, Snow date will be Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

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any particular age. And

please don't feel the need

to pretend about any-

at the Town House.

Conservation Commission Meeting - Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Town House

The Select Board Office will be closed Jan. 23.

The Town Clerks office will be opening late at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in order to attend Election Training.

All Town Offices will be closed Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Day.

Churches

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Phone: 968-9464

mail.com

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship - Come as you are! Casual, welcoming atmosphere. Coffee and snacks are available in the back of the worship

Teaching Series: "I Love My Church!"

Toddler Zone (for infants – five years old) is led by Kara Hamill and Kid Zone (for K-6th grade) is led by Debbie Madden. Both programs are available during the entire worship service. Our greeters will be glad to direct you to and introduce you to our leaders.

Small groups: We also offer adult small groups that meet in various locations on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, for more information about our small

New Women's Ministry: A women's group will be starting this fall the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning

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thing. Ashland Community church is a place where God meets seeking people who are far from perfect. That means everyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. We believe you'll find what you are looking for here. You'll learn how to relate to God. You'll experience a Christian community. And here's the big thing - you will change. Join us each week as we seek God together. Just come as you are! (No perfect people allowed!) If you have any ques-

tions, please don't hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernie Madden, at 968-9464 or accernie@hotmail. com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Plymouth Congregational UCC

Save the Date

Jan. 31 – Coffee House at 6 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday

March 9 - New Hampshire Master Chorale Concert April 15 - New Hampshire Chamber Singers at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Rev. Bret Myers receives prayer requests at revbmyers@yahoo.com.

Live-Streamed and More! Don't miss a thing. Sunday Worship services are live streamed on Facebook every Sunday. "Like" the church Facebook page and you will receive notifications when the weekly service goes live! Missed something? You can find it on the Facebook, "Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Plymouth NH." Scroll down to the date of the service or program you missed. It is all there! You will also find current information about upcoming church events and a few posts to make you laugh.

Feeding Our Children Together We provide 3,000 calo-

ries to food insecure children in the Head Start Program and to Plymouth Elementary School during the academic year. Every Friday, grocery bags are delivered

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NOTICE ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall, **Tuesday, January** 21, 2020, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist in preparation for the Deliberative Sessions of the Newfound Area School District at 10 a.m. on February 1 and the Town of Alexandria at 2 p.m. February 1. *No change in party* registration will be accepted.

> George Whittaker Suzanne Cheney Loretta Brouillard

THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town Address

Alexandria Lynn Ave. Alexandria N/A (Lot 14) Ashland Valley Lane (Lot) Bridgewater Dick Brown Road Bridgewater Route 3A 75 Prospect St. Bristol N/A (Lot 10) **Bristol** 51 Beech Hill Rd. Campton Holderness US Route 3, Lot 84 Falls Mill Brook Condo, Unit 1 Thornton Thornton Ham Farm Road Thornton 1099 NH Route 49 Waterville Valley 23 Black Bear Rd., Unit 313 Waterville Valley 158 Boulder Path Rd.

Price Type

N/A

N/A

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Condominium

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Residential Open Land

\$40,000 \$200,000 \$36,000 \$330,000 \$2,000,000 Single-Family Residence \$247,000 \$255,000 Single-Family Residence \$200,000 \$58,000 \$146,000 \$30,000 Single-Family Residence \$216,533 \$76,000 Single-Family Residence \$417,000

Seller

Roger J. and Judith L. Bedard Timothy Troncone James L. and Sandra M. Doyle JW Congregation Support Lawrence H. Delangis and Phelps C. Boyce PKD Properties LLC Irene L. Sutkus Joan M. and Clinton D. Clay Squam Lakeside Farm Inc. Mountain River Development Association David G. Townsend Faith Tobin RET Michael G. Garland and Ellen M. McDonald Charles W. Morse, Jr. Estate and Josephine F. Morse

Buyer

West Shore Marine Land James M. and Heather A. Oboyle David Schaffner and Emily Hou David Dyer Newfound Lake Holdings LLC Newfound Lake Investment Group Charles M. and Jill A. Parillo Sarah P. Noel and Juliana V. Lewis Clifford C. and Maureen P. Hicks Susan Waters David J. and Yvonne L. Woodcock Kelly Gokey and Mark G. Davis Sharon L. and David W. Lockwood Michael M. and Katherine A. Brennan

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ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional par-

ties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Unintended consequences



BY MARK PATTERSON

In 1934, the Roosevelt administration put forth the "New Deal" which included the entitlement we know as Social Security. Originally Social security was not accessible until the age of 65. Now SS can be started at the age of 62 or even younger if disabled. When we started SS, there were 42 people paying into

the system for every one person taking from the system, making it very solvent.

A generation of people born in the 1920's and 30's, some who fought in World War II and were later referred to as the Henry Ford generation but named the greatest generation by Tom Brokaw. Those soldiers who returned from WWII created the "Baby boom" generation that is defined from 1946 through 1964. During that 18 year span there were 78 million people born in this country. After this generation we have had Generation X and Gen Y blending in with the Millennials, all

who have not had nearly as many children as that Baby Boomer generation.

The Baby Boomers are now retiring at the rate of 10,000 per day driving the ratio from 42 contributors to 1 recipient of SS entitlements and Medicare/ Medicaid to only 3 contributors to 1 recipient. Within the next ten years the ratio will be 1 to 1.

Let's estimate an individual's annual SS and Medicare entitlements at age 66, which is full retirement age currently. Maybe 24,000 in SS and 15,000 in Medicare, not to mention any additional Veterans benefits. My high-powered calculator

tells me that in 10 years, every working person will have to support roughly \$40,000 worth of entitlements annually that we Baby Boomers are collecting. This is not possible, so you can expect that these benefits will be adjusted based on needs, not on contribution levels.

Our national debt is nearing 22 trillion dollars and will accelerate exponentially in order to just service the existing debt. Why do you think the Federal Reserve Bank continues a very low interest rate policy? Because the Fed and our complicit politicians that we have and had elected have painted us into a corner over the last 50 years!

David Walker was comptroller of the US until 2008, has stated that we must double tax rates just

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Churches

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to the children so that they will have enough to eat over the weekend. If you would like to find out more on how you can help packing, delivering, or shopping for Feeding Our Children together, email office@uccplymouth.org.

PCUCC is a vibrant community of faith that is welcoming, theologically progressive, social liberal, open and affirming, inclusive and enthused about sharing Christ's love with the world. If you are new to the community and looking for a church home, we invite you to come and experience God's love through worship, study and service.

Support Our Church

If you shop at any Hannafords, please purchase a pre-paid grocery card from our Finance Committee. The church receives 5 percent of each card purchased. Cards are available on Sunday mornings and come in denominations of \$100, \$200 and \$250.

Meals for Many

Please enjoy a free wonderful dinner prepared by Chef Mike on every Thursday between 5 and 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Restoration Church, **Plymouth** (Assemblies of God)

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

Our schedule has changed to

the following: Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Monday: First and

third Monday of the

Month

Noon-2 p.m. Helping Hands Food Pantry

Friday: Second Friday of the month

6 p.m. Food, Fun, Fellowship

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

Our Mission Statement: Just One More!

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

Starr King Unitarian **Universalist Fellowship**

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

This week at Starr King: Jan. 19

A Journey of Curiosity and Awe (or how to Mix Science and Religion)

Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes and Rev. Emily Burr, Worship Leaders

Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director, and Choir

Join us for a service that explores the connection between religion and science in a conversation between two women who are both scientists and ministers. Before becoming a minister, Emily was a physicist and studied astronomy. At one time, Linda was a molecular biologist. What happened and why?!

For more details, visit

our Web site www.starrkingfellowship.org

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Danbury Country Store



HEBRON:

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the continent has been impacted by the devastating wildfires that are consuming much of the landscape and posing imminent threats to towns, residents and wildlife.

The couple once lived in Canberra, Australia's capitol city, but after spending two days in Sydney upon their arrival this time, they found it wasn't going to be such an easy trip to their apartment in Tura Beach. As they began the drive south, the Blair's found that smoke from the fires was heavy, but fortunately they didn't encounter any road closures along the first part of their journey.

"We saw where the fires had crossed the road the day before though," they reported in a Jan. 5th letter sent to friends in the Newfound Region.

The couple wrote that due to the fires, they were eventually stopped along their way that day. Fortunately, they were able to stay with nearby friends as they waited out the danger, however.

"The roads are still impassable. Word from friends came yesterday that our town and a couple others around us have been spared! They are being used as evacuation centers for other towns around us," they wrote. "We don't want to take any risks, if possible...So far we are okay, but many are not okay."

In their letter, the Blairs added that the fires are an "amazing disaster" for Australia. "beyond belief actually."

that time, the flames had burnt 12 million acres of land, an area approximately the same size as the United States. As of last week, those flames were still raging and, frighteningfire season has not yet even gotten underway.

Three days after their millions of native and

letter arrived in Bristol, our reporter was able to contact the couple for an update on their situation. The Blairs replied that they woke once again that day to a smoke-filled sky and people were being encouraged to wear facemasks, due to the poor air quality.

"The other day, Canberra's air was the worst in the world," Becky Blair said on Jan.

The couple was ready to be on the move again that day however, planning to connect with a local marine rescue and former police officer with a four-wheel drive vehicle. Their hope was that they would finally reach their home on Tura Beach, still threeand-a-half hours from their latest location. John Blair had just been asked to join the Recovery Team of the Uniting Church, since he once served as a New South Wales police chaplain and counselor, and that made their journey "home" all the more important.

"We must get there before Friday (Jan. 10th) when there will again be weather conditions creating another alert for potentially catastrophic fire conditions, which may again close roads," Becky wrote.

She went on to say, "There are a lot of traumatized people who have lost everything. Local residents are offering housing to many of them. This is peak tourist season, when Australians flock to the beaches. Thousands of holiday makers have been evacuated."

Just the other day, she added, 18,000 cars were said to have tried to make their way up the east coast of Australia, but major roads from east to west have been closed and could remain that way for many weeks to come.

As of last week, the ly, the normal summer Blairs reported 24 human lives have been lost so far, along with domestic animals.

As horrifying these fires are, reportedly started by at least two-dozen arsonists, Becky Blair wrote that the tragedy has still not affected the heart of the country's citizens

"What is truly amazing is the spirit of the Australian people, so

willing to help each other out, sometimes at great risk to their own lives. Nearly all the incredibly brave fire fighters are volunteers! It's been such a hot dry year with little rain in sight [although some much welcomed rains have reached the continent since her email]. It's nearly impossible to extinguish all the blazes, so they work very hard to set up containment lines to protect people," Becky said. "We should be okay once we get to our seaside home, as the best way to escape the fires is to go down to the beach and stand in the water if necessary."

Before heading off to pack for their journey to Tura Beach, she closed by writing, "How strange it is to enter this world of crisis and chaos after our peaceful family Christmas in lovely New England! Normally this is a beautiful idyllic place to be, but not this year! Please keep our Aussie friends in your thoughts and prayers."

Big Bad FROM PAGE A1

wolf."

Among the plaintiffs are a host of other familiar story time personalities, like the Three Little Pigs, Red Riding Hood and her grandmother, Miss Muffet, and characters from "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Isaac Robert plays the Shepherd from that classic story and said this hilarious play is one no one should miss.

"People should come because they'll have a great laugh and really enjoy it a lot," he said.

He also hopes a lot of young children will be in the audience that day because he believes they'll like seeing all the fairy tale characters and that this play could possibly inspire them to become involved with theater in the future.

Broderick Edwards is the Woodcutter from "Little Red Riding Hood" who agrees that it will be a fun show for people of any age.

"It's a playful play. I think it's even funnier than other plays we've done here in the past," he said.

Lily Rodriguez, Pig #1 from "The Three Little Pigs," also loves the humor they get to bring to the stage while blending it with classic children's stories.

"This is a very comedic way of showing both the good and the

bad in fairy tales," she said.

But the real fun is that, after hearing the trial, the audience will see two different endings then decide whether or not the Big Bad Wolf is guilty or innocent.

Co-directors of this winter's drama club presentation are faculty members Renee Taylor and Cassidy Spencer. Taylor said auditions for the play took place in September, with rehearsals held one to two days a week throughout early fall. After the Thanksgiving break, rehearswere extended though once the design crew got all the sets built and painted.

"We have a very ded-

icated group of crew members who did a great job! They really made the set look snazzy," Spencer said.

Tickets are now on sale for their one-time only performance on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. in the NMMS gymnasium. Admission at the door is \$5 per person, with a special price of \$20 for families of four or more. Those who would like reserved seating are asked to purchase their tickets in advance by calling or stopping by the school office. There will also be a bake sale held that day and all proceeds from the show will benefit the NMMS Drama Club for future productions.

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As a business owner, you're always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can't forget about the future yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy.

Let's start by looking at a few retirement plan possibilities:

• Solo 401(k) – This plan, which is also known as an Owner-only 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. A Solo 401(k) offers many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option, which allows you to make after-tax contributions that

can grow tax-free. Your Solo 401(k) contributions consist of two parts: salary deferral and profit sharing. In 2020, you can defer up to \$19,500 of income, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older. Your profit-sharing contribution is based on your earnings. The sum of your salary deferral and profit sharing can't exceed \$57,000 (or \$63,500 if you're 50 or older). If your spouse is employed by your business, you each can contribute the maximum amount

• SEP IRA – If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25% of compensation, up to \$57,000 annually. And you

can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment. • Solo defined benefit plan - Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined bene-

fit plans, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible. Á financial professional can help you

choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you'll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they'll be able to manage the business on their own. Another alternative might be to transfer the business with a buy-sell agree ment, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your busi ness's taxable value, a buy-sell agree ment is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy-sell agreement with life insurance, so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succes sion planning, you'll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don't wait too long. You can't predict the future, but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall, Tuesday, January 21, 2020, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist in preparation for the Deliberative Sessions of the Newfound Area School District at 10 a.m. on February 1 and the Town of Alexandria at 2 p.m. February 1. No change in party registration will be accepted.

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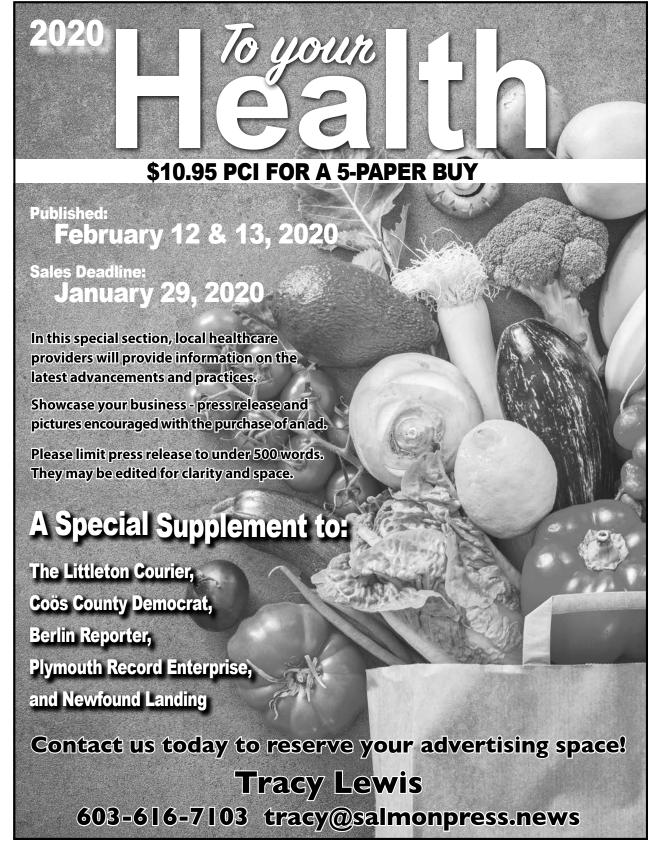
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Positions to be filled this year:

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- · Cemetery Trustee 3-year term Trustee of Trust Funds 3-year term
- Planning Board (2 positions) 3-year term
- Planning Board (1 position) 1-year term • Budget Committee (3 positions) 3-year term
- Town Moderator 2-year term
- Supervisor of Checklist 6-year term

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Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3pm to 5pm on Friday, January 31, 2020



Markets

FROM PAGE A8 to stay solvent. Cutting spending would obvious-

ly help, but Washington cannot seem to accomplish this. Just after WWII our highest tax rate was 94 percent, in the 1970's we had a top tax rate of 70 percent. In 2012, our highest rate went from 35

to 39.5 percent. So we are close to historic lows for our tax rates, yet we still defer taxes until a later

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Budget

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includes wages and benefits; three paraprofessionals for \$103,026; and a 5.9-hour paraprofessional for Danbury's kindergarten program.

In addition, the district plans to purchase new smart boards, computers, and furnishings.

Bliss noted that other anticipated changes include a 5 percent increase in transportation costs due to a new bus contract; a \$21,600 increase to cover the services provided by charter schools; and a \$33,250 increase in occupational therapy.

Capital Improvement Program

Bliss said the district's tax cap prevented any funding for the ongoing capital improvement program in the proposed operating budget.

She did not mention that the budget committee had included CIP funding in the default budget which takes effect if voters turn down the proposed budget.

The CIP, intended as a long-term plan that evens out capital spending for the upkeep of school facilities, as well as assuring the public that needs will be addressed throughout the district, has proven to be a contentious issue since the Newfound Area School Board adopted it without a public hearing three years ago. It became a divisive issue when the administration, school looking for a way to catch up on long-neglected repairs and maintenance that could not be funded under the tax cap, had exploited a provision of the Official Ballot Act, RSA 40:13, that stipulates that the school board can determine what constitutes a one-time expenditure.

In March 2017, prior to the school board's adoption of the CIP, voters had agreed to exceed the amount of spending allowed under the tax cap to pay for roof repairs at Newfound Regional High School. In developing the next year's budget, administrators included the roof repairs in the default budget, claiming

were listed in the CIP which the school board adopted in May 2017, they were part of the ongoing maintenance, rather than a one-time expenditure.

When voters objected to the creative definition of one-time expenditures, the school board doubled down, causing a rift that eventually led to last year's vote where district taxpayers removed the school board's authority to establish the default budget, placing that responsibility instead with the budget committee.

Budget Committee.

Budget Committee
Chair Ruby Hill obtained
an attorney's explanation
of new laws that sought
to clarify how to calculate
a default budget, as well
as a copy of the school
district attorney's letter
that had been used as justification for including
funds for the roof repair
in the default budget.

"I handed out the letter on how it's created and explained why we now have the job, and made it clear why there was a concern," Hill said in a telephone interview.

"The school attorney's letter was based on the premise that the public had approved the roof repairs as part of the CIP," she said. "That's not true."

Advocacy Over Neutrality

Minutes of the Dec. 12 budget committee meeting reveal that, rather than acting according to their roles as impartial arbiters of the budget, members approached the default budget as advocates for "Newfound pride".

According to Hill, the meeting's agenda called for the development of a draft default budget which would be taken up at a subsequent meeting. Hill missed the meeting due to a family commitment, and she said she was shocked to learn that the other committee members had instead finalized the budget.

The committee had been seeking the information it needed to develop the default budget for weeks, Hill said, but did not receive anything from the administration until the afternoon of

Dec. 12. Superintendent Stacy Buckley provided a draft default budget based on the state laws, while Business Administrator Michael Limanni provided a second draft that included the capital expenditures identified in the CIP.

According to the meeting minutes, "Members discussed the pros and cons of the CIP. John [Jenness of New Hampton] stated that the buildings haven't looked this good in the past 20 years. Kim [Bliss] stated that the improvements to the buildings bolsters [sic] Newfound pride. If CIP was not in the budget, improvements to the facilities would potentially not be happening. This past fiscal year, roof replacements/repairs, paving and interior painting have happened.

"Don [Franklin of Hebron] made a motion to accept the default budget that included the CIP, totaling [sic] \$22,821,470. Jeff Bird of Bridgewater] seconded. Vote: 6-0-0."

"They just considered the two options," Hill said. "There was no attempt at an option 'C."

Hill said that, when she went to the next meeting, she expressed her concerns and asked the other members to reconsider their votes. They would not do so, she said.

Had she not been sick on the night of the budget hearing, Hill said she would have made everyone aware that she didn't support the default budget.

Groton's Steve Spafford said he also opposed the committee's default budget and, while his resignation from the budget committee was for other reasons, "at least my name won't be connected with it."

Spafford said he had been a lone voice objecting to many of the spending items.

Identical Budgets

The budget committee adopted every figure listed on the school board budget.

"The only thing they discussed was the new district social worker request," Hill said, noting that she had questioned the need for the position as proposed. Seeing no support from other members, though, she said she never made a formal motion on the matter.

Hill disputed the explanation for not including the capital improvement program in the regular operating budget. Instead of being excluded because it would have exceeded the district tax cap, Hill said the explanation the budget committee received was that the district had taken on a lot and needed to take a break in order to finish up what had been started.

At the time of the budget hearing, the school district had received one petitioned warrant article, although the period for submitting such articles would continue through Jan. 14.

No one came to speak on behalf of the petitioned article, which is an attempt to persuade the school board to place certain capital expenditures on the warrant as separate articles, rather than including them in the regular budget.

Voters last year passed a similar non-binding article asking the school board to establish the criteria for placing expenditures exceeding \$24,999 on the warrant for discussion, but the school board did not act on it, saying it would create too long a warrant. The new petitioned article outlines the exceptions that would keep the warrant manageable, but the article's confusing language makes its passage questionable.

Notebook

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actually contain some non-pie-stealing dog genes. If it tries to play with a squeaky-toy or fetch your slippers, it's probably on the high end in the Dog Department.

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I know, this next bit of business should have been covered back there in all the carping about TV weather reporting, but I just want to say a little something here about the Winter Solstice.

The thing about the Winter Solstice is that it doesn't seem to get talked about much or celebrated in any big way, except to note that it's there, sort of, sometime around Christmas. In other places they are very big on the Solstice, and use it as an excuse for pagan-like behavior, such as wearing goatskin chaps and leaping over bonfires.

For example, although I've been to Alaska several times, I've long wanted to go up there again not just to mooch off Jeff Fair, for sure, but also to be there for the Winter Solstice because in Alaska people

tend to go crazy over it. For instance, they might have had the sun's last known position marked by some feature on the surrounding landscape, such as the south end of their porch railing.

In some parts of Alaska this translates into "below the horizon," so they might not have seen the sun for a while, and by mid-December they're sick of this, and celebrate its lowest (known or guessed) point on the Solstice, given the understanding that they (and we) begin gaining daylight forthwith.

Technically, we're gaining daylight, but equally technically it takes a while for our top half of a half of a cold piece of rock to begin shrugging off winter's worst, and warming upand we haven't even seen winter's worst. In other words, it's a long way from Winter Solstice to Mud Season, let alone dropping seeds into the ground.

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Inn

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tage House. In addition, they turned the property into a destination for vacationers and as a highly sought-after wedding and event venue.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed owning and operating the Inn and have loved being a part of the community. We plan to stay in the area, and this will give more time for Larry to continue his established interior design business and maybe even some time to travel

ourselves," Boyce said.
The property was

purchased by Newfound Lake Holdings, LLC and the new owners will continue to operate the Inn, host events and weddings and run the restaurant and tavern year-round.

De Langis & Boyce were represented by Linda Matheson of Peabody & Smith Realty and the buyers were represented by Ann Marie Paino of ReMax in the Mountains.

To learn more about The Inn on Newfound Lake, you can visit them

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Newfound Landing

What's On Tap

The regular season continues with a full slate of games.

The Newfound hoop girls will be hosting White Mountains Regional on Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m., will be hosting Franklin on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Fall Mountain for a 6:30 p.m. game on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The Bear boys' basketball team will be at White Mountains Regional on Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin for a 6:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The Newfound unified hoop team will be in action at White Mountains on Friday, Jan. 17, at 3:30 p.m. and will be hosting White Mountains on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 3:30 p.m.

The Newfound ski team will be at Gunstock for a 10 a.m. meet on Friday, Jan. 17.

The Plymouth girls' basketball team will be at Timberlane on Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Hanover on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The Bobcat boys' basketball team will be hosting Hanover on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6

The Plymouth unified basketball team will be at Spaulding for a 3:30 p.m. game on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team will be at Belmont-Gilford at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan.

The Bobcat wrestlers will be at Nashua South at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, and will be hosting Campbell at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth gymnastics team will be competing at Pelham at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Bears can't recover from early deficit

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

BRISTOL—A 10-point lead doesn't appear to be too much to overcome in the first quarter.

But come the fourth quarter, those same 10 points are harder to overcome.

Such was the case for the Newfound boys' basketball team, as the Bears found themselves trailing early and despite a late rally, fell to the Franklin Golden Tornadoes by a 62-53 score

"There just was not enough time," said Bear coach Jesse Mitchell. "We don't start at the right time.

"Our defense started off lazy and didn't want to work and we got hurt from it at the start," Mitchell continued. "And we paid the price at the end of the game."

The visitors got the first basket of the game but Garrett King answered for the Bears. The visitors followed with two free throws but Malaki Ingram came up with a steal and finished it off to tie the game at four.

After another Golden Tornado basket, Tyler Boulanger hit a free throw but it was Franklin that finished out the quarter, as the visitors scored the final 10 points of the quarter and took a 16-5 lead after one quar-

drilled a Ingram three-pointer to start the second quarter but Franklin answered with another 10-point run, fueled by a couple of three-pointers and the lead was 26-8.

Newfound bounced back with nine-straight points. Boulanger started the run by putting back a rebound and then George Belville finished off his own steal for another two points. Boulanger put



JOSHUA SPAULDING

George Belville rises toward the hoop in action last week against Franklin.

lead to 10. Jack Gosson's free throw cut the lead to 26-17.

However, Franklin came back with a hoop and a free throw before Ingram finished off his own steal with a hoop. The Golden Tornadoes added another hoop and Boulanger finished the first-half scoring with a free throw, making it 31-20 for the visitors at the halftime break.

Boulanger kicked off the third quarter with a hoop and after a Franklin free throw, Ingram hit a free throw and Boulanger put back another rebound, cutting the lead to 32-25.

Franklin responded with two hoops and a three-pointer to stretch the lead out to 14. Boulanger hit a hoop and Ingram finished off a steal to cut the lead to 10. Once again, the Golden Tornadoes hit five points in a row to get the lead back to 15.

Belville hit two free throws for the Bears but a Golden Tornado shot at the buzzer gave them a 46-31 lead at the end of the third quarter.

points. Boulanger got a hoop to start things and Gosson followed with another basket. After a Boulanger free throw, Ingram hit two technical foul shots, cutting the

lead to 46-38. Ingram fol-

lowed with a steal and a

hoop with 4:35 to go, cut-

ting the Franklin lead to

ter and hit the first nine

The visitors responded with a hoop, a four-point play and a free throw to push the lead back to 53-

Boulanger bounced

JOSHUA SPAULDING GARRETT KING dribbles around a Franklin defender during action against Franklin last Tuesday. to nine with 2:30 to go. After another Franklin hoop, Boulanger put back another rebound with 1:30 to go. Fifteen seconds later, Jack Lavin put the ball in the net to cut the

lead to 55-48.

Clean House, Clear Mind

Newfound had to resort to fouling and Franklin hit five free throws to push the lead to 60-48. After Boulanger hit a hoop, Franklin drained two more free throws and then Boulanger hit a three at the buzzer to close out the score at 62-

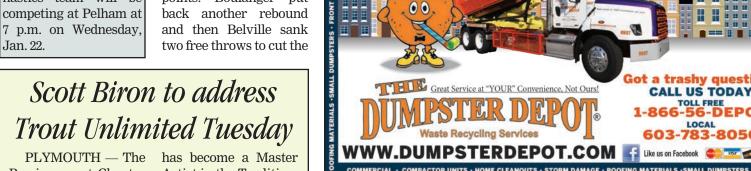
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Newfound came out Boulanger back with a hoop and two strong in the fourth quarfree throws to cut the lead SEE **HOOPS** PAGE B2

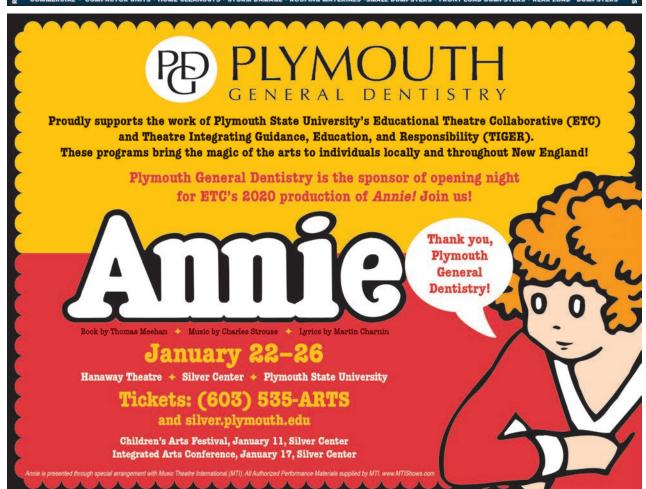
46-40.



Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited will feature guest speaker Scot Biron at the Jan. 21, meeting, 7 p.m. at the Common Man Inn in Plymouth. Come early and meet Biron and fellow anglers.

Biron cut his teeth learning to tie flies and fly fish back in the 1960s in the North County of New Hampshire. Biron is an active fly tying instructor for New Hampshire Fish and Game and is popular tying and instructing in national and regional shows. He was awarded a 2017 NH Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant and studied fly tying including traditional New England streamer patterns and progressed to classic salmon flies. Since then he Artist in the Traditional Arts Program. Biron has a strong interest in historical New Hampshire flytyers and their lost patterns. Biron is a member of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, and an ambassador for the American Museum of Fly Fishing and will demonstrate his skill for those in attendance.

Trout Unlimited is a non-profit organization with a mission dedicated to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. Visit www. pemigewasset.tu.org and like the group on Facebook. Meetings are free and open to the public. There will be a raffle supporting sending a lucky boy or girl to the Barry Conservation/Fishing Camp.



Bear girls nab two more wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL Newfound girls' hoop team came through with a pair of wins on the week, including a blowout and a grinder.

The Bears visited Franklin on Tuesday, Jan. 7, without defensive specialist Tiffany Doan. However, the offense had no problems whatsoever, as the Bears exploded for 72 points, including major contributions off the bench on the way to the 72-24 win.

Malina Bohlmann led the charge with a career-high 22 points while Paulina Huckins finished with a double-double, getting 11 points and 12 rebounds. Bailey Fairbank had a season-high seven assists to go with her eight points, Haley Dukette added nine off the bench and Leah Bunnell came off the bench to score eight points as well.

The team made the trek to Meredith on Friday, Jan. 10, and without Doan, had a bit of a harder time with the Lakers of Inter-Lakes, escaping with a 40-28 win.

"We fought hard on the defensive end and survived a close one," said coach Kammi Williams.

Newfound started slow on the defensive end, going down by a 13-11 score after one.

Williams made a few adjustments heading to the second quarter and the Bears won the frame by a 15-6 margin.

"Both teams struggled from the floor in the second half but we dominated the boards and prevailed," Williams said.

Bohlmann had 10 points to lead the scoring attack with Huckins had nine points to go along with 15 rebounds. Fairbank pulled down 11 rebounds and dished out five assists to go with seven points while Mackenzie Bohlmann added a

season-high nine points. The Bears will be looking to avenge their lone loss of the season as they host White Mountains Regional on Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. They will have a rematch with Franklin at home on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Fall Mountain at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

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Malina Bohlmann had a career high 22 points against Franklin last week.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cats rally for first win of the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

PLYMOUTH — In their first game of the season at the Hanaway Ice Arena, the Kearsarge-Plymouth Cats gave fans an exciting

The Cats coughed up a two-goal lead in the third period but bounced back and put the winning goal in the net to Kearsarge-Plymouth a 3-2 win over Pembroke-Campbell.

"I'm not happy with where we stood in the third with a 2-0 lead to let them back in," coach Justin Garzia said. "We had them on their heels and let them back in the

played disciplined in the second half of the third, got a big goal and managed to shut them down when they put a lot of pressure on at the end." the Cat coach added.

Nick Therrien, Brendan Marcoux, Nathan St. Pierre and Ian Tryder all had early chances for Kearsarge-Plymouth and keeper Gavin Garzia made a couple of solid saves to keep PAC off the board. Cole Rozum and Marcoux continued the pressure for the Cats but the PAC keeper was on his game.

K-P took the first penalty of the game with 8:37 to go but the PAC power play didn't last long, as St. Pierre broke in on goal and drew a penalty, making if four-on-four



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Trevan Sanborn works to create room in front of the net in action Saturday at PSU.



Gavin Garzia prepares to make a save during action against Pembroke-Campbell.

for nearly a minute and

However, the visitors

got another penalty with

7:03 to go, giving the Cats

a 26-second four-on-three

advantage and then a

was about to expire, the

visitors took another

penalty and the Cats con-

tinued the power play.

Therrien had a bid that

was stopped but the hosts

got the first goal of the

game on the power play

feed in front to Jacob

Marcoux, who rifled the

puck past the PAC keeper

The Cats still had al-

most a minute and a half

of power play and con-

tinued to pressure, with

Jack Breault getting a

shot on net. Garzia made

a couple of saves on a

PAC shorthanded bid as

the penalty was killed

off. Cody Bannon had a

shot denied and then sent

Therrien sent a nice

with 5:29 to go.

for the 1-0 lead.

Just as one penalty

five-on-three advantage.

with 26 points to lead the way for the Bears and Ingram finished with 14 points.

end, we just need them to start at the beginning," Mitchell said. "The issue is putting the whole game together.

"The man-to-man and that just killed us.

"We're on defense much longer than we would like to be," Mitch-

The Bears will be at

White Mountains on Friday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Franklin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

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langer 10-5-26, Gosson 1-1-3, Belville 1-4-6, King 1-0-2,

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the rebound wide while

Garzia made another save in the K-P net and then Brendan Marcoux and Rozum each had chances as the period ran out with the hosts taking the 1-0 lead to the first in-

stopped and put the rebound wide early in the second period and then Trevan Sanborn had a

K-P took a penalty three minutes into the period and St. Pierre got a shorthanded bid that was stopped. PAC took a penalty with 11:16 to go, making it four-on-four for 1:20. Jacob Marcoux sent the puck through the crease and sent another

The Cats got a power play and then a short five-on-three opportunity. While the first penalty

were able to convert before the second one was off the board.

With 9:06 to go in the period, Brendan Marcoux sent a shot on net and Bannon ripped the rebound home. Therrien picked up the secondary assist on the tally.

K-P got another power play chance with 8:42 to go and Kristian Hurme, St. Pierre and Brendan Marcoux had chances but couldn't convert. The Cats took a penalty with 6:58 and on the ensuing power play, Garzia was able to make a good save in the net and Therrien had a nice clear. PAC also had a shot go wide and the Cats killed off the penalty.

Therrien, Brendan Marcoux, Tryder and Bannon had chances for the Cats, including Bannon's going off the post. The hosts took a penalty with 3:18 to go and did a nice job killing it off before the visitors took a

five-minute penalty with 2:08 to go in the period. Neither team was able to score in the final minutes of the period and K-P took a late penalty and took the 2-0 lead to the third period. The third period start-

ed with 1:32 of four-onfour play and PAC had a shot go wide and Brendan Marcoux had a pair of shots denied. St. Pierre also got in close but his bid was denied before the first penalty was killed off, giving the Cats a power play for 1:20.

That was short-lived, as the Cats took a penalty with 12:22 to go and on the ensuing four-on-four, PAC got their first goal to cut the lead to 2-1.

Garzia came up with couple of big saves on a PAC penalty kill but the visitors were able to slip the puck in the net with 10:33 to go, tying the game at two.

The Cats regrouped and St. Pierre, Tryder, Brendan Marcoux and Breckin Bates went on the attack, forcing the PAC keeper to make saves in the net.

With 6:47 to go, Therrien made a nice feed from behind the net to Jacob Marcoux, who netted his second of the game to give K-P the 3-2 lead.

From there, Garzia shut the door in the K-P net, making a number of saves, while Jacob Marcoux, Brendan Marcoux, Sanborn and Therrien all had chances at the other end and the Cats took the 3-2 win, the first win in net at any level for Gar-

"I told them (after PAC tied the game) we've got to go back to playing our style of hockey and put pressure on their goalie," Garzia said. "Once we got him moving side to side, Jake saw the opportunity from Nick.

"Defensively, I was happy," the K-P coach added. "It's good growth for the team. Hopefully it turns the team around after a tough start."

The Cats will be back in action on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Laconia Ice Arena against Belmont-Gilford at 6 p.m.

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Hoops

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"They fought to the

showed up when we needed it to, but we couldn't get anything going on the offensive end," the Bear coach added. "We'd get a turnover or a missed shot

ell noted.

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Therrien also had a shot denied by the PAC keep-

termission. Therrien had a shot

shot go wide.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Taylor Shamberger skis through the giant slalom in action last Friday in Gilford.



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Jared King races in the giant slalom at Gunstock last week.



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Sam Smith skis during Plymouth's meet at Gunstock on Jan. 10.

Bobcat boys and girls second at Gunstock

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Plymouth alpine ski team had its second meet of the year on Friday, Jan. 10, competing at Gunstock against a mix of Division II and Division III

The Bobcat boys and girls both finished

teams.

in second place, with the boys finishing just one point behind first place Kennett.

Ella Weiser races for Plymouth during action at Gunstock last Friday.

The Plymouth boys won the morning giant slalom, with Dylan Welch taking second overall with a time of 50.37 seconds.

Jared King was next, finishing in seventh place in 53.5 sec-

onds and Matthew Lorrey finished in 53.52 seconds for eighth place.

Colin Roper finished out the scoring for Plymouth with a 12th place finish with a time of 55.26 seconds.

Pete Wingsted finished in 19th place in 56.51 seconds, Ryan Borger was 22nd overall in 57.5 seconds and Remy Beaujouan was 33rd overall in 1:00.68. Will Golden finished in 34th in 1:01.03, Justin Collins was 39th in 1:02.83, Sam Smith was 40th in 1:02.95, Garrett Dion was 55th in 1:11.22, Eliot Sargent finished 68th in 1:19.54 and Tayten Lamson was 72nd in a time of

The Bobcat boys finin the slalom, led again by Welch with a time of 1:08.32 for second place overall.

Wingsted was next, finishing in 1:21.89 for 10th place and King was 12th overall in a time of 1:22.6.

Borger rounded out the scoring with a time of 1:30.88 for 19th place.

Smith finished in 24th place in 1:37.11, Lorrey was 33rd overall in 1:47.12, Dion finished 35th in a time of 1:51.22 and Sargent was 49th in 2:14.87.

The Bobcat girls were second to Kennett in the morning giant slalom with Sam Meier leading the way, finishing in 54.89 seconds for eighth place overall.

Sumaj Billin was next, finishing in 55.88 second for ninth place shed in second place and Taylor Shamberger was 11th overall in 56.47 seconds.

> Holly Hoyt placed 15th in 58.56 seconds to round out the scoring for the Bobcat girls.

> Halle Kozak finished in 1:01.58 for 18th place, Ella Weiser was 19th in 1:01.36, Taylor Maine finished in 37th in a time of 1:08.16, Vivyin McGarr and Zea McGarr tied for 45th in identical times

of 1:10.82 and Henna Davis was 61st in 1:51.25.

Hoyt led the Bobcats in the afternoon slalom, finishing in 1:29.63 for 10th place.

Meier was next, finishing in 11th place in 1:31.88 and Weiser finished in 12th place in a time of 1:31.93.

Kozak rounded out the scoring, finishing in 1:39.12 for 15th place overall.

Maine was 17th in 1:40.3, Shamberger finished 27th in 1:43.34, Zea McGarr was 31st in 1:50.44, Cyarra St. Cyr was 36th in 1:54.85, Vivyin McGarr was 39th in 1:56.32 and Billin was 49th in 2:05.56.

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BOB MARTIN - GILFORD STEAMER

Cole Ahern clears a hurdle in action at Plymouth State on Sunday.

Smoker wins 55-meter dash at PSU

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth indoor track team competed again at the AllWell North Center on the campus of Plymouth State University on Sunday.

Tara Smoker had an impressive performance for the Bobcats, finishing in first place in the 55-meter preliminaries with a time of 7.94 seconds and came back and won the finals with a time of 7.93 seconds.

Smoker came back in the 300 meters and

finished in a time of 45.83 seconds for third place overall.

Rory Sutherland finished in third place in the 600 meters with a time of 1:52.63.

Julia Ahern finished in fifth place in the high jump, clearing four feet, two inches.

Vermeersch Nina finished in seventh place in a time of 6:48.99 in the 1,500 me-

The Plymouth girls finished in sixth place the 4X200-meter relay with a time of 2:04.47.

Cole Ahern was the lone Bobcat boy competing. He finished in sixth place in the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries in 10.44 seconds and then placed fifth in the finals in 10.11 seconds. In the long jump, Ahern finished in 13th place with a leap of 16 feet, 3.5 inches and in the shot put he was 11th at 28 feet, eight inches.

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Megan Metivier swims during Sunday's meet at the University of New Hampshire.

Metivier nets two top-three finishes

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

NEW LONDON — Megan Metivier put up a couple of solid races during a meet held at Colby-Sawyer College on Friday, Jan. 10.

Plymouth's lone swimmer took third in the 100 Free with a time of 1:00.84.

In the 100 Fly, Metivier finished in second overall with a time of 1:04.47.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, Metivier traveled to the University of New

Hampshire for a meet. In the 200 IM, she swam to sixth place

overall with a time of 2:26.21. She also competed in the 200 Free, but results were not available as of press time.

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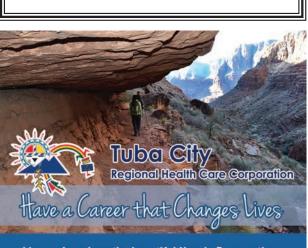
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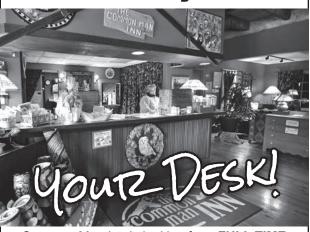
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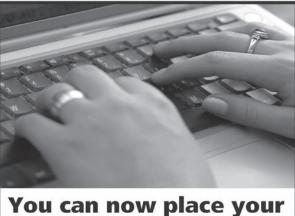
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Last Monday, Jan. 6, marked 200 days until Tokyo 2020, which meant that it was 198 days until it's time to head around the world.

As the number continued to tick down, I realized that it was time to do a little more planning in regards to the Olympic experience, so after I



made all my deadlines, I spent some time online researching the cheapest flights to get to Tokyo in July.

There are a lot of ways to get to Japan, but none of the flights were terribly inexpensive. Being as this is a self-funded trip (along with donations from some great people), my most important search function for



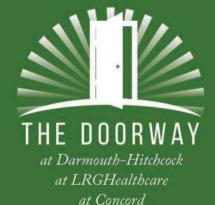




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the flight was to find the cheapest way to get there.

In this regard, there were a few flights that were right around the same price. The one that intrigued me the most was a flight on Hawaiian Airlines that went from Boston to Honolulu then on to Tokyo. Having never been to Hawaii, I thought this would be a great pit stop along the way. However, the layover was almost an entire day and I wasn't sure I wanted to miss out on the possibility of attending the opening ceremonies on Friday, July 24.

So, I looked away from the Hawaiian Airlines flight and found one that was just a bit cheaper on Korean Air. Ironically enough, I didn't use Korean Air to get to the Olympics in February 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea. This flight would go directly from Boston to Seoul, which is where I flew into (via Toronto) for the 2018 Olympics. From Seoul, the flight would go on to Tokyo.

In the end, that is the flight that I booked.

I will be leaving Boston's Logan Airport on Wednesday, July 22, at 1:15 p.m. and will be landing in Seoul at 4:25 p.m. the next day after a 14hour flight. Since Seoul is 14 hours ahead of our technically means I will be landing in the middle of the night according to my body clock. From there, after a one-hour, 15-minute layover, I will be in the air for two hours and 20 minutes on the way to Tokyo, where I will land at 8 p.m. Tokyo is in the same time zone

as Korea, so this trip will have me 14 hours ahead of folks at home, just like in PyeongChang.

At the last two Olympics I've covered, I have not been able to attend the opening or the closing ceremonies due to my flight times. I saw the Sochi opening ceremonies from an airport in Moscow and I saw the PyeongChang opening ceremonies on a television as I was checking into my media housing. And both times, I left before the closing ceremonies.

Of course, because they are high-demand events, it's not always possible to get into the opening and closing ceremonies, but I am going to give it a shot and apply for one or both.

As for the return flight, I will actually be leaving from a different airport in Tokyo and will be flying back via Delta Airlines. The closing ceremonies are Sunday, Aug. 9, and my flight out of Tokyo leaves on Monday afternoon, Aug. 10, at 4:45 p.m. I will be taking a nine-hour flight to Seattle and after a layover of more than an hour, I will leave for Boston and will touch down at 7:55 p.m. Like the trip back from Korea, I'm arriving home three hours after I eastern time zone, that left due to the time difference.

So, with the deposit on the housing and the flight, a good chunk of the bill for Tokyo has been paid. The other half of the housing bill is due in April.

I also spent some time on Tuesday working on the required paperwork

needed for Tokyo. I submitted my passport information, a photo for my Olympic ID card and all the other information the United States Olympic Committee needed.

My plan, like in the last two Olympics that I have attended, is to update this blog every day while I am there. I plan on putting pictures that I take with my phone on Instagram and Twitter (SalmonSportsGuy) and on my personal Facebook page. Additionally, the photos from my camera will likely go on my personal Facebook page and the Facebook page for Salmon Press Sports Wolfeboro.

Additionally, I am looking for any information on any local connections we might have for the Summer Olympics. I know all the teams have not been selected yet, but if you know of some local connections, send me an e-mail at josh@salmonpress.news. And if there's anything I can do for you regarding the Olympics, also let me know and I will do my best.

Finally, have a great day, John-Scott Sherburne.

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