



Participants of all ages — and species — take part in Turkey Trot

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BRIDGEWATER — From the very young to the elderly, participants with two legs to four legs, baby strollers, walkers and runners could all be found making their way along Mayhew Turnpike and Whittemore Point in Bridgewater for the 32nd annual Turkey Trot last Thursday morning in Bridgewater as they helped raise money for the local Santa Fund of the Newfound Region.

Each year, the Santa Fund provides local families in need with food, gifts and warm winter clothing, and this year it was supported once again by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

There were a few new additions in this year's efforts, though, adding to both the fun and the funds. Proceeds from an edible "turkey cookie" painting table, a silent auction for barbecue grills, smokers and other outdoor items as well as a special raffle for 100 gallons of heating fuel from Dead River Company in Bristol all benefited the cause.

Each race/walk participant also received tickets they could enter for other raffle drawings from local businesses, including gift certificates to a variety of local eateries and shops, glassware, holiday ornaments and artwork.

"We really had some

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Hebron resident Ron Delisle and Kris Hering of Bristol were fashionable standouts in the crowd that assembled for the 32nd annual Turkey Trot at Newfound Grocery on Thanksgiving morning.

Space Needs Committee forced to reconsider position

BY THOMAS P. CALDWELL
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BRISTOL — Concerns about drainage and escalating cost estimates associated with proposed building projects forced the Bristol Space Needs Committee to hold an emergency meeting after it had completed its recommendations to the town.

The committee had been unanimous in recommending the construction of a new town hall on a lot adjacent to the current municipal building, and renovations to the existing building to better accommodate the police department. However, just before submitting that report to the selectmen, architect Brackley Shaw and engineer Michael McNally raised concerns about the drainage on the so-called Smith lot and the additional runoff from a larger parking lot.

Shaw told the committee on Nov. 22 that

including a basement on the new town hall would be problematic because of drainage issues, and said doing it properly would cost \$300,000. As an alternative, he suggested extending the building by 10 feet to accommodate the storage needs of the town, saying that would add \$122,000 to the building cost.

Shaw also suggested installing an elevator in the existing municipal building, saying there should be a public area at the police station.

McNally said there should be an additional catch basin for parking lot runoff, but the State of New Hampshire is reluctant to approve requests that would add to the load

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Tree lighting brings the holidays to Bristol's Central Square

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BRISTOL — An off and on wintry mix couldn't dampen the spirit of the annual tree lighting festivities in Bristol's Central Square last Friday, and the weather even cleared just in time for families and loved ones to gather on the common to sing and rejoice over the upcoming holidays.

Some of the features planned for the event, such as roasted chestnuts and other treats, were cancelled due to the changing weather, but music led by Libby Danahy still filled the square and even the Gingerbread Man stopped by for photos with all the boys and girls.

After people gath-



Besides Santa, the Gingerbread Man also made an appearance in Central Square in Bristol last Friday night, helping everyone kick off the holiday season.

ered together to sing nostalgic holiday songs such as "Deck the Halls," "O Christmas Tree," and "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas," sirens were soon heard in the distance, heralding the arrival of Santa.

"We've been coming for about four years now and always look forward to this," said one Alexandria mom as her children eagerly looked forward to Santa's first appearance of the season.

Letters to Santa, she added, had already been placed in the mail. Daughter Emerald is hoping for Shopkins toys this year while her brother Griffin put in a request for Lego's Star Wars and other Star Wars adventure kits.

Their spirits grew

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Festival of Trees raises funds for Newfound theater program

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BRISTOL — Friends of Newfound Theater hosted their first ever Festival of Trees at the Old Town Hall in Bristol last weekend, where 20 beautiful holiday trees were up for raffle, each designed by local families and businesses. Winners of each raffle got to take home not only the trees themselves, but the themed items and gifts that went along with them, such as ornaments, music cd's, books, game, home decor and more.

Brenda Clayton, instrumental in behind the scenes operations for Newfound Regional



Molly Croxon of the Newfound Regional High School Thespian Society and violinist Lisa Kato of the school's orchestra brought a touch of holiday nostalgia to the inaugural Festival of Trees last weekend, proceeds of which benefited the Friends of Newfound Theater.

High School's annual theater performances, was also the person who first headed up the very popular Festival of Trees in Plymouth each year.

"It's been such a big success in Plymouth that I thought it would be a great way to raise money for the community plays here," Clayton said.

NRHS Drama Director Stephanie Wiencek said she was excited about the new fundraising event and hopes it is something that will grow over the years.

"Money we raise through this fundraiser means we don't have to raise ticket prices so families can continue to come out and enjoy our theater performances," said Wiencek.

Among the many specially themed trees raffled off this year were an Elf on the Shelf tree, a Dr. Seuss tree, and one from Basic Ingredients Bakery titled, "While Visions of Sugar Plums Danced in Their Heads."

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Newfound School Board finalizes budget proposal

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BRISTOL — The loss of Groton’s stabilization grant, which reduced its state adequacy aid to zero, compounded by the limits of the school district’s tax cap, resulted in further cuts to the superintendent’s proposed budget for 2017-2018 and led the Newfound Area School Board to consider alternative ways to preserve both educational programs and the district’s infrastructure.

While the board approved an operating budget of \$20,952,614 on Nov. 28, Chair Jeff Levesque of Groton said the net amount for direct student spending is a quarter of a million dollars less

than the current-year budget because of other obligations, such as increases in retirement and health insurance spending, as well as the cost items in the two-year teachers’ contract that the board ratified on Nov. 14.

In order to meet the tax cap, Superintendent Stacy Buckley had eliminated most of the building maintenance that had been part of her original proposal, including roof repairs to address leaks at Newfound Regional High School and asbestos abatement and tile replacement at Newfound Memorial Middle School.

The tax cap prevents the school board and budget committee from

recommending expenditures that increase the school district tax assessment by more than two percent, but voters at the deliberative session of the annual meeting are not bound by that restriction, and could increase the budget from the floor.

“I am going to approve this budget, but not recommend it,” Levesque told the board. “I’d really, really, really like to see someone step up at the deliberative session and amend the budget up, because I cannot do that as a board member.”

His observation at the Nov. 14 meeting that the tax cap is going to force the district

to consider the consolidation of some of its schools was echoed by other board members on the 28th.

“The alternative is to reduce personnel,” said Vincent Paul Migliore of Bridgewater. “To avoid that, we’ll have to consolidate operations.”

Business Administrator Michael Limanni said the district could amend its tax cap to exempt infrastructure improvements, but Migliore said he doubted such a measure would pass. He pointed out that previous attempts to remove the tax cap had failed.

That led to other suggestions for building maintenance, such as having the towns care

for their own buildings. Hebron and Bridgewater formed a village district to build and maintain an elementary school which they lease to the Newfound Area School District, and Levesque said other towns might take a similar approach to keep up maintenance on the other schools. It would be more complicated, however, because, while Bristol, Danbury, and New Hampton have elementary schools in their towns, Alexandria and Groton do not, and send their students to other schools. All feed into the middle and high schools, which are located in Bristol.

Limanni pointed out that other towns might

not have the ability to maintain their schools in the same manner as Hebron and Bridgewater, and Buckley noted there are already infrastructure problems because the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School has a different type of security camera, preventing her from monitoring that school as she does the other schools in the district.

That returned the discussion to the possibility of closing a school to consolidate resources.

“I look at this history, and I think the communities have all made it quite clear that they want to keep the schools they have, and, geographically, I think that makes some sense,” said Levesque. “I just really get upset when I look at these numbers and look where we are, without even looking at the future.”

Limanni said he is looking at creative ways to maintain the buildings, such as combining a multi-school improvement plan with an energy savings contract that would amount to a no-interest loan. Buckley also noted that some legislators are working to restore state building aid to school districts.

TTCC celebrates 62 years of Santa's Village

BRISTOL — Join us for the 62nd year of the memorable Santa’s Village holiday tradition. You will be amazed at the many sights that greet you as you enter the enchanted Santa’s Village. It begins on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 – 8 p.m., and continues on Saturday,

Dec. 10 & Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Tapley-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. This event is free to all individuals. We are asking you to bring in one canned good item when you visit the Village, if possible, to be donated to the local Food Pantry.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5 - 7 p.m., there is a special Open House for all contributors that donate money, materials and time to the Village. Please come and preview the 2016 Village without the lines and enjoy some refreshments and treats. This is our small way of thanking you for the donations that come in year after year.

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

There will be over 25 craft booths to help you find that ‘special’ gift.

Some of the exciting cast of characters you and your children will encounter this year will be Cadderly the Bear, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, the Elves, and of course Santa & Mrs. Claus. All children will have the opportunity to

receive a cookie from Mrs. Claus and to visit with Santa and receive a small Christmas gift to take home for their tree. There will be instant photos available with Santa for a small fee. Cameras are allowed.

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

Correction

BRISTOL — A recent article on the Nov. 14 meeting of the Newfound Area School Board misidentified the reduction in funding for the town of Groton. The town lost its foundation aid because the state eliminated its

stabilization grant. The story also described “buckling tiles” at the middle school. The concern is that, if the carpeting is removed, it would displace tiles, which would expose asbestos and require mitigation.

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Jason Robert of Bristol commented, “Being a resident and newly in this position [on the school board], in the past, when there have been talks about cutting buildings, shifting of grades, consolidation of resources. From the public perspective, it has been in reaction to something negative. It has never been looked at as a process: In three years we want to be here; in five years this is what the plan needs to be. I think that the proactive approach to any of these discussions that have been going around tonight would better serve the public if they know what’s coming. I think it’s something that needs to be considered, where we’re going, how might we get there, and explain it to the public.”

Before approving the budget that will go on to the Newfound Area School District Budget Committee for review, Sharon Klapyk of Danbury commented, “I have to say that Stacy did a really good job on deciding what could be cut that wasn’t going to impact the district as much as other things. I can’t find a thing that I would say, cut this and put this back.”

The board’s total recommended operating budget is \$20,952,614, with an additional \$585,515 food services appropriation and \$1,214,455 in federal funds and grants, bringing the total appropriation to \$22,752,584. There will be a separate warrant article to cover the \$248,042 in additional cost items for the teacher’s contract.

The default budget would be \$21,384,382 which, with food services and federal funds, would total \$23,184,352.

Bristol Rotary Club selling Christmas trees

BRISTOL — The Bristol Rotary Club is once again holding its annual Christmas tree sale at Bond Auto, across from the fire station on Route 3A. Choose from a selection of fresh, New Hampshire grown trees at a reasonable price, with proceeds benefiting local Rotary projects.

Christmas Fair at Bristol United Church of Christ

BRISTOL — The Bristol United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On sale will be decorated balsam wreaths and swags priced from \$10 to \$20, homemade baked goods, fudge and preserves, craft items and assorted gently used Christmas decorations. Proceeds from the sale benefit the church and community.

TTCC to host Parnets' Night Out event

BRISTOL — Hey, parents, need a break?! The Tapply Thompson Community Center is here for you! On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Tapply-Thompson Community Center's Teen Council is hosting a "Parents Night Out" event. You can enjoy a night out while your child stays entertained with games, crafts, dinner, and a movie on the big screen at the TTCC. Any child from Kindergarten to sixth grade can sign up, and the cost is just \$20 per child, which also includes dinner. Drop off time is at 5 p.m., and pick up is by 10 p.m. Space is limited! Contact the TTCC at 744-2713 for more information or register online at www.ttccrec.org.

Alexandria's DeeDee Monahan takes the reins at Adventure Boot Camp

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ASHLAND — Since 2006, New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp has challenged women of central New Hampshire through exercise, strength training and great work out experiences under the skilled eye of professional trainer Audrey Goudie, but beginning on Dec. 1, her friend and long time training partner, DeeDee Monahan of Alexandria, will be taking the reins, offering the same great programs and more.

Goudie is moving forward with her own professional career, and was pleased that Monahan was willing to continue on with a company that has meant a lot to not only Goudie, but so many local women.

"This means we don't have to bring boot camp to an end, and what's really cool is, her offerings will actually revive what it was all about to begin with," Goudie said. "I didn't want to see this viable business go away. Our energies are very similar and so I feel amazing about the transition."

Monahan works as the Physical Therapy Assistant for Pemi-Baker

Audrey Goudie (left), the founder of New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp, is pleased to pass the company over to her friend and fellow certified fitness instructor DeeDee Monahan (right) who will continue to offer a variety of both women and men's quality workout programs in Ashland under the New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp name.

Community Health Care and is a Certified Fitness Instructor as well. Despite her "day job," she still has plenty of time and energy for those early morning workouts that stimulate New Hampshire Boot Camp participants before they, too, head off to their busy day.

For the past two years, Monahan has been conducting group-training sessions at Ashland's Mill Number 3 Building on Winter Street, which she will continue, but now it will simply all fall under the new name of New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp.

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Work begins today on Fowler River Road bridge

ALEXANDRIA — The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces bridge repairs are scheduled to begin Dec. 1 in Alexandria on the Fowler River Road Bridge over Bog Brook.

This bridge deck replacement project is expected to take five months to complete, and will require one lane of alternating traffic controlled by temporary signals.



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National Honor Society induction held at Newfound

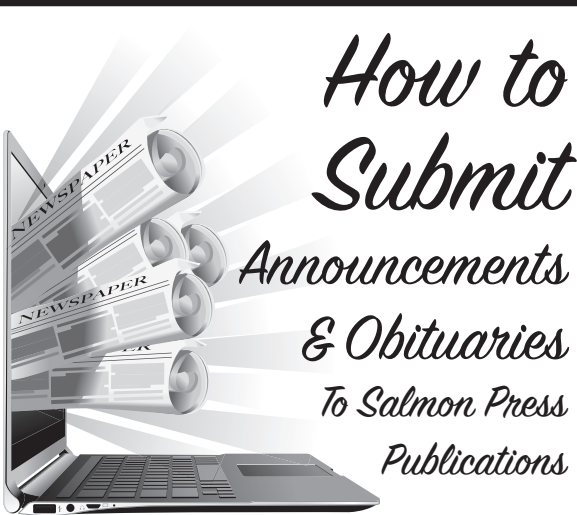
Newfound Regional High School recently held their induction ceremony for 15 new members. They were introduced by Senior National Honor Society students inducted last year. Presidents and vice-president of the society elected last year Alec Dostie and Reece Sharps presented members giving biographies of the new inductees. Newly inducted: Shanley Camara, Elizabeth Croxon, Gretchen Dancewicz-Helmers, Emily Judkins, Emma Lagueux, Kylee MacDonald, Dacoda McGee, Mikayla Pixley, Ethan Pruett, Teagan Rhodes, Victoria Roman, Kaylan Santamaria, Molly Schilling, James Shokal and Emma Woodbury. Current members: Abigail Buchanan, Nicholas Crosby, Alec Dostie, Charles Gould, Paige Lane, Joshua MacLean, Grace Page, Riley Provencher, Reece Sharps, Alyssa Shaw.

Kick off the holidays at MSL's annual Cookie Buffet

BRISTOL — Christmas is coming, but forget about that goose getting fat. We have something much, much better. We have the Friends of the Minot Sleeper Library's annual Cookie Buffet. On Friday, Dec. 9 from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Saturday (the 10th) from 8 a.m. to noon, at Bristol's Masonic Lodge, you can buy some of the best and most varied cookies available for your holiday celebrations. These are homemade favorites made by the Friends of the Minot Sleeper Library, and their friends, and your friends. They may be bought for \$6 a pound and you may mix and match from the splendid assortment we always have available.

This is the biggest event of the year for "The Friends" and its primary money maker for the programs it sponsors for the library. In addition, on Saturday, the Cookie Buffet coincides with the Breakfast with Santa provided free of charge by the Masons. Now how much better can you get than a free breakfast, Santa Claus, and a chance to buy the very best for your own festivities? If you would like to help the

Friends of the Minot Sleeper Library to celebrate you can contribute some of your own special holiday cookies to the sale. The cookies you wish to donate can be delivered to the Minot Sleeper Library during its regular hours on Thursday (Dec. 8), also Friday morning (Dec. 9). If you are really pushed for time, but still want to bring cookies for the sale, we will also take them on Friday afternoon at the Masonic Lodge. Please join us and the Masons for a wonderful holiday kickoff.



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Facing addiction in America

The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health

BY DEB NARO
Contributor

While prior Surgeon General's reports have discussed substance use disorders in certain contexts, The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health is the first Surgeon General's Report to address substance use disorders and the wider range of health problems and consequences related to alcohol and drug misuse in the United States. Its aim is to galvanize the public, policymakers, and health care systems to make the most of these new opportunities so that the individual and public health consequences associated with alcohol and drug misuse can be addressed effectively. Only by doing so can individuals, their loved ones, and their communities be restored to full health and well-being. The following is the recently released Executive Summary from the full report.

In 2015, over 27 million people in the United States reported current use of illicit drugs or misuse of prescription drugs, and over 66 million people (nearly a quarter of the adult and adolescent population) reported binge drinking in the past month (Binge drinking for men is drinking five or more standard alcoholic drinks, and for women, four or more standard alcoholic drinks on the same occasion on at least one day in the past 30 days). Alcohol and drug misuse and related disorders are major public health challenges that are taking an enormous toll on individuals, families, and society. Neighbor-

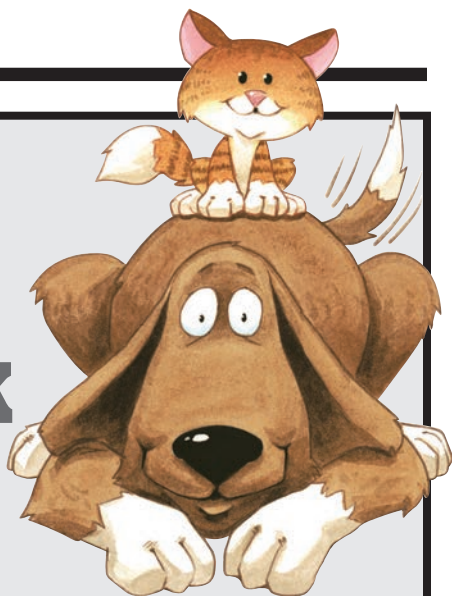
hoods and communities as a whole are also suffering as a result of alcohol- and drug-related crime and violence, abuse and neglect of children, and the increased costs of health care associated with substance misuse. It is estimated that the yearly economic impact of substance misuse is \$249 billion for alcohol misuse and \$193 billion for illicit drug use.

Despite the social and economic costs, this is a time of great opportunity. Ongoing health care and criminal justice reform efforts, as well as advances in clinical, research, and information technologies are creating new opportunities for increased access to effective prevention and treatment services. This Report reflects our commitment to leverage these opportunities to drive improvements in individual and public health related to substance misuse, use disorder, and related health consequences.

Most Americans know someone with a substance use disorder, and many know someone who has lost or nearly lost a family member as a consequence of substance misuse. Yet, at the same time, few other medical conditions are surrounded by as much shame and misunderstanding as substance use disorders. Historically, our society has treated addiction and misuse of alcohol and drugs as symptoms of moral weakness or as a willful rejection of societal norms, and these problems have been addressed primarily through the criminal justice system.

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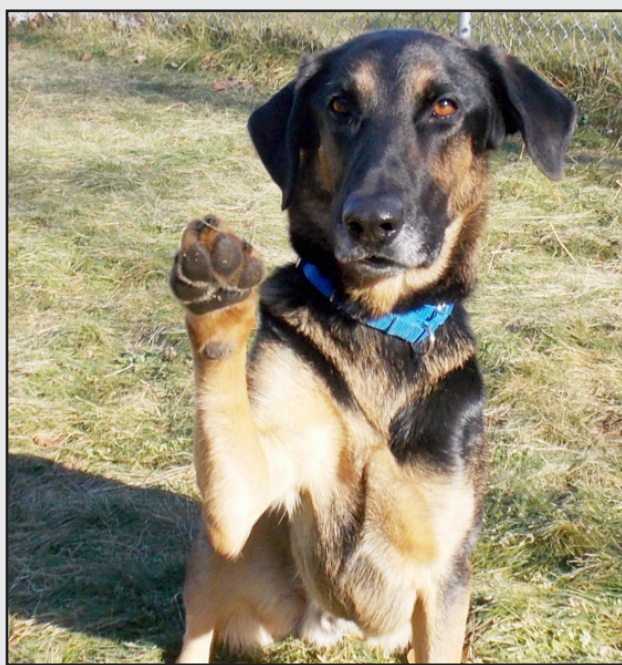
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smooth and fast...sadly those humans never came for him. We haven't told

Buck – even though he was ready and had put his best paw forward in a bid for a permanent home.

So, those who love and connect with the Shepherd breed, who are energetic, can provide the mental stimulation they require, and will promise to love him always.. please visit this lovely boy. A family with teens, possibly another dog, and maybe cats too, Buck is wishing and wishing for the best Christmas gift of all – a family.

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North Country Notebook



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

One of the old saws about inventions goes that if you build a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to your door.

Camps and camp culture are among my favorite topics, and so, by consequence, are mice and mousetraps.

A while back, I briefly noted a diabolical new take on mousetraps involving a rotating cylinder smeared with peanut butter. I saw a crude model of such a device this summer in a woodshed up at Camp Five on the Middle Branch of the Dead Diamond, but it was too dark a hovel for a picture.

However, to the rescue came Josh Spaulding of Wolfeboro Falls, sports editor for the Salmon Press papers, who sent me photos of mousetraps set up by his mother's boyfriend, Mike Ross, at her house in Stark.

A nice, inviting little ramp leads up to the lip of a bucket, within mouse-leaping distance of a plastic container strung on a thin rod and smeared with peanut butter. Mouse leaps, bottle spins, and plop, mouse falls into a couple of inches of water in the bucket (antifreeze is even better).

All that's missing on the ramp are some shrubberies and an E-ZPass sign.

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Companies are al-

Building a better mousetrap, and a few familiar questions



JOSHUA SPAULDING

The elements of this perfect mousetrap (for a camp, at least) are simple: A ramp, a bucket, and a revolving container smeared with peanut butter. Using antifreeze instead of water cuts back on the odor.

ways coming up with new ideas to solve old problems. A lot of my mail promotes inventions, some of which are a stretch bordering on reinventing the wheel.

In this week's mail was a promotion for a product called Traction Magic. It is a reddish powder that comes in a fancy bucket complete with spreading scoop and a rubber glove.

A promotional video features people slipping and falling down on icy steps and sidewalks, and cars getting stuck in ice-coated driveways. The idea is that you spread Traction Magic around like pixie dust, and your problems are solved.

All during the slick video, I couldn't help thinking of plain old cat litter.

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Euphoria is getting more than half a foot of snow two days before Thanksgiving and thinking it will give the region a jump on the

snowmobiling season, to at least partly make up for last year's disastrous lack of snow.

Reality is the fact that the ground was not yet frozen, and all that snow was destined to slip, slide and melt its way straight to Long Island Sound.

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Finally, in the Why Department:

Why do so many kids (and even adults) walk with their backs to traffic, instead of facing it? Isn't this taught by parents any more, or at least at school?

Why do people leave all-night lights on all night, as opposed to having motion detectors or even (now here's a novel thought) on-off switches?

Why do so many people fail to have smoke alarms, when the lessons are so painfully, constantly obvious?

Why do drivers tailgate? Can they possibly think they could ever stop in time?

Why do dump trucks

display those totally illogical signs warning "Construction Vehicle--Do Not Follow" even far from job sites?

Why do ads for four-wheel-drive vehicles show them going ridiculously fast in deep snow? And what about snowmobiles flying over snowbanks, and ATVs roaring through mud?

And finally, and incongruously, why do people think white birches are rare, let alone protected? (I'm not kidding about this--over the years, at least two visitors have given me serious grief for having a few in with the firewood.)

(This column runs in weekly newspapers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire from Concord to Lower Quebec and parts of western Maine and northeastern Vermont. Letters must include the writer's telephone numbers and town. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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Ready for winter

The little dusting we got on Friday was enough to prompt the final chance to finish cleaning up the doorway. The next time will be April as Spring shows its early buds. Meanwhile I will enjoy the time of bare trees, and the many birds that will visit.

Church Fair

Church Hall, Alexandria. Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Woman's Church Group Christmas crafts, homemade lunch. More information, call 744-2020.

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South Danbury Church

The regular Sunday worship and monthly Communion observance at the South Danbury Church will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, with refreshments and conversation afterward. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The sale of gently-used cookbooks and holiday items, and T-shirts and notecards and other LCHIP-project-related items will continue on Sundays at noon until mid-December. The public is invited; tell everyone you know they can "shop local" at South Danbury Church!

On Dec. 11, Rev. Gail Kinney will lead a special holiday service of Christmas readings, and Keegan Farr will return to perform Christmas music.

And don't miss the annual South Danbury Christmas Pageant, the special gathering celebrated by Yankee magazine as "enshrined as a community event." Expect music and song from young and old, a yuletide tableau, tasty snacks, and maybe - if we've all been good - a visit from Santa. All are welcome!

Watch for posters or follow "Friends of Danbury" on Facebook for event times and more details. All proceeds benefit the Church Preservation Fund.

Danbury Winter Market

The December winter market is this Saturday, the 3rd from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the grange hall. Vendors will have a variety of crafts, jewelry, farm items and specialty food products. Lunch and breakfast served in the Blazing Star Bistro. Drop by for shopping or socializing. There are opportunities for both at the Danbury Winter

Market.

Danbury Community Center

It is time to trim the Christmas tree. Children are invited to help with the tree on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. On Dec. 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., children are invited to come for crafts, lunch, games and perhaps a movie while everyone waits for Santa's arrive that afternoon.

If your child is attending, please call the center at 768-3424 by noon on the Friday the day before each event so they can plan on volunteers, supplies and food for your child.

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Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I missed the last deadline for the article since we were deep into pig butchering and holiday stuff. I am very happy that the freezer was filled, as well as my tummy. It seems after feasting all day on Thursday, I should not need to eat for another week, but alas I'm usually hungry again the next day and no matter how hard I tried to resist all those yummy pies I was again a complete failure at self-control. I have a couple of nieces who are terrific cooks.

There was a Select Board meeting on the 15th. There were a few things that were mentioned at that meeting you should probably be aware of. The Town is putting together Christmas boxes this year again and will be taking donations of non-perishable foods and gifts for needy

families in our Town. If you would like to participate, please drop off items at the Town House. Ages of children we will be collecting for will be announced at the Select Board meeting this week, but I will not have that information in the paper till next week. If you would like to know before then you may call my office at 744-8849 and I will try to get this information for you. We were able to do some very nice boxes last year and hope to do the same this year.

If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer for the Meal on Wheels program for deliveries or preparation of meals, please contact the Senior Center and speak to either Sally or Lisa at 536-1904. They are in need of volunteers. This is a wonderful program that helps the elderly and infirm in our community and a very worthy cause.

Library cards are available for Groton residents at the Hebron Library if you are interested. Residents of the Town of Groton will be able to access services through this library. You should be receiving a flier in the mail soon concerning this. Thank you to the Library Committee and the Hebron Town Library for making this available.

We will not be filling the position of Animal

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NORTHFIELD

Norman P Adams, Sr., 88, of Northfield passed away on Nov. 23 after a long illness.

He was born April 8, 1928 in Northfield, the son of Theodore Adams and Rose (Murphy) Adams.

He was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen Adams Buczynski of Massachusetts, and his brothers, William and Richard Adams both of Northfield.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty (Cross); son Norman (Link) Adams and his wife Karen of Northfield; daughter Sally Parent and her husband Ken of San Clemente, Calif.; niece Betty Fillion of Groton; and nephew Tim Thurber of Laconia; brother Neil Adams of Tilton; grandchildren Semra Thompson and her husband Andy of Vancouver, Wash., Kayla Adams of Sanborn-ton, and Lincoln Adams and his wife Caitlin of Bristol; great grandchildren Elijah, Lily and Violet Thompson, Ella and Jack Propri, and Sophia Ritchie and Rowan Campbell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren.

From 1946 to 1951, he served active duty in WWII and the Korean War for the United States Army. He worked for various local businesses including WB Hill Movers and for 40 years at



Arwood/Wyman Gordon in Northfield.

Norman and Betty enjoyed many years in the Honda Gold Wing Club and made various road trips across the US.

Norman served as a volunteer firefighter for the Tilton/Northfield Fire Department for 20 years and was a member of the American Legion and Drill Team, VFW and the Elks Lodge.

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Gabriel's Parish in Tilton.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 26 at

Paquette-Neun Funeral home, 104 Park St. in Northfield, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., with a gathering immediately following at the American Legion on Park Street in Northfield. Burial will be in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made in Norman's name to the American Legion, Park Street, Northfield, NH 03276 or the New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

On behalf of Norman, his family would like to express their deep appreciation to the New Hampshire Veterans Home for the excellent care he received from their kind and patient staff, and for the love shown to the family as well.

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Churches

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dren, youth, and adults with programs for people of all ages: Royal Rangers Club for boys, elementary through high school; Mpack Club for girls, preschool through high school; Youth 4 Truth for High School age. Do come for this great time of fellowship and learning.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study with Sharon Yunghans. “Please bring a roll of Christmas wrapping paper and tape if you have it.” All women are invited.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Sunday, Dec. 4, you are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. for bagels, coffee and juice; 9 a.m.: Bible Education for all age groups pre-school through Adult Bible Studies. 10 a.m.: Sunday morning service. Children’s church during the morning service for ages 3-K, and grades 1-4. 5 p.m: Prayer meeting. “You do not need any experience in order to pray, only faith and trust in Jesus our Lord.” You may put prayer requests in the green box marked “Prayer Requests” on the hall table.

Monday, Dec. 5

Monday, Dec. 5, noon–2 p.m. – the Church’s Helping Hands Food Pantry will be held and free clothing will be available.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Youth 4 Truth for grades 5-8 meet at the church.

Upcoming Sunday, Dec. 11

Sunday, Dec. 11, the monthly fellowship luncheon will follow the morning service. Please bring food to share.

Other announcements

Michelle Thayer has a ministry to the residents at Forestview Manor in Meredith. Keep her ministry in prayer.

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Prayer requests for the bulletin may be given to Candy Gusha at craftmom03264@yahoo.com.

Please give announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the Church office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays by e-mailing fwcag@hotmail.com or Pastor Yunghans at gyunghans@hotmail.com, or phone the church at 536-1966 or Pastor Glen at 726-0254. Everyone is welcome at all of our services. The Church is handicapped accessible, east entrance. Note the Church’s new Web site: www.assemblyof-godplymouthnh.org.

Star King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. The Gift of Ritual Worship Leader: Rev. Linda Barnes

Music Director: Sarah Dan Jones

Rituals connect us and focus our intent. Join us for an all-generations service where we’ll practice a variety of rituals that will lead us into the holiday season.

Visitors are invited to attend the service as well as all programs at the church. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

This Sunday: Decking the Halls at SKUUF – Sunday, Dec. 4, following the service, the Youth Group will provide a soup, bread and dessert lunch for all ages as a fund raiser for their service trip to Nicaragua in the spring. Afterwards we will make ornaments for the tree. All the materials will be provided. Join us in this fun time. Music provided by Sara Dan Jones for sing along.

Children and Youth Religious Education, Meredith Flynn, DRE

There are no regular children’s classes

scheduled for Sunday the 4th of December. Instead, there will be a whole congregation service on Unitarian Universalist traditions that children, families, and individuals can incorporate into their daily lives and routines. This will be a child friendly service and a lot of fun!

Youth Group- Our high school Youth Group meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs youth room.

Social Justice Community Outreach

The Social Justice outreach and collection for the month of December will be for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and their program “Guest At Your Table.” Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC’s annual inter-generational program to raise support for and awareness about their work to advance human rights.

This year’s program theme is Defying Hate, based on the recent release of the Ken Burns documentary about UUSC founders Martha and Waitstill Sharp, “Defying the Nazis: The Sharps’ War” (on PBS). The Sharps defied hate by helping Jews and dissidents escape Nazi Germany using brave, creative methods, many of which could have caused them to be imprisoned, tortured, or worse.

The UUSC is proud to carry forward the Sharps’ legacy by continuing to defy hate and protect the lives and rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and other marginalized groups, both here in the United States and throughout the world.

SKUUF will have the ‘Guest At Your Table’ special collection on December 18th. Families and individuals are encouraged throughout the months of November and December to collect coins in cardboard boxes that we provide beginning on November 20th. The boxes will be collected on December 18th during the service. All money will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and their work to advance human rights here in the US and around the world. To learn more you can visit the UUSC Web site- www.uusc.org

Canned or dry packaged food items may be placed in the box in the foyer for our local Community Closet collection. Also, items such as small jars of peanut butter, jelly, and canned tuna or chicken can be deposited in the green market bag in the foyer for the “GOT LUNCH! PLYMOUTH” program.

Ongoing activities

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

Lay Pastoral Care Under the guidance of the Rev. Linda Barnes, the Lay Pastoral Care Associates are here for you. When you have a pastoral care need or know of a need in our Starr King family, please contact Rev. Linda.

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

1st Friday morning Breakfast Group will meet at the PSU dining hall at 8:30 a.m. for a casual gathering of SKUUF members and friends for good food and discussion followed by an occasional discovery outing. Parking has been arranged through PSU security in Computer Lot #301. Contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com for more info and, if needed, a parking permit to place in the front window of your car during these mornings only.

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

Wise Women in Training is a women’s

group to discuss issues related to women. Each meeting will have a theme that will be facilitated by a volunteer member of the group. Contact Betty Ann Trought at batrought@gmail.com or just come and meet with this welcoming group. Wise Women regularly meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Starr King Men’s Group will meets 6-8 p.m., on the first and third Sundays.

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

Darlene Nadeau at 493-1478.

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

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



Safe Sitter Training For ages 11 – 15 years Wednesday, December 28th 9am—4pm

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Space Needs

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of the storm drains along the state highway. As an alternative, the town could look at a pervious pavement that allows water to drain through the surface and into underground chamber systems that would dissipate the runoff.

Those options could drive the price of the combined project beyond \$2 million — something the space needs committee opposed.

Chair Edward “Ned” Gordon said, “We need to look at what we can afford, and what we can accomplish with that amount,” adding, “We want to avoid going to the town four years in a row,” a reference to past attempts to pass big-ticket building projects at town meeting.

Police Chief Michael Lewis said of the police station, “The lobby doesn’t need to be overwhelmingly inviting, just functional. I think this town can afford paint and putty,” adding, “As the chief of police, I’ll do all I can to make that building functional.”

As to the town office needs, Lewis said the town could purchase the former Mid-State Health building on Lake Street for \$200,000. “The office is 1500-square-feet now, and it’s functional except for storage,” he said. The Mid-State building has 3,000 square feet of space.

Committee member David Carr suggested focusing on a new town office building and delaying work on the police station, while selectman Paul Manganiello suggested phasing in the work by first addressing the site work on the Smith lot, and building later, after some of the town’s current debt is re-

tired.

Gordon said he had considered building an addition onto the existing building to provide the necessary records storage and space for the police department, but asked, “How do you do it with people in it?”

Lewis, saying the work the committee had done was valid, questioned Shaw’s cost estimates as well as the scope of work proposed, and said hiring a local contractor could bring the costs down even more. “A \$1 million success is better than a \$2 million failure,” he said.

Shaw defended his cost calculations, saying he used a larger per-square-foot cost to take into account challenges such as the drainage. He also said most local contractors are not prepared to handle the specifications for municipal structures.

“It’s better to start with a number that may be a little too large than to go back and say we need more,” he said.

With the committee agreeing it needed to limit the cost to something in the \$1.2 million range for the two buildings, Shaw said, “There are a million ways to make a building smaller and more efficient.”

Shaun Lagueux, speaking as a taxpayer rather than as the chair of the Bristol Board of Selectmen, said, “I’m very confident that, if you said \$1.2 to \$1.3 million, the selectmen could make that project work. ... As a taxpayer, I couldn’t support \$2.3 million. The townspeople are reasonable, and they know the [space] problem exists.”

The space needs committee planned to submit its final recommendation by the Dec. 1 deadline set at the March Town Meeting.

Festival

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Newfound Otters 4-H Club contributed a tree of their own, along with restoration designers from Picked and Pol-

ished in Alexandria and Bristol. There was a Christmas Luck and Love tree adorned with New Hampshire Lottery scratch tickets and even a Harry Potter holiday tree, each designed to

tempt everyone to purchase raffles tickets for a tree that suited their taste.

Holiday sweets and violin music from exchange student Lisa Kato of Tokyo, Japan

helped make the festival all the more enjoyable.

“There was a lot of creativity that went into this first year and we hope it will be even bigger and better next year,” said Clayton.

Boot Camp

FROM PAGE A3

Beginning on Jan. 9, the newest women’s six-week exercise and workout programs will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:45 a.m. Sign-up for New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp, Monahan said, is already underway and she looks forward to the early morning workouts she will offer her clientele.

“When women get there they’ll find support. Everybody has to start somewhere and anyone can do this. They just have to set a goal and commit to it,” said Monahan. “I like to have fun and that’s part of what boot camp will be about because if you don’t like what you’re doing you won’t stick with it.”

No two days of her workouts will be the same, she said. Challenging the body is important to fitness and Monahan will bring that challenge to her clientele in an effective yet enjoyable manner. As weath-

er improves, some of her classes will even move outdoors to enhance the overall exercise experience.

In the meantime there will be obstacle courses, a variety of high-intensity training sessions, cardio workouts and some fun with props.

While the early morning boot camp classes are set aside for women, men will now be welcomed to attend addi-

tional evening classes where they, too, can get a great workout under Monhan’s guidance and instruction.

Monahan is also working closely with a local dietician whom she hopes to bring on board in the future to help clients with the nutritional aspects of physical health and wellness.

“New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp is getting a new life and I’m

really excited about it,” Goudie said as she prepared to pass the baton on to Monahan. “Fitness is a gift you give to yourself and I’m glad DeeDee is taking over to help others realize that gift.”

For more information on New Hampshire Adventure Boot Camp, visit them online at nhbootcamp.com or contact Monahan at 455-7058 with any further questions on the programs.

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Festival of Trees — Plymouth Regional Senior Center
Enjoy the display and buy a chance to win one of the fully decorated Christmas Trees.

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PSU’s Contemporary Dance Ensemble — Silver Center for the Arts
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Festival of Trees — Plymouth Regional Senior Center (continues)

Holiday Cookie Walk — Plymouth Regional Senior Center
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Visit with Santa at the Senior Center — Kids check in with Santa while adults warm up. Pemi Youth Center elves serve free hot cocoa at the Senior Center.

Fireworks! — Great viewing from the Amphitheatre at the Riverfront Park or from most anywhere in the town center.

Skate with Santa — Visit with Santa at the PSU Ice Arena. Skate for FREE! Skates are available, or bring your own. Light refreshments. Photos with Santa.

PSU Choirs: A Joyful Noise — Silver Center for the Arts
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DONNA RHODES

While many two-legged participants dressed up for the annual Turkey Trot in Bridgewater, there were even some four-legged walkers who got decked out for the holiday fundraiser.

Turkey Trot

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great donations and amazing sponsors this year,” said Turkey Trot organizer and Newfound Grocery owner Holly Kerouac. Scores of regulars participated in the event but for Hebron resident Ron Delisle, wearing a stylish turkey hat for the day, it was the first time he came out to traverse the 3-plus mile course before Thanksgiving dinner. “I figured it was a good way to raise our appetites,” he said as he readied himself for the walk. James Machado of Bristol was also taking

part in his inaugural Turkey Trot. Machado said his family convinced him to join them and he was looking forward to the experience. “I’ll probably run half of it and walk the rest. We’ll see. It should be fun,” he said. Other first timers from the family included seven-year-old Khloe and her big sister Katie, age nine. “Our dad is one of the sponsors so we’ve been doing this for four to five years and finally got the others to join us,” older family members said. Khloe and Katie’s dad owns and operates Duke’s Logging in Bridgewater. Oth-

er sponsors included Franklin Savings Bank, Speare Memorial Hospital, West Shore Marine, RP Williams, The Inn on Newfound Lake, Delta Dental, Hall’s Excavation, Peppercorn Natural Foods, Newfound Grocery, Goodrum Electric, Sharp Enterprises, Dead River Company, and Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank. Bridgewater’s town employees also did their part to contribute to the event. Kerouac said they once again opted unanimously to waive their annual holiday baskets and asked that the town instead donate the money to the Secret Santa Fund.

CADY

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inal justice system. Our health care system has not given the same level of attention to substance use disorders as it has to other health concerns that affect similar numbers of people. Substance use disorder treatment in the United States remains largely segregated from the rest of health care and serves only a fraction of those in need of treatment. Only about 10 percent of people with a substance use disorder receive any type of specialty treatment. Further, over 40 percent of people with a substance use disorder

also have a mental health condition, yet fewer than half (48.0 percent) receive treatment for either disorder. Many factors contribute to this “treatment gap,” including the inability to access or afford care, fear of shame and discrimination, and lack of screening for substance misuse and substance use disorders in general health care settings. Further, about 40 percent of individuals who know they have an alcohol or drug problem are not ready to stop using, and many others simply feel they do not have a problem or a need for treatment—which may partly be a consequence

of the neurobiological changes that profoundly affect the judgment, motivation, and priorities of a person with a substance use disorder. The full Surgeon General’s Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health can be viewed online at <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/surgeon-generals-report.pdf>. For help with substance use disorders, contact the New Hampshire Crisis Line at 1-844-711-HELP (4357). For more information about what is happening at a local level, stay connected to CADY via our Web site at www.cadyinc.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cadyinc.



DONNA RHODES

Two-year-old Greta and her brother James were brightly decorated as they awaited Santa’s arrival in Central Square last Friday evening.



DONNA RHODES

Libby Danahy led both young and old in songs of the holiday season in Bristol’s Central Square last weekend.



DONNA RHODES

Boys and girls climbed on their daddy’s shoulders for a front row seat when Santa lit the Bristol town tree in Central Square last Friday.



DONNA RHODES

Five-year-old James of Danbury was deep in thought as Santa awaited his special wishes for this Christmas when he made his first appearance in Bristol last week.

Tree Lighting

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greater though, knowing they had the chance to personally remind Santa of their wishes last Friday. Courtesy of Bristol Fire Department, Santa arrived in Central Square on a fully lit and highly decorated fire engine. As the engine came to a halt beside the common, the Jolly Old Elf climbed down from his lofty perch and greeted the crowds waiting for him in Central Square.

Weather once again came into play when he didn’t have an official switch to turn on the lights for the town tree, but that was really no problem. His special touch worked just fine when he led the countdown and waved his arm to magically illuminate Bristol’s town tree. Once the town tree was lit, Santa led everyone on a jolly march up the hill to Tapply-Thompson Community Center. There he took time to sit down with each and every one of the excited

boys and girls individually, capping off a great night of community togetherness and holiday spirit in the region. In addition to the tree there are now other signs of the holidays to be seen in the square, including lighted wreaths, red bows and boughs of green along fences and bridges. All of the decorations were provided by the volunteers of the Bristol Downtown Decorating Committee, the host of last week’s festivities, as well as local businesses.



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Bears bring back tons of experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound girls' basketball team will have a pretty familiar look this season.

The Bears are returning four starters and this year's fifth starter was the first player off the bench for coach Karri Peterson's crew last season.

From there, the veteran coach is looking to figure out the rotation for the remainder of the lineup off of the bench.

"We are finding right now the rotation off the bench to find players six to eight," Peterson said.

Returning to the starting lineup for the Bears will be a quartet of players with at least a year of varsity experience under their belts.

Senior Amanda Johnston will lead that bunch, as she returns for a fourth season for the Bears and will be one of the team's top threats inside. Alexis Vantil will join Johnston in the frontcourt for the Bears and she returns after a year in which she gained lots of valuable experience.

Also back with two years of varsity experience is junior guard Savannah Bony, who will be running the show for the Bears from the point guard position again this year.

The other returning starter is sophomore Ashlee Dukette, who saw significant time as a freshman last year and will be counted on again to score points inside for the Bears.

The only newcomer in the starting lineup is senior Molly Schilling, who was the sixth player for last year's team, coming off the bench to play significant minutes in Bristol. She will join Bony in the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Amanda Johnston will be counted on for the Newfound hoop girls in her senior season.

backcourt of this year's team.

The rotation that Peterson is looking to fill out for positions six through eight could include a number of players, including seniors Lauren Boisvert and Vicki Steele, sophomores Gracie Schilling and Madison Dalphonse and freshman Leah Bunnell. Senior Hailie Clark will also be vying for playing time for the Bears.

And Peterson is adjusting the team's game a bit, hoping to take advantage of her team's strengths.

"We are trying some new things this season to adjust to our strengths," the longtime Newfound coach stated. "We are looking to use our height and speed, trying to force an uptempo game and

punch the ball inside."

She also said defense will once again play an important role in her team's game plan moving forward.

"We're focusing on defensive pressure to force turnovers and boxing out to allow one shot," Peterson said. "But we need to stay out of foul trouble, as we have an inexperienced varsity bench."

Peterson also pointed out that she anticipates the team having a balanced scoring attack, not just one person doing the bulk of the scoring.

"I think they will improve as the season goes on as they get used to the speed and intensity of a varsity game," Peterson said. "With the experience returning, I feel we will have a successful season, as

time will tell."

The Bears will once again have a schedule that features a number of games against local opponents and a few longer trips. Newfound will play two games each with Inter-Lakes, Franklin, White Mountains and Berlin and one game each with Belmont, Gilford, Winnisquam, Newport, Mascoma, Prospect Mountain, Stevens, Kearsarge, Somersworth and Hopkinton. Newfound will once again play in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford starting on Dec. 27.

The season will kick off on Friday, Dec. 2, as the Bears play host to Belmont at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the team is at Gilford at 6 p.m.

Lots to be thankful for, but also a little sadness

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



one story on Friday and one story and this column on Saturday before heading back to New Hampshire on Sunday morning.

Last year, my brother was home for Thanksgiving and he made the trip with us to New York, but he was still working out west and my mother's boyfriend had to work the day after Thanksgiving, so this year it was just my mother and I making the journey.

I always love visiting my New York (and Connecticut) family on Thanksgiving, even if my allergies don't particularly like the dogs and cats that are all over Glenvue Farm. Nonetheless, I look forward to Thanksgiving every year.

This year there was a bit of sadness to our Thanksgiving gathering. We were all anticipating having another youngster at the table this year, as my cousin Ryan and his wife Carrie were expecting a baby in September to join their daughter Lydia and my cousin Dan and his wife Sarah's son Nicholas. In August, they welcomed Greyson but sadly, he

was born with a condition known as Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a genetic disease affecting the part of the nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement. As a result, he was on a breathing tube and feeding tube almost immediately and he passed away after just 64 short days.

I can't speak to how the loss of a child could affect anyone. However, I saw how hard my father's death was on his mother and how tough my cousin Kyle's death was on his parents, my uncle Dave and aunt Colleen. It's incredibly tough when someone dies young, but even more difficult when the child is still a

baby.

My thoughts go out to my cousin Ryan, his wife Carrie, their daughter Lydia and my entire New York and Connecticut family, who has soldiered on together throughout this ordeal. I love that all over my aunt and uncle's house in Ful-tonville are pictures of Greyson from his much-too-short life. I hope that his memory lives on in the entire family for years to come.

I never had the chance to meet Greyson, but I know the rest of his family and I know he will live on forever in their hearts and will be remembered for years and years to come.

And I will proudly wear my curesma.org bracelet in his honor.

Finally, have a great day Ryan, Carrie and Lydia Kelly. My thoughts continue to be with you.

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Newfound searching for JV baseball coach

BRISTOL — Newfound Regional High School has an opening for a JV baseball coach. Please send letter of intent, resume and names and phone numbers of three references to

Superintendent Stacy Buckley, SAU4, 20 North Main St., Bristol, NH. 03222. Questions should be directed to Peter Cofran, Athletic Director at pcofr@sau4.org or 744-6006, x1507.

Fish and Game warns of licensing scams

CONCORD — The N.H. Fish and Game Department is warning consumers of a scam that fools people into paying for a fishing license without actually providing one.

The scam includes at least two unofficial web sites that give consumers the impression they can purchase fishing or hunting licenses for any of the 50 states. After paying a fee, con-

sumers are simply given more information about how to apply. The fine print on the web sites states that they have no government agency affiliation.

Possible warning signals to watch for on these fraudulent web sites include: A drop-down list of states to select from. The official N.H. Fish and Game web site would never ask you to choose your state.

A request for the consumer to take a "pre-hunter safety test" or download concierge service guides to obtain a license. The official N.H. Fish and Game web site would never ask you to take a "pre-test" or charge you to download a guide.

"People should only use our official online

license sales website, www.nhfishandgame.com, for the online purchase of New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses," advised Susan Perry, the N.H. Fish and Game Licensing Supervisor. "Consumers may also visit us in person at headquarters in Concord to buy a license, or go to any of our licensing agents throughout the state," said Perry. A list of agents may be found at www.wildnh.com/licensing/agents.html.

If you or someone you know has fallen victim to a scam web site, contact the office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Bureau at (888) 468-4454, or visit their web site at doj.nh.gov/consumer to report the incident.

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Fairbank earns All-State Honorable Mention

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Local soccer players earned All-State honors when the teams were released by the soccer coaches association last week.

For Division II boys, Plymouth goaltender Dylan Donahue, Kingswood midfielder Mark Chrysafidis and Kennett forward Will Synnott, all seniors, all earned Honorable Mention.

First Team honors for the Division II boys included Pembroke's Tyler Smith and Damon Smith, Lebanon's Carter Adams and Julian Stott, Oyster River's Nate Moore, Windham's Brian Sheahan and Kyle Cocciardi, Souhegan's Erik Richardson, Goffstown's Sam Heidenrich and Con-Val's Jordan Cooper.

Second Team honors went to Con-Val's Noah Bell and Max Sturgess, Bow's Chase Chamberlin, John Stark's Jake Reynolds and Isaiah Lovering, Pembroke's Cole Sporcic, Goffstown's Ethan Skinner, Lebanon's Owen Johnstone, Souhegan's Ali Ewiess, Trinity's Oliver Thomas and Windham's Connor O'Neil.

Joining Chrysafidis, Synnott and Donahue in earning Honorable Mention were Windham's Ryan Lanouette, Coe-Brown's Corbin Leblanc and Ethan Barbeau, Manchester West's Markus Joseph and Bobby Cayer, Oyster River's Owen Kurtiak and Michael Donovan, Souhegan's Spencer George, Portsmouth's Jacey Chavez, Kearsarge's Elijah Westerberg, Pembroke's Glenn Dion, Hollis-Brookline's Sam Hall, Lebanon's Graham Chickering, Milford's Jakob Leo, Merrimack Valley's James Shattuck, Pelham's Victor Romeo and Caleb Williams of St. Thomas.

Peter Bisson of Pembroke was named the Division II Coach of the Year and David Salvation of St. Thomas was named the JV Coach of the Year.

For the Division II girls, Plymouth senior forward Jordan Meier, Kennett senior midfielder Nina Badger and Kingswood freshman forward Sarah Peternel all earned Honorable Mention. Peternel was the lone freshman in all of Division II (boys or

girls) to earn All-State honors.

First Team honors went to Jenna Parsons and Talia Giardano of Windham, Maggie Vogt of Bow, Gracie Getman of Portsmouth, Casey Johnson and Emma Estabrook of Souhegan, Brooke Shatney and Cara Easter of John Stark, Michele Philpot of Hollis-Brookline, Emilee Harlow of Pembroke and Eleanor Zwart of Oyster River.

Second Team honors went to Hanover's Mahler Meyerrose, John Stark's Meghan Blanchette, Milford's Devany Pitsas, Hanover's Juliana Taube, Pelham's Morgan Walsh, Goffstown's Lilly Proulx, Coe-Brown's Kate Clinch, Pembroke's Kayla Paquin, Oyster River's Xiana Twombly and Con-Val's Sylvia Holding.

Joining Peternel, Meier and Badger with Honorable Mention were Vicky Mudgett and Meghan Gauss of Pembroke, Lily Bachelder, Isabella Urbina and Gianna Celenza of Bow, Kassidee Rogers of Lebanon, Alma Masic of Manchester West,

Mackenzie Day, Ryan Philbrook, Magnolia Muskun and Torrey Cook of Hollis-Brookline, Lydia Hoffman and Jordan Thompson of Oyster River, Hannah Sampson, Sarah Richard and Grace Paradis of Sanborn, Tove Boire of Trinity, Mindy Wu, Cate Wagner and Carly Craft of Hanover, McKenna Sarazan of St. Thomas, Peyton McBride of Goffstown, Syd Ludes of Portsmouth, Chelsea McCallion of Coe-Brown, Morgan Hawks of John Stark, Emily Knouse of Merrimack Valley and Maicy Hansen of Kearsarge.

Peter Clarke of Hollis-Brookline was named Coach of the Year and Peter Krass of Hanover was named JV Coach of the Year.

For Division III girls, Prospect Mountain senior back Brianna Burley was named First Team and fellow Timber Wolf defender Megan Chase was named Second Team.

Joining Burley on First Team were Mackenzie Wagner of Campbell, Dana Dearborn and Maddie Parrott of Fall Mountain, Jasmine Syed and Kelsey Scott of Bel-

mont, Hannah Stark of Newport, Aailiyah Curley of Hopkinton, Ana Harmon of Raymond, Jazmyn Griffin of Stevens and Bridgette Winters of Hillsboro-Deering.

Joining Chase on Second Team are Rylie Binette of Berlin, Kailee Bennett of Inter-Lakes, Megan Wheeler of Conant, Megan McCoolle of Raymond, Ella Stewart, Joslin Gilbo an Ally Monty of Fall Mountain, Erin Douglas of Campbell and Lilia Whitehead and Brianna Curley of Hopkinton.

Earning Honorable Mention were Belmont's Mariah Watson and Julianna Estremera, Campbell's Kate Stoncius, Sara Keane and Autumn Thompson, Derryfield's Erika Wentz, Hillsboro-Deering's Madeline Parisi, Sarah Ingalls and Izabella Warren, Hopkinton's Caitlin Ball, Monadnock's Maura Hart, Stevens' Bethany McNamara and Kelsey Belisle, Bishop Brady's Olivia Crainich, Gilford's Lauren Dean, White Mountains' Sierra Lamphere, Conant's Jordan Banish and Laconia's Morgan Gamans.

Lauri Izzi of Hopkinton was named Division III Coach of the Year and Mark Dawalga of Belmont was named JV Coach of the Year.

For the Division III boys, Prospect Mountain senior defender Matt Sepulveda and Newfound senior midfielder Jarrod Fairbank both earned Honorable Mention.

Earning First Team were Campbell's Matt Gagne and Timothy Furlong, Gilford's Tyler Hanf and Logan Esaff, Hopkinton's Tucker Windhurst, Max Rossignol and Jacob Rockwood, Belmont's Doug Price and Logan Wilder, Derryfield's Nate Kelsey and Stevens' Noah Spaulding.

Second Team honors went to Jonny LeClair and Corey Derosier of Belmont, Isaac Bailey of Fall Mountain, Logan Bonneau and Ethan Sweet of Stevens, Miles Fey and Oliver Simon of Derryfield, Branden Lemay of Gilford, Colin Plante and Wes McIntosh of Bishop Brady and Tucker Stenger of Mascoma.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Gilford's Ethan Warren

and Connor Leggett, Derryfield's Tommy Cissel and Jeff Pratt, Somersworth's Jimmy Dalesio, Sanborn's Luc LeBlanc and Justin Lomba, Hillsboro-Deering's Thomas Ferguson, Raymond's Christian Palmer, Hopkinton's Joe Cullinan and Gerry Donahue, Campbell's Sean Gannon and Chris Woods, Winnisquam's Scott Hinds, Berlin's John Arguin, Fall Mountain's Joey Grotton and Luke Plumley, Inter-Lakes' Alex Losada and Logan Taylor, Mascoma's Alex Schwarz, Monadnock's George Somerset, Laconia's Thomas Turpin, Newport's Brenden Hallock, White Mountains' Grady Walters, Bishop Brady's Tony Wright, Franklin's Giovanni Lemon, Mascenic's Diamon Gibson and Conant's Tyler Sands and James Record.

Jason Stone of Stevens was named Coach of the Year and Christopher Rideout of Somersworth was named JV Coach of the Year.

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Miller, Smith once again named to US Ski Team

PARK CITY, Utah — The 2017 U.S. Alpine Ski Team has officially been announced and is headlined by Olympic medalists Bode Miller (Franconia), Ted Ligety (Park City, UT), Lindsey Vonn (Vail, Colo.), Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, Colo., native of Lyme), Julia Mancuso (Squaw Valley, Calif.) and Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.).

The season commenced with the U.S. Ski Team's annual Copper Mountain, Colo. training camp at the U.S. Ski Team's Speed Center. With a little help from Mother Nature in the form of a storm that served up six inches of snow on Thursday, the Speed Center is now open from top to bottom. When fully operational, it is the only full-length downhill training facility open anywhere in the world this time of year.

The team kicked off the season to coincide with Copper Mountain's opening weekend, as Copper Mountain hosted the Putnam Investments NASTAR Pacesetting

Trials, followed by an autograph signing in the afternoon that attracted hundreds of alpine ski racing fans eager to see stars like Mancuso and Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) and up-and-comers such as Keely Cashman (Strawberry, Calif.), Patricia Mangano (Derby, N.Y.) and Nina O'Brien (Edwards, Colo.), who will all be starting in their first-ever World Cup in Killington, Vt. The athletes will finish the season with a women's Audi FIS Ski World Cup giant slalom and slalom at Squaw Valley in March, just prior to the 2017 Audi FIS World Cup Finals at Aspen Snowmass.

Vonn suffered an injury in a training crash on Nov. 11 at the U.S. Ski Team Speed Center. There was no immediate determination as to how long she would be out of action.

The team is coming off a 2016 season that saw Miller, Mancuso, Vonn, Shiffrin and Ligety each sitting on the sidelines for portions of time.

Despite her injury,

Vonn secured her eighth downhill title, surpassed Ingemar Stenmark's previous World Cup title record with 20 and broke Annemarie Moser-Pröll's previous downhill victory record of 36, with a total of 38 career downhill victories.

Though Shiffrin sat on the sidelines for a portion of the 2016 season, she won all five of the slalom races she competed in, and did it by a combined time of 10.56 seconds, a 2.11-second average margin of victory.

Laurenne Ross (Bend, Ore.) nailed consistency in a big way in 2016 with a steady and impressive climb to find her home on the podium once again. Ross amassed 14 top-15 finishes, nine top-10 finishes and five top-five finishes—across three disciplines.

After hip surgery in 2016, Mancuso has been forging a strong path to recovery and was on snow with the team in New Zealand and Copper Mountain with a return to competition date still to be determined.

Miller has appeared at

on-snow training camps in both Portillo, Chile and Copper Mountain, Colo. with the team, though his return to competition date is still to be determined.

Nyman comes off of a season in which he did something no American downhill had done before, podiuming four times in a row in the PyeongChang Olympic test event in Jeongseon, Chamonix, Kvitfjell and St. Moritz.

Nyman and teammate Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley, Calif.) have their eyes set on the downhill title. No male American downhill has achieved this feat before.

Though Weibrecht has two Olympic medals to his name, he had yet to taste the World Cup podium until the 2016 season, grabbing his first Audi FIS Ski World Cup podiums at Birds of Prey and Kitzbuehel.

JETS program back for another winter

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Waterville Valley JETS (Junior Enrichment Through Sports) is preparing for another year of snowsports fun and learning for local school kids. This program is offered through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. JETS is dedicated to encouraging area youths to participate in alpine skiing and snowboarding at an affordable price. It is open to kids in grades one through eight attending SAU 48 schools in Campton, Thornton, Holderness, Plymouth, Wentworth, Rumney, Ashland or Waterville Valley. The goal of the program is to provide strong fundamental snowsports skills in a safe environment while having fun in winter. It provides all day supervision as



well as the opportunity for improvement with coaches from the Waterville Valley Snowsports department.

This program has been very successful since 1993 with many of its participants graduating to more advanced skiing, racing, snowboarding, and even ski teaching, thanks to the support of Waterville Valley Resort.

If your child wants to be more active in winter sports this is the program for you.

JETS will run on weekends from Jan. 7 through to March 26, including weekends during NH school vacation week, with a break on the weekends of February 18/19 and 25/26. Parent involvement and participation is encouraged. Adult chaperones receive a

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Dan Egan earns Hall of Fame induction

Egan brothers to be inducted into US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame

CAMPTON — New Hampshire's Dan Egan will be inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum as part of the class of 2016. First known as a world-renowned extreme skier he is now considered a pioneer of action sports, he appeared in 12 Warren Miller Ski Films from 1985 to 1994.

Egan, along with his brother John, were known for skiing the most remote regions of the world and their exploits have been featured on the Discovery Channel, ESPN and Good Morning America. Powder Magazine named them two of the most influential skiers of this time.

Warren Miller referred to them as “The ATVs” of the ski films. Their famed 1990 Cornice Break at Grand Targhee, Wyo. captured in Warren Miller’s Film “Extreme Winter” is the most viewed film segment of all time.

The Egans were pivotal in the growth of the action sports and played a critical roll in moving the word “extreme” from the mountains to Madison Fifth Avenue. Their exploits chronicled the geopolitical landscape of the late 80s and 90s.

1990 – Jumped off the Berlin Wall with skis on Feb 28;

1990 – Skied Mt Elbrus and filmed Red Square during a Perestroika protest;

1991 – Skied the Julian Alps in Yugoslavia a week before the civil war;

1992 – Skied with the Kurds during the first Persian Gulf War in Turkey;

1993 – 1993 Middle East peace endorsed by the United Nations to ski in Lebanon;

1993 - Skied the volca-



Dan Egan skis deep powder during one of his many excursions.



Dan Egan, along with his brother John, will be inducted into the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.



Dan Egan is known for his high-flying extreme skiing.

time NASJA Harold Hirsch award winner for excellence in journalism and a NASJA Mitch Kaplan award winner.

The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum is located in the City of Ishpeming in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the birthplace of organized skiing in the United States. It is home to an extensive collection of artifacts and archives relating to the history of skiing. It has 20,000 square feet of space containing displays on over 410 Honored Members, trophies, clothing and equipment. There is a gift shop, library and theater.

Please visit SnowsportHistory.com for event details and tickets. The induction ceremony will be held on April 8 in Stowe, Vt.

ered three Olympics as a contributor to the Boston Globe. His "Edging the Xtreme" radio show is featured on RadioB-DC.com. He is a three

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Sled Dogs season has begun

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The Sled Dogs will be holding (mostly) weekly practice sessions at the Fenton Chester Ice Arena, 145 College Road,

Lyndon Center, Vt. Program dates run until March 3. Specific dates and times are as follows: Dec. 10 and 16, Jan. 14, 20 and 28, Feb. 25 and March 3, 7-8:15 p.m. and Feb. 11, 6-7:15 p.m.

Pre-registration is necessary. Please contact the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country office at 823-5232 or e-mail info@adaptivesportspartners.org.

Cost: \$155 for the season (11 sessions) paid in advance or \$20 per session paid as you go.

noes in Kamchatka after the fall of the USSR;

1993 – Skied in Romania a month after the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu;

1995 – Pioneered heli-skiing in Greenland;

1998 – Skied Baffin Island;

2000 – Skied the Tongat Mountains researching adventure tourism for the Canadian government

Dan Egan's Wild World of Winter television series aired for more than 15 years and reached more than 75 million homes annually.




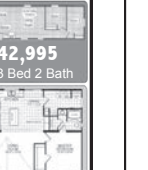




He has contributed

to the ski industry off the snow. As a winter sports producer, Egan was awarded a Telly Award (Disaster on Mt Elbrus 1991) and he is a three-time New England Emmy award nominee for his TV series Dan Egan's Wild World of Winter. Egan was Executive Director of New Hampshire's Ski 93 Association from 1993 to 1998 and GM of Tenney Mountain from 2002 to 2004.



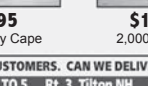
He has authored two books, "All Terrain Skiing" and "Courage to Persevere" and has cov-

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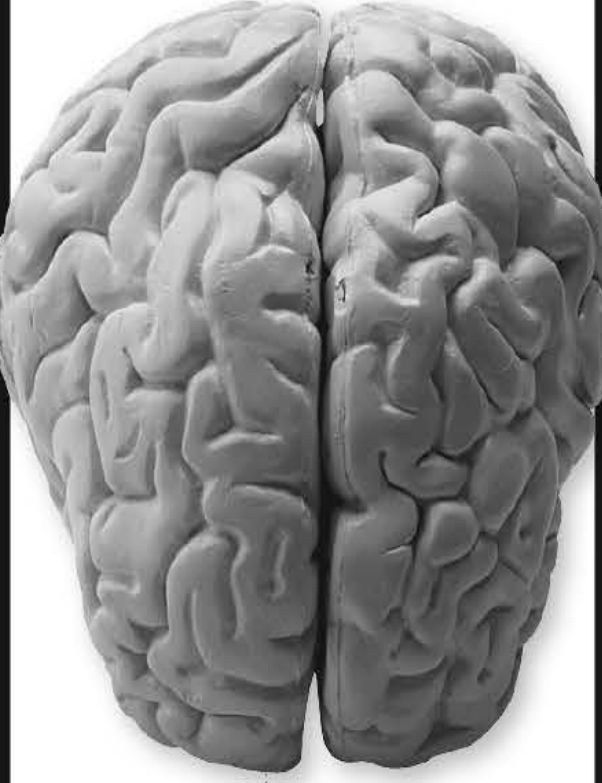
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FIRST PLACE winners in the local Elks Hoop Shoot pose with their trophies. COURTESY PHOTO

Local Elks Hoop Shoot winners announced

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Lodge of Elks 2312 is pleased to announce the winners of their recent 44th annual Hoop Shoot Championship held at Plymouth Regional High School.

More than three million youngsters will participate at all levels of this activity throughout the country this year. The National Elks Hoop Shoot Championship will be held in Chicago, Ill. in April.

The local championship featured the school winners selected in

each of the six divisions from the Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton and Wentworth Elementary Schools, with the 28 finalists participating in the local Elks Championship.

The local winners, listed below, were presented with trophies by New Hampshire Elks President-Elect Gina Lincoln, a Past Exalter Ruler of Plymouth Lodge, 2312.

For girls ages eight and nine, first place was Aubrey Brunt of Plymouth and second

was Alexi Boulanger of Rumney.

For the 10-11 girls, first went to Kiara Brown of Campton and second went to Rhianon Harris of Rumney.

For the 12-13 girls, first place went to Anna Aprilliano of Plymouth and second place went to Abigail Bassingthwaite of Wentworth.

For boys ages eight to nine, first place went to Luke Diamond of Plymouth and second place went to Taylor Elsmore of Rumney.

For the 10-11 boys,

John Flaherty of Holderness got first place and Luke Bassingthwaite of Wentworth was second.

For the 12-13 age group, Thornton's Henry Shaw was first

and Parker Keeney of Campton was second.

The first place winners will represent the Plymouth Lodge of Elks 2312 in the North District Championships, to be hosted this year

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Adaptive program preparing for busy winter

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